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HOUSE BILL 1009

Short Title: Campaign Contributions.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Jones.

Referred to: Judiciary.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LOWER LIMITS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE ELECTION YEAR, TO SET DIFFERENT LIMITS FOR STATEWIDE AND NON-STATEWIDE RACES, AND TO SET A SEPARATE LIMIT FOR NONELECTION YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 163-278.13 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163-278.13. **Limitation on contributions.**

(a) No individual or political committee shall contribute to any candidate or other political committee any money or make any other contribution ~~in any election~~ in excess of ~~four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for that election~~ the following limits:

(1) If the recipient is a candidate for statewide office or a statewide officeholder, or a political committee the primary purpose of which is to support or assist one candidate for statewide office or statewide officeholder, the limit is three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per election during the calendar year in which the election occurs, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) during any other calendar year;

(2) If the recipient is a candidate for non-statewide office, a non-statewide officeholder, or a political committee the primary purpose of which is to support or assist one candidate for non-statewide office or non-statewide officeholder, the limit is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per election during the year in which the election occurs, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) during any other calendar year. For purposes of this section, a superior court judge is a non-statewide officer;

1 (3) If the recipient is a political committee the principal purpose of which
2 is not to support or assist only one candidate or officeholder, the limit
3 is three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per election during the calendar year
4 in which statewide elections are set in G.S. 163-1, and one thousand
5 dollars (\$1,000) during any other calendar year.

6 (b) No candidate or political committee shall accept or solicit any contribution
7 from any individual or other political committee of any money or any other contribution
8 in any election in excess of ~~four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for that election~~ the limits set
9 out in subsection (a) of this section.

10 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, it
11 shall be lawful for a candidate or a candidate's spouse, parents, brothers and sisters to
12 make a contribution to the candidate or to the candidate's treasurer of any amount of
13 money or to make any other contribution in any election in excess of ~~four thousand~~
14 ~~dollars (\$4,000) for that election~~ the limits set out in subsection (a) of this section.

15 (d) For the purposes of this section, the term 'an election' means any primary,
16 second primary, or general election in which the candidate or political committee may
17 be involved, without regard to whether the candidate is opposed or unopposed in the
18 election.

19 (e) This section shall not apply to any State, district or county executive
20 committee of any political party. For the purposes of this section only, the term
21 'political party' means only those political parties officially recognized under G.S. 163-
22 96.

23 (e1) No referendum committee which received any contribution from a
24 corporation, labor union, insurance company, business entity, or professional
25 association may make any contribution to another referendum committee, to a candidate
26 or to a political committee.

27 (f) Any individual, candidate, political committee, or referendum committee who
28 violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor."

29 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 1990.