

## HB252 INTRODUCED



1 HB252  
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3 By Representatives Shaw, Hulsey  
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SYNOPSIS:

The Fair Campaign Practices Act requires political action committees and principal campaign committees to deposit and hold campaign contributions in and make expenditures from a banking account. The law also states that contributions, along with any proceeds made from investing the contributions, may be used to pay expenditures. The law is otherwise silent with regard to investing campaign contributions.

This bill would require all contributions to a political action committee or principal campaign committee to be held in a federally insured financial institution.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the Fair Campaign Practices Act; to amend Section 17-5-6, Code of Alabama 1975, to specify that campaign contributions must be held in a federally insured financial institution.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-5-6, Code of Alabama 1975, is



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amended to read as follows:

"§17-5-6

(a) A political action committee and a principal campaign committee shall maintain a checking account, money market account, or other similar banking account and shall deposit ~~any~~ all contributions received by ~~such~~ the committee into ~~such~~ that account. No expenditure of funds may be made by ~~any such~~ a political action committee or principal campaign committee except by check drawn on ~~such~~ that account, electronic transfer from ~~such~~ that account, a credit card the balance of which is paid from ~~such~~ that account, or out of a petty cash fund from which ~~it~~ the committee may make expenditures not in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) to any person in connection with a single purchase or transaction.

(b) All contributions must be held in a federally insured financial institution."

Section 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 2026.