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HOUSE BILL 388

Short Title: Increase Threshold/Cash Campaign Contribution. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cleveland, Kidwell, Ward, and Crutchfield (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 20, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD FOR CASH CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FIFTY DOLLARS TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 163-278.11(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Threshold for Reporting Identity of Contributor. – A treasurer shall not be required to report the name, address, or principal occupation of any individual who contributes ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or less to the treasurer's committee during an election as defined in G.S. 163-278.13. The State Board of Elections shall provide on its reporting forms for the reporting of contributions below that threshold. On those reporting forms, the State Board may require date and amount of contributions below the threshold, but may treat differently for reporting purposes contributions below the threshold that are made in different modes and in different settings."

SECTION 2. G.S. 163-278.14 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163-278.14. **No contributions in names of others; no anonymous contributions; contributions in excess of fifty-one hundred dollars; no contribution without specific designation of contributor.**

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(b) No entity shall make, and no candidate, committee or treasurer shall accept, any monetary contribution in excess of ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100.00) unless such contribution is in the form of a check, draft, money order, credit card charge, debit, or other noncash method that can be subject to written verification. No contribution in the form of check, draft, money order, credit card charge, debits, or other noncash method may be made or accepted unless it contains a specific designation of the intended contributee chosen by the contributor. The State Board may prescribe guidelines as to the reporting and verification of any method of contribution payment allowed under this Article. For contributions by money order, the State Board of Elections shall prescribe methods to ensure an audit trail for every contribution so that the identity of the contributor can be determined. For a contribution made by credit card, the credit card account number of a contributor is not a public record.

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SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to political campaign contributions received on or after that date.

