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SENATE BILL 505

Short Title: Donor Disclosure.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Sanderson (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF CHARITABLE DONORS.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 55A-16-05 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 55A-16-05. Limitations on use of membership list.**

6 (a) Without consent of the board of directors, a membership list or any part thereof shall  
7 not be obtained or used by any person for any purpose unrelated to a member's interest as a  
8 member. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and without the consent of the board,  
9 a membership list or any part thereof shall not ~~be~~ be used for any of the following:

- 10 (1) ~~Used to~~ To solicit money or property unless such money or property will be  
11 used solely to solicit the votes of the members in an election to be held by the  
12 ~~corporation;~~ corporation.  
13 (2) ~~Used for~~ For any commercial ~~purpose;~~ purpose.  
14 (3) ~~Sold to~~ For sale to or purchased ~~purchase~~ by any person.

15 (b) The identity of any person donating monies or other tangible goods to the nonprofit  
16 corporation shall not be disclosed by the nonprofit corporation if the person has notified the  
17 nonprofit corporation, in writing prior to or at the time of the donation, not to disclose the person's  
18 identity. This subsection shall not apply to disclosures required by State or federal law, criminal  
19 investigations, or orders of the court.

20 (c) The court, in an action brought under subsection (b) of this section, may award  
21 reasonable attorneys' fees to the prevailing party."

22 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 132-1.1 reads as rewritten:

23 "**§ 132-1.1. Confidential communications by legal counsel to public board or agency; State**  
24 **tax information; public enterprise billing information; Address Confidentiality**  
25 **Program and information.**

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27 (i) Nonprofit Donor Information. – Except as specifically required by State or federal  
28 law, criminal investigations, orders of the court, or as authorized by the person donating monies  
29 or other tangible goods, the identity of any person donating monies or other tangible goods to a  
30 nonprofit corporation is confidential. The court, in an action brought under this subsection, may  
31 award reasonable attorneys' fees to the prevailing party."

32 **SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 55A-16-24 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

33 "(c) G.S. 132-1.1(i) shall apply to any attachments or other information submitted in  
34 association with the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 or Form 990-EZ required under  
35 subsection (a) of this section that identifies donors."

36 **SECTION 3.(b)** G.S. 58-3-6 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:



1       "(e1) G.S. 132-1.1(i) shall apply to any attachments or other information submitted in  
2 association with the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 or Form 990-EZ required under  
3 subsection (c) of this section that identifies donors."

4       **SECTION 3.(c)** G.S. 131E-214.14 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5       "(c) Donor Information. – G.S. 132-1.1(i) shall apply to any attachments or other  
6 information submitted in association with the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 or Form  
7 990-EZ required under subsection (a) of this section that identifies donors."

8       **SECTION 3.(d)** G.S. 131F-6 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9       "(c) Donor Information. – G.S. 132-1.1(i) shall apply to any attachments or other  
10 information submitted in association with the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 or Form  
11 990-EZ required under subsection (a) of this section that identifies donors."

12       **SECTION 4.** G.S. 163-278.5 reads as rewritten:

13       "**§ 163-278.5. Scope of Article; severability.**

14       (a) The provisions of this Article apply to primaries and elections for North Carolina  
15 offices and to North Carolina referenda and do not apply to primaries and elections for federal  
16 offices or offices in other States or to non-North Carolina referenda. Any provision in this Article  
17 that regulates a non-North Carolina entity does so only to the extent that the entity's actions affect  
18 elections for North Carolina offices or North Carolina referenda.

19       (b) The provisions of this Article are severable. If any provision is held invalid by a court  
20 of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions of the Article that can  
21 be given effect without the invalid provision.

22       (c) This section applies to ~~Articles and Article 22M of the General Statutes~~ this Chapter  
23 to the same extent that it applies to this Article.

24       (d) G.S. 132-1.1(i) shall not apply to any disclosure of donor information required by this  
25 Article or Article 22M of this Chapter."

26       **SECTION 5.(a)** G.S. 138A-34 reads as rewritten:

27       "**§ 138A-34. Use of information for private gain.**

28       (a) A public servant or legislative employee shall not use or disclose nonpublic  
29 information gained in the course of, or by reason of, the public servant's or legislative employee's  
30 official responsibilities in a way that would affect a personal financial interest of the public  
31 servant or legislative employee, a member of the public servant's or legislative employee's  
32 extended family, or a person or governmental unit with whom or business with which the public  
33 servant or legislative employee is associated.

34       (b) A public servant or legislative employee shall not improperly use or improperly  
35 disclose any confidential information.

36       (c) No public servant shall use or disclose in any way confidential information gained in  
37 the course of the public servant's official activities or by reason of the public servant's official  
38 position in violation of G.S. 132-1.1(i)."

39       **SECTION 5.(b)** G.S. 120-87 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

40       "(c) No legislator shall use or disclose in any way confidential information gained in the  
41 course of the legislator's official activities or by reason of the legislator's official position in  
42 violation of G.S. 132-1.1(i)."

43       **SECTION 5.(c)** G.S. 14-234.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

44       "(a1) It is unlawful for any officer or employee of the State or an officer or employee of  
45 any of its political subdivisions to use or disclose in any way confidential information gained in  
46 the course of their official capacity in violation of G.S. 132-1.1(i)."

47       **SECTION 5.(d)** G.S. 14-234.3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

48       "(c1) It is unlawful for any public official to use or disclose in any way confidential  
49 information gained in the course of their official capacity in violation of G.S. 132-1.1(i)."

50       **SECTION 5.(e)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2023, and applies to  
51 offenses committed on or after that date.

1           **SECTION 6.** Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective October 1,  
2 2023.