

**PUBLIC SAFETY SOLICITATION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 298 of 1992**

**14.302 Definitions.**

Sec. 2.

As used in this act:

(a) "Contribution" means the promise, grant, or payment of money or property of any kind or value, including promises to pay made to an organization or professional fund-raiser. Contribution does not include money or property received from a governmental entity or a foundation restricted as to use. Contribution does not include funds collected by an organization exclusively from the members of the organization or payments clearly stated as not being and are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes by members of an organization for bona fide membership fees, dues, fines, assessments, or for services rendered to individual members, if membership in the organization confers a right, or other direct benefit, other than only membership status.

(b) "Person" means an individual, organization, group, association, partnership, corporation, trust, professional fund-raiser, or any combination of those entities.

(c) "Professional fund-raiser" means a person who for compensation or other consideration plans, conducts, manages, or carries on, either directly or through paid individual solicitors, a drive or campaign of soliciting contributions for or on behalf of a public safety organization or person. An officer or employee of a public safety organization is not a professional fund-raiser unless his or her compensation or salary is based in whole or in part on the amount of funds raised through solicitations.

(d) Except for an organization that was created for the purpose of electing a candidate to public office and has complied with the requirements of the Michigan campaign finance act, Act No. 388 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 169.201 to 169.282 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, "public safety organization" or "organization" means any group, organization, association, union, or conference of current or former law enforcement officers, fire fighters, correctional officers, employees thereof or any other entity that represents itself to be affiliated or associated with such organizations that meet both of the following:

(i) The voting membership is comprised of at least 75% of individuals who are currently or formerly law enforcement officers, fire fighters, or correctional officers.

(ii) The voting membership consists of at least 25% of all of the individuals the organization claims to represent.

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