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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE EXEMPTION FROM CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION  
3 LIMITS FOR GIFTS TO AND BY A POLITICAL PARTY EXECUTIVE  
4 COMMITTEE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "**§ 163-278.13. Limitation on contributions.**

8 (a) No individual or political committee shall contribute to any candidate or other  
9 political committee any money or make any other contribution in any election in excess  
10 of ~~four thousand dollars (\$4,000)~~ two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for that election.

11 (b) No candidate or political committee shall accept or solicit any contribution  
12 from any individual or other political committee of any money or any other contribution  
13 in any election in excess of ~~four thousand dollars (\$4,000)~~ two thousand dollars (\$2,000)  
14 for that election.

15 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, it  
16 shall be lawful for a candidate or a candidate's spouse, parents, brothers and sisters to  
17 make a contribution to the candidate or to the candidate's treasurer of any amount of  
18 money or to make any other contribution in any election in excess of ~~four thousand dollars~~  
19 ~~(\$4,000)~~ two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for that election.

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

5 (e) This section shall ~~not~~ apply to ~~any national, State, district or county~~ district, county,  
6 precinct, or other executive committee committees of any political party. The limitation in  
7 this section on contributions to or from political party executive committees shall apply  
8 collectively to all executive committees of the same political party nationally or within  
9 the State. For the purposes of this section only, the term 'political party' means only those  
10 political parties officially recognized under G.S. 163-96. Contributions by political party  
11 executive committees under G.S. 163-278.42 are subject to the limitations of this section.

12 (e1) No referendum committee which received any contribution from a corporation,  
13 labor union, insurance company, business entity, or professional association may make  
14 any contribution to another referendum committee, to a candidate or to a political  
15 committee.

16 (f) Any individual, candidate, political committee, or referendum committee who  
17 violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor."

18 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon ratification, and applies to all  
19 contributions made, accepted, or solicited on or after that date.