## **Possible PDC Legislative Priorities for 2023**

The following provides possible agency legislative priorities in planning for the upcoming 2023 legislative session. Most items are carryover issues previously determined as priorities by the Commission and incorporated into the last two PDC request bills in 2020 and 2022, respectively. Additional issues are also included, which have not been previously introduced but represent areas that had been identified for possible reform.

## 2020 Legislation - HB 2772 (2020):

- Requiring certain disclaimers on political advertising supporting or opposing a person who is not a candidate for a particular election, or falsely asserting a person has an endorsement for a particular election.
- Clarifying that "ballot proposition" applies to both state and local ballot propositions, reflecting recent court interpretation.
- Aligning the reporting periods for the F-1 in order to provide consistent reporting periods for elected officials who also are candidates.
- Organizing the F-1 reporting requirements on the classifications of information and establishing minimum standards of disclosure that would be expounded by rule.
- Making the Transparency Account (22-W) a non-appropriated fund in order to establish a permanent, stable, and independent funding source that will allow for effective long-term agency strategic planning.
- Making technical changes and updating administrative functions.

## 2022 Legislation – HB 1919 (2022) (incorporating changes in HB 2772):

- Requiring Political Ad Sponsors to Self-Identify with a commercial advertiser when making a purchase.
- Enhancing Grassroots Lobbying Disclosures to provide transparency of grassroots lobbying activities through disclosure requirements and sponsor identification, particularly during the legislative session.
- Adjusting Campaign Reporting Schedules to synchronize with the vote-by-mail election period, including an expansion of the timing for reporting campaign expenditures, independent expenditures, electioneering communications, political adverting, and last-minute contributions.
- Adjusting Last Minute Contributions Reporting to ensure timely disclosure through expedited deposit of large contributions and to target above-limit contributions by raising the reporting threshold for contributions to "over \$2,000."
- Applying an Exemption from Contribution Limits for Recall PACs to codify the administrative process used by the PDC in conformity with federal case law. The PDC employs of a case-by-case evaluation of whether a recall committee should have an exception from the contribution limits if it can show it is not connected with a candidate or the decision-making authority.

## Additional Issues for Consideration (not included in previous request legislation):

- Specifying Campaign Expenditure Reporting Details for Digital Advertising.
- Adjusting Threshold for Mini-Reporting currently at \$5000.
- Applying F-1 Personal Residence Exemption to Candidates for Judge, Sheriff, Prosecutor.