

**Subject: Action Alert for the Senate!**

The deadline for floor action on bill is Thursday, February 13th. We have several good bills that need support in order to pass in the Senate.

**Senate Bill 2281** prohibits incumbent candidates from appearing in publicly funded ads during statewide general election years. This is a good bill that Common Cause supports. **Please contact your Senator and ask them to support Senate Bill 2281.**

**Senate Bill 2404** removes public hospitals from being exempt under the Open Meetings Act. This bill will improve transparency and openness with public hospitals. **Please contact your Senator and ask them to support Senate Bill 2404.**

**Senate Bill 2507** authorizes the Ethics Commission to enforce the Public Records Act. This bill will solve many problems with the Public Records Act. This is a very good bill and Common Cause supports it. **Please contact your Senator and ask them to support Senate bill 2507.**

**Senate Bill 2581** provides that public access will not be diminished because records are stored in a certain manner. It also revises the civil penalty for violations of the Public Records Act to find individuals civilly liable in their individual capacity for charging unreasonable fees. **Please contact your Senator and ask them to support Senate bill 2581.**

**Subject: Action Alert for the House**

The deadline for floor action on bill is Thursday, February 13th. We have several good bills that need support in order to pass in the House.

**House Bill 662** clarifies how candidates shall be served notice of ballot box examinations. This is a good bill that Common Cause supports. **Please contact your representative and ask them to support House Bill 662.**

**House Bill 928** limits the cost to respond to public records requests and provides a civil penalty. Common Cause has been lobbying for this legislation for years. It will limit the actual cost to the pay scale of the lowest level employee or contractor that that is competent to respond to the request. The bills also provides for a penalty to the individual that charges an unreasonable fee. This is a good bill on the costs of public records. It will require a 3/5 vote to pass in the House. **Please contact your representative and ask them to support House Bill 928.**