

ETHICS REFORM 2016

- **LOBBYISTS**

- **Require consultants to register & report under new consultants act (Senate Bill S5520)**

BILL INTRODUCED ON MAY 14, 2015 WHILE CHAIR TO ETHICS COMMITTEE.

NO ASSEMBLY SAME AS

IT WOULD REQUIRE REGISTRATION AND DISCLOSURE FOR ALL FIRMS THAT HAVE SUBSTANTIAL CONTACT WITH BOTH ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OUTSIDE CLIENTS, AS MODELED AFTER THE LOBBYING ACT, AS WELL AS SET OUT ANY PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.

- **Lobbyist/political consultant firewall (Senate Bill S4690)**
 - **Political Consultants cannot lobby**
 - **Lobbyists cannot engage in political consulting**

BILL INTRODUCED APRIL 7, 2015 WHILE CHAIR TO ETHICS COMMITTEE

ASSEMBLY BILL CARRIED BY AM SANDY GALEF – A6585

THE PURPOSE OF THIS LEGISLATION IS TO REFORM THE STATE'S ETHICS LAWS TO PLACE A FIRE WALL BETWEEN THE ACTIVITIES OF POLITICAL CONSULTANTS WHO HELP TO ELECT STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND REGISTERED LOBBYISTS, WHO LOBBY STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN OR THWART A SPECIFIED STATE GOVERNMENTAL POLICY.

BILL SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT NO PERSON/ORG ENGAGED IN LOBBYING SHALL ENGAGE IN POLITICAL CONSULTING FOR ANY STATE PUBLIC OFFICIAL, CANDIDATE OR PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE OF AN ELECTED STATE OFFICE EXCEPT IF THEY ARE SOLELY LOBBYING ON MUNICIPAL LEVEL.

BILL ALSO STATES THAT NO PERSON/ORG ENGAGED IN POLITICAL CONSULTING FOR STATE PUBLIC OFFICIAL, CANDIDATE, OR PROSPECTION FOR ELECTED STATE OFFICE SHALL BY EMPLOYED BY OR AFFILIATED WITH OR UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP WITH ANY PERSON/ORG INVOLVED IN LOBBYING EXCEPT ON MUNICIPAL LEVEL.

- **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

- **Clean Money Clean Elections**

- **Fully public funded matching funds**

THIS IS A BILL THAT I **ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED IN THE CITY COUNCIL MORE THAN 7 ½ YEARS AGO IN JULY 2008.**

I AM CURRENTLY REWORKING THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE OF THE BILL TO FIT IT WITHIN CURRENT STATE LAW AND TO ADDRESS THE CONSTRAINTS SET FORTH IN THE SUPREME COURT'S CITIZENS UNITED CASE.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT AFTER ALMOST 30 YEARS AFTER THE CREATION OF A PARTIAL PUBLIC FUNDING SYSTEM FOR LOCAL CAMPAIGNS IN NEW YORK CITY, THE SYSTEM HAS SHOWN ITSELF TO BE INEFFECTIVE.

IN OTHER STATES THAT HAVE HAD FULLY PUBLIC FUNDED SYSTEMS, REFERRED TO AS CLEAN MONEY, CLEAN ELECTION LAWS, THEY SAW MORE PEOPLE, INCLUDING WOMEN AND MINORITIES, RUNNING FOR OFFICE AND REDUCTION IN THE EXPLOSIVE GROWTH OF CAMPAIGN SPENDING

- **Close LLC Loophole**

AS MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID, THE LLC LOOPHOLE HAS ALLOWED SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS TO EXERT INFLUENCE BY DONATING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS OFTEN AVOIDING DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND BYPASSING CONTRIBUTION LIMITS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY EXCEPT FOR THE LOOPHOLE.

- **TERM LIMITS (Senate Bill S943)**

- **3 consecutive 4-year terms**

BILL INTRODUCED ON **FEBRUARY 15, 2011** – ONE OF THE FIRST BILLS I INTRODUCED WHEN I CAME TO THE SENATE.

NO ASSEMBLY SAME AS

- **EXTEND LEGISLATIVE TERM TO 4-YEARS (Senate Bill S894)**

BILL INTRODUCED ON **FEBRUARY 15, 2011** – THIS WAS INTRODUCED ALONG WITH THE TERM LIMITS BILLS AND WAS AGAIN ONE OF MY FIRST BILLS WHEN I CAME TO THE SENATE

ASSEMBLY BILL CARRIED BY AM ED BRAUNSTEIN – A8577

- **REFORM JCOPE AND LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMISSION (Senate Bill S892)**

- **JCOPE absorbs LEC**
- **JCOPE size reduced from 14 to 5 members**
- **Non-political appointment process**

BILL INTRODUCED ON **OCTOBER 3, 2012**

NO ASSEMBLY SAME AS

IN ORDER TO MAKE MEANINGFUL AND EFFECTIVE CHANGE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE'S ETHICS LAWS, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE ONLY ONE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION THAT IS COMPRISED OF 5 MEMBERS WHO ARE APPOINTED THROUGH AN APOLITICAL PROCESS AND WHOSE OWN ETHICS ARE UNQUESTIONED.

- **FORFEIT PENSION UPON FELONY CONVICTION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

- **Applies only to portion of pension accrued subsequent to criminal conduct**

(TO BE INTRODUCED WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS)

WHILE THERE ARE OTHER BILLS WHICH SEEK TO REVOKE PENSIONS FOR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS, MY BILL WILL PROPERLY LIMIT THOSE REVOCATIONS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SHALL ONLY SEEK TO CLAW BACK PENSION DOLLARS EARNED FROM THE TIME THAT THE ELECTED OFFICIAL ENGAGED IN CRIMINAL CONDUCT

- **REQUIRE BILLS WITH CO-SPONSORSHIP BY MAJORITY OF HOUSE MEMBERS TO AUTOMATICALLY PROCEED TO FLOOR VOTE**

ASSEMBLY BILL CARRIED BY AM JAMES TEDISCO – A8658

TODAY I JOINED ASSEMBLY MEMBER TEDISCO IN INTRODUCING THIS BILL THAT CREATES A THRESHOLD OF CO-SPONSORSHIP OF A BILL

ONCE THE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF A BILL REACHES 32 MEMBERS IN THE SENATE OR 76 IN THE ASSEMBLY THAT BILL MUST BE TAKEN TO THE FLOOR OF ITS RESPECTIVE HOUSE FOR A VOTE

FOR TOO LONG THE LEADERSHIP ON THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DICTATE VOTES ON BILLS WHICH HAVE CLEARLY GARNERED MORE THAN SUFFICIENT SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND YET ARE NEVER ALLOWED TO THE FLOOR FOR A VOTE

THIS HAS ALLOWED ELECTED OFFICIALS TO PAY LIP SERVICE TO IMPORTANT LEGISLATION EITHER BY ALLOWING LEADERSHIP TO STYMIE THE WILL OF THEIR MEMBERS OR BY ALLOWING MEMBERS TO SIGN ON TO LEGISLATION THEY REALLY DO NOT WANT TO SEE MOVE YET ARE ABLE TO TAKE CREDIT FOR BEING A CO-SPONSOR

- **NON-PARTISAN SPECIAL ELECTIONS (Senate Bill S5797)**
 - **End to Individual Party Nominating process and instead require independent nominating petitions**

BILL INTRODUCED ON **JUNE 3, 2015**

NO ASSEMBLY SAME AS

IN A GENERAL ELECTION, CANDIDATES OF ANY PARTY MUST PETITION IN ORDER TO GAIN THE NOMINATION. THE PETITIONING SERVES AS A FORM OF PUBLIC REVIEW. HOWEVER, UNDER CURRENT LAW, CANDIDATES FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ARE NOMINATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INDIVIDUAL PARTY NOMINATION RULES, RATHER THAN BY PETITION. THIS SYSTEM LEAVES POLITICAL PARTIES IN A POSITION OF ENORMOUS INFLUENCE, AS THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHOOSE THE CANDIDATES OUTSIDE OF ANY PUBLIC EVALUATION.

THIS BILL AIMS TO REMOVE THE PARTISAN SPECIAL ELECTIONS PROCESS, BY ESTABLISHING A COMPLETELY NONPARTISAN SYSTEM BY WHICH ALL

CANDIDATES MUST BE NOMINATED BY INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITION. BY REQUIRING THAT ALL CANDIDATES OBTAIN A PLACE ON THE BALLOT BY INDEPENDENT PETITION, THE PLAYING FIELD IS LEVELED, AND THE PEOPLE ARE FREE TO CHOOSE THEIR CANDIDATES.