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Three groups will benefit from this measure's over-restrictions:

#1 The rich. Wealthy candidates are not held to the same standards on contributions when they make a contribution to themselves. The United States Supreme Court has blocked efforts to limit contributions when people donate to themselves but has allowed limits on when people donate to other people. It is unclear how the 43-page amendment fixes this discrepancy where the rich can finance themselves without limits that others are held by.

#2 Incumbent politicians already in power. These already-in-office candidates already have name ID# in the district, taxpayer funded salaries, taxpayer funded PR staff for their office and privileges for media-attention not afforded to the same level as a challenger candidate not holding office.

#3. Unions. Unions often have loopholes in campaign finance laws that allow them to operate in ways other organizations cannot.

Urged to Oppose HB 4024; we'll be closely monitoring your votes on this measure.