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Introduced by

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 16-407.04; AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 1.2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 16-919; RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 16, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 16-407.04, to read:

4 16-407.04. Donations from a foreign source; election
5 administration; certification; records; reports;
6 civil penalty; definitions

7 A. A GOVERNMENT ENTITY IN THIS STATE MAY NOT USE MONIES OR IN-KIND
8 GOODS OR SERVICES THAT ARE DONATED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY A FOREIGN
9 GOVERNMENT OR ANY FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE FOR ELECTION
10 ADMINISTRATION.

11 B. A PERSON OR VENDOR THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO A GOVERNMENT ENTITY
12 FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE A CERTIFICATION TO THE SECRETARY
13 OF STATE THAT INCLUDES A DATED AND SWORN STATEMENT, UNDER PENALTY OF
14 PERJURY, THAT THE PERSON IS NOT KNOWINGLY THE RECIPIENT, DIRECTLY OR
15 INDIRECTLY, OF DONATIONS FROM A FOREIGN SOURCE. THE PERSON SHALL ANNUALLY
16 UPDATE THE CERTIFICATION. IF THE PERSON OBTAINS INFORMATION THAT WAS
17 UNKNOWN AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL CERTIFICATION, THE PERSON SHALL UPDATE
18 THE INITIAL CERTIFICATION WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS TO REFLECT THE NEW
19 INFORMATION AND SHALL INCLUDE A NEW STATEMENT THAT THE PERSON IS NOT
20 KNOWINGLY THE RECIPIENT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OF DONATIONS FROM A
21 FOREIGN SOURCE. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON OR ORGANIZATION
22 WHEN PROVIDING A FACILITY THAT SERVES AS A VOTING LOCATION.

23 C. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL REQUIRE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO
24 PROVIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE A QUARTERLY REPORT THAT LISTS ANY PERSON
25 OR VENDOR THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO THAT GOVERNMENT ENTITY FOR ELECTION
26 ADMINISTRATION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY
27 BY EMAIL IF THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY FAILS TO FILE ITS QUARTERLY REPORT
28 PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION AND ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY THAT SECTION
29 16-407.05 PROVIDES FOR POSSIBLE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.

30 D. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS OF THE
31 CERTIFICATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION AND SHALL POST THESE
32 CERTIFICATIONS ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

33 E. A PERSON OR VENDOR THAT FAILS TO PROVIDE THE CERTIFICATION
34 PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION OR THAT PROVIDES AN INACCURATE CERTIFICATION TO
35 THE SECRETARY OF STATE INVALIDATES ANY AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT
36 ENTITY, AND THE STATE, COUNTY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY IS BARRED FROM
37 ENTERING INTO OR CONTINUING ANY AGREEMENT WITH THAT PERSON.

38 F. A PERSON OR VENDOR THAT KNOWINGLY FAILS TO PROVIDE AN ACCURATE
39 INITIAL OR UPDATED CERTIFICATION AS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION IS LIABLE
40 FOR A CIVIL PENALTY IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE TIMES THE MONEY PAID OR
41 CONTRACTED TO BE PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY, WHICH SHALL BE PAID TO THE
42 FIRST SUCCESSFUL LITIGANT UNDER THIS SECTION. THE CONTROLLING PERSON OF
43 ANY VENDOR SHALL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE TO PAY THAT AMOUNT.

1 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
2 1. FOREIGN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED
3 SOVEREIGN TRIBAL NATIONS.
4 2. "FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE":
5 (a) MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR
6 NATIONAL.
7 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGN TRIBAL NATIONS.
8 3. "PERSON":
9 (a) MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR A CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY AS DEFINED
10 IN SECTION 16-901.
11 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE POLL WORKERS.
12 Sec. 2. Title 16, chapter 6, article 1.2, Arizona Revised Statutes,
13 is amended by adding section 16-919, to read:
14 16-919. Foreign contributions prohibited; ballot measures;
15 certification; definitions
16 A. A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY GIVE AND A PERSON,
17 ENTITY OR COMMITTEE SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY ACCEPT OR USE MONIES OR IN-KIND
18 GOODS OR SERVICES THAT ARE CONTRIBUTED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR A
19 FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF AN ELECTION ON
20 A BALLOT MEASURE.
21 B. A PERSON, ENTITY OR COMMITTEE THAT IS REQUIRED TO FILE CAMPAIGN
22 FINANCE REPORTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-926 SHALL CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF
23 PERJURY IN THOSE REPORTS THAT THE PERSON, ENTITY OR COMMITTEE HAS NOT
24 ACCEPTED OR USED MONIES OR IN-KIND GOODS OR SERVICES IN VIOLATION OF
25 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.
26 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
27 1. FOREIGN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED
28 SOVEREIGN TRIBAL NATIONS.
29 2. "FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE":
30 (a) MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR
31 NATIONAL.
32 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGN TRIBAL NATIONS.