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SENATE BILL 246

Short Title: Contribution Limits-2

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Sponsors: Senators Plexico and Gulley.

Referred to: Judiciary II/Election Laws

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE LAW LIMITING CAMPAIGN 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)~~ two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for that election.

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

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

(d) For the purposes of this section, the term 'an election' means any primary, second primary, or general election in which the candidate or political committee may be

1 involved, without regard to whether the candidate is opposed or unopposed in the  
2 election.

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

6 (e1) No referendum committee which received any contribution from a corporation,  
7 labor union, insurance company, business entity, or professional association may make  
8 any contribution to another referendum committee, to a candidate or to a political  
9 committee.

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

12 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 1996, and applies to all primaries  
13 and elections conducted on and after that date. This act applies to all contributions made,  
14 accepted, or solicited on or after January 1, 1996.