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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-912, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-912, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-912. Candidates and independent expenditures: campaign
5 literature and advertisement sponsors:
6 identification: civil penalty

7 A. A political committee that makes an expenditure for campaign
8 literature or advertisements that expressly advocate the election or defeat
9 of any candidate or that make any solicitation of contributions to any
10 political committee shall be registered pursuant to this chapter at the time
11 of distribution, placement or solicitation and shall include on the
12 literature or advertisement the words "paid for by" followed by the name of
13 the committee that appears on its statement of organization or five hundred
14 dollar exemption statement.

15 B. If the expenditure for the campaign literature or advertisements by
16 a political committee is an independent expenditure, the political committee,
17 in addition to the disclosures required by subsection A of this section,
18 shall include on the literature or advertisement the names and telephone
19 numbers of the ~~three~~ political committees, **CORPORATIONS, LIMITED LIABILITY**
20 **COMPANIES OR LABOR ORGANIZATIONS** making the **THREE** largest contributions to
21 the political committee making the independent expenditure. If an acronym is
22 used to name any political committee outlined in this section, the name of
23 any sponsoring organization of the political committee shall also be printed
24 or spoken. For the purposes of determining the three contributors to be
25 disclosed, only the contributions made during the calendar year in which the
26 independent expenditure is made shall be considered.

27 C. Subsection A of this section does not apply to bumper stickers,
28 pins, buttons, pens and similar small items on which the statements required
29 in subsection A of this section cannot be conveniently printed or to signs
30 paid for by a candidate with campaign monies or by a candidate's campaign
31 committee or to a solicitation of contributions by a separate segregated fund
32 from those persons it may solicit pursuant to sections 16-920 and 16-921.

33 D. The disclosures required pursuant to this section shall be printed
34 clearly and legibly in a conspicuous manner. The disclosure statement shall
35 include the words "paid for by" followed by the name of the entity making the
36 expenditure and shall state that it is not authorized by any candidate or
37 candidate's campaign committee. Disclosure statements shall also comply with
38 the following:

39 1. If the communication is broadcast on radio, the disclosure shall be
40 spoken at the end of the communication.

41 2. For printed material that is delivered or provided by hand or by
42 mail, the disclosure shall be printed clearly and legibly in a conspicuous
43 manner.

44 3. If the communication is broadcast on a telecommunications system,
45 the following apply:

1 (a) The disclosure shall be both written and spoken at the end of the
2 communication, except that if the written disclosure statement is displayed
3 for at least five seconds of a thirty second communications broadcast or ten
4 seconds of a sixty second communications broadcast, a spoken disclosure
5 statement is not required.

6 (b) The written disclosure statement shall be printed in letters that
7 are displayed in a height that is equal to or greater than four ~~per-cent~~
8 PERCENT of the vertical picture height.

9 E. A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of
10 up to three times the cost of producing and distributing the literature or
11 advertisement. This civil penalty shall be imposed as prescribed in section
12 16-924.