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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1728

By: Representatives Godfrey, Clowney, A. Collins

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE;
TO ALLOW CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO PAY CHILDCARE EXPENSES; TO
AMEND PORTIONS OF INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990 AND
INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1996; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-203(f)(2), concerning the contributions, limitations, and use of campaign funds and carryover campaign funds and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1 of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(2) A candidate shall not take any campaign funds as income for his or her spouse or dependent children, except that:

(A) This subsection shall not prohibit a candidate who has an opponent from employing his or her spouse or dependent children as campaign workers;

(B) The use of campaign funds to pay a candidate's childcare expenses shall not be considered a taking of campaign funds as personal income if the campaign funds are used to pay for childcare for the



time the candidate is engaging in campaign activity and the childcare expenses would not exist in the absence of the campaign; and

~~(B)~~(C) Any candidate who has an opponent and who, during the campaign and before the election, takes a leave of absence without pay from his or her primary place of employment shall be authorized to take campaign funds during the campaign and before the election as personal income up to the amount of employment income lost as a result of ~~such~~ the leave of absence.

/s/Godfrey

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