

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 24

Short Title: Close Runoff Loophole.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cansler; Weatherly, Capps, Ives, Rayfield, and Shubert.

Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Reform.

February 3, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE EXTRA CONTRIBUTION LIMIT PERIOD FOR THE
2 SECOND PRIMARY FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT ON THE BALLOT IN
3 A SECOND PRIMARY.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 163-278.13 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 163-278.13. Limitation on contributions.**

8 (a) No individual or political committee shall contribute to any candidate or other
9 political committee any money or make any other contribution in any election in excess
10 of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for that election.

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

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

19 (d) For the purposes of this section, the term 'an election' means any primary,
20 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 ~~election.~~
2 election, except that where a candidate is not on the ballot in a second primary, that
3 second primary is not 'an election' with respect to that candidate.

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

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

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

13 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to all
14 primaries conducted on and after that date.