

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1595

By: Representative Ray

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES; TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW; TO AMEND PORTIONS OF INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990 AND INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1996; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES; TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW; AND TO AMEND PORTIONS OF INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990 AND INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1996.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-215(a)(1)(B), concerning registration and reporting by approved political action committees, and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1 from 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(B) Registration for a political action committee shall be ~~annually renewed by January 15,~~ active unless the political action committee has requested a termination of its registration ~~ceased to exist.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-6-215(d)(6), concerning registration and reporting by approved political action committees, and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1 from 1996, is amended to read as follows:



(6)(A) A political action committee shall indicate on its quarterly report for the fourth quarter of each calendar year whether or not it intends to ~~renew~~ terminate its registration for the next calendar year.

(B)~~(i)~~ If a quarterly report for the fourth quarter is filed in paper form, the form utilized by the Secretary of State for filing shall require the political action committee to indicate whether or not it intends to ~~renew~~ terminate its registration for the next calendar year.

~~(ii) A political action committee indicating that it will renew its registration for the next calendar year shall submit its registration form for the next calendar year at the same time as the quarterly report for the fourth quarter.~~

~~(iii) The Secretary of State shall not accept a quarterly report for the fourth quarter if:~~

~~(a) The political action committee indicates that it intends to renew its registration for the next calendar year; and~~

~~(b) The registration form for the next calendar year is not submitted at the same time as the quarterly report for the fourth quarter.~~

(C) If the Secretary of State offers electronic filing of political action committee reports, the format used by the Secretary of State for the filing of political action committee reports in electronic form shall require a political action committee indicating that it intends to ~~renew~~ terminate its registration for the next calendar year to ~~renew~~ terminate its registration for the next calendar year before submitting its quarterly report for the fourth quarter.

(D) If a political action committee does not file any quarterly reports for a period of two (2) years, the Secretary of State shall terminate the political action committee's registration due to inactivity.

/s/Ray