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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING APPROVED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES; TO PREVENT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM FORMING MORE THAN ONE (1) APPROVED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING APPROVED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES; AND TO PREVENT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM FORMING MORE THAN ONE (1) APPROVED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-215, concerning registration and reporting by approved political action committees, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

(e)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2) of this section, a person elected or appointed to a constitutional office shall not:

(A) Form more than one (1) political action committee;

(B) Register more than one (1) political action committee;

(C) Hold office on more than one (1) political action committee; or

(D) Act as the resident agent for more than one (1) political action committee.

(2) If the person elected or appointed to a constitutional



office forms, registers, holds office on, or is a resident agent for a political action committee formed by a legislative caucus committee, the person elected or appointed to the constitutional office may form, register, hold office on, or act as the resident agent for one (1) additional political action committee.

(f) As used in this section, "constitutional office" means:

- (1) Governor;
- (2) Lieutenant Governor;
- (3) Secretary of State;
- (4) Treasurer of State;
- (5) Auditor of State;
- (6) Attorney General;
- (7) Commissioner of State Lands;
- (8) Member of the General Assembly;
- (9) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
- (10) Justice of the Supreme Court;
- (11) Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals;
- (12) Judge of the Court of Appeals;
- (13) Circuit court judge;
- (14) District court judge;
- (15) Prosecuting attorney; and
- (16) Member of the independent citizens commission for the

purpose of setting salaries of elected constitutional officers of the executive department, members of the General Assembly, justices, and judges under Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 31.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. If on the effective date of this act a person elected or appointed to a constitutional office has registered, holds office on, or acts as the resident agent for more political action committees than are allowed under this act, the person shall before the end of the reporting period in which this act becomes effective comply with this act by:

- (1) Dissolving the excess political action committees;
- (2) Resigning from his or her office on the excess political action committees; or
- (3) Resigning from his or her position as resident agent for the excess political action committees.