

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 383

By: Senator C. Tucker

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CAMPAIGN PRACTICES; TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS ETHICS COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE RULES; TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE LAW RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990 AND INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1996; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CAMPAIGN PRACTICES; AND TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS ETHICS COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE RULES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-203(a)(1)(A), resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1 of 1996, concerning campaign finance contributions, limitations, acceptance or solicitation, use as personal income, and disposition, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) It shall be unlawful for any candidate for any public office or for any person acting on the candidate's behalf to accept campaign contributions in excess of ~~two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$2,700)~~ the maximum campaign contribution level established by rule of the Arkansas Ethics Commission under subsection (i) of this section per election from:

- (i) An individual;
- (ii) A political party that meets the definition of a political party under § 7-1-101;



(iii) A political party that meets the requirements of § 7-7-205;

(iv) A county political party committee;

(v) A legislative caucus committee; or

(vi) An approved political action committee.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-6-203(b)(1), resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1 of 1996, concerning campaign finance contributions, limitations, acceptance or solicitation, use as personal income, and disposition, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to make a contribution to a candidate for any public office or to any person acting on the candidate's behalf, which in the aggregate exceeds ~~two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$2,700)~~ the maximum campaign contribution level established by rule of the Arkansas Ethics Commission per election.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-6-203(i), resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1 of 1996, concerning campaign finance contributions, limitations, acceptance or solicitation, use as personal income, and disposition, is amended to read as follows:

(i) The Arkansas Ethics Commission shall establish the maximum campaign contribution limit by rule as follows:

(1) The adjusted campaign contribution limit shall be calculated from a base amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) as of January 1, 2015;

~~(1)(2)~~ The contribution limits under subdivision (a)(1)(A) and subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be adjusted at the beginning of each odd-numbered year in an amount equal to the percentage certified to the Federal Election Commission by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics under 52 U.S.C. § 30116(c) as existing on January 1, 2015;

~~(2)(3)~~ If the amount after adjustment under subdivision (i)(1)(i)(2) of this section is not a multiple of one hundred dollars (\$100), the Arkansas Ethics Commission shall round the amount to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars (\$100); and

~~(3)(4)~~ The Arkansas Ethics Commission shall promulgate rules identifying the adjusted contribution limit under subdivision (i)(1) of this section this subsection.

/s/C. Tucker

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