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Overview

This bill prohibits the use of a name by an individual, political committee, political fund, or candidate that is deceptively similar to a name previously used by another candidate, political committee, or political fund.

Section

Prohibition. Prohibits an individual, candidate, political committee, or political fund from using a name that is deceptively similar to that previously used by another candidate, fund, or committee without prior permission to do so.

The bill provides that a name is deceptively similar if a reasonable person would find that the two names would tend to confuse voters or make it difficult to distinguish between the two.

A violation of this section would be subject to the same administrative complaint process that applies to other fair campaign practices complaints.