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Introduced by
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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-916, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 1.4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 16-926.01; RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 16-916, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-916. Corporation, limited liability company and labor
5 organization contributions; separate segregated
6 fund; limits; requirements

7 A. EXCEPT AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-926.01, a corporation,
8 limited liability company or labor organization shall not make
9 contributions to a candidate committee.

10 B. A corporation, limited liability company or labor organization
11 may make unlimited contributions to persons other than candidate
12 committees.

13 C. A corporation, limited liability company or labor organization
14 may sponsor a separate segregated fund. Employees, members, executives,
15 stockholders and retirees and their families of a corporation, limited
16 liability company or labor organization and any subsidiary or affiliate of
17 a corporation, limited liability company or labor organization may make
18 contributions to the separate segregated fund, subject to the following:

19 1. The separate segregated fund must register as a political action
20 committee.

21 2. The sponsor or its affiliate may pay the administrative,
22 personnel and fund-raising expenses of its separate segregated fund, which
23 shall not be deemed contributions to the fund.

24 3. The sponsor or its separate segregated fund may solicit
25 contributions from the sponsor's, sponsor's affiliates' or sponsor's
26 subsidiaries' employees, members, executives, stockholders and retirees
27 and their families. The following additional restrictions apply:

28 (a) With respect to an insurer, an insurer or its separate
29 segregated fund may also solicit contributions from an insurance
30 producer's employees, members, executives, stockholders and retirees and
31 their families.

32 (b) With respect to a trade association or membership organization,
33 the association or organization may solicit contributions from its
34 members' employees, executives, stockholders, subsidiaries and retirees
35 and their families.

36 4. A sponsor or its affiliate or a trade association or membership
37 organization may facilitate the making of contributions to its separate
38 segregated fund by establishing a payroll deduction system or other
39 similar payment transfer method.

40 5. A sponsor, trade association, membership organization or
41 separate segregated fund may rely on the federal election commission's
42 written guidance interpreting 52 United States Code section 30118(b) and
43 rules adopted under that section when interpreting this subsection, if
44 otherwise consistent with this article and articles 1, 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5,
45 1.6 and 1.7 of this chapter.

1 Sec. 2. Title 16, chapter 6, article 1.4, Arizona Revised Statutes,
2 is amended by adding section 16-926.01, to read:

3 16-926.01. Reporting contributions made by a corporation,
4 limited liability company or labor organization;
5 registration; notification; statement; civil
6 penalty; violation; classification; definition

7 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER STATUTE:

8 1. A CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR LABOR ORGANIZATION
9 THAT MAKES A CONTRIBUTION IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THRESHOLD
10 AMOUNTS TO A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE OR TO ANOTHER CORPORATION, LIMITED
11 LIABILITY COMPANY OR LABOR ORGANIZATION IN AN ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE
12 OUTCOME OF A CANDIDATE ELECTION SHALL REGISTER AND NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE
13 FILING OFFICER NOT LATER THAN ONE DAY AFTER MAKING THAT CONTRIBUTION,
14 EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND OTHER LEGAL HOLIDAYS:

15 (a) AN AGGREGATE OF \$5,000 OR MORE IN ONE OR MORE STATEWIDE RACES.

16 (b) AN AGGREGATE OF \$2,500 OR MORE IN ONE OR MORE LEGISLATIVE
17 RACES.

18 (c) \$1,000 OR MORE IN ONE OR MORE COUNTY, CITY, TOWN OR OTHER LOCAL
19 RACES IF THE \$1,000 IS AGGREGATED IN RACES IN A SINGLE COUNTY, CITY, TOWN
20 OR OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTION.

21 2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS THE FILING OFFICER FOR REGISTRATIONS
22 AND NOTIFICATIONS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN STATEWIDE AND LEGISLATIVE
23 ELECTIONS. CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY FILING OFFICERS ARE THE FILING OFFICERS
24 FOR NOTIFICATIONS IN A CITY, TOWN, COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL ELECTION,
25 RESPECTIVELY. THE CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR LABOR
26 ORGANIZATION ALSO SHALL NOTIFY THE FILING OFFICER WITHIN THE SAME TIME
27 LIMIT PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION OF EACH ADDITIONAL
28 ACCUMULATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS THAT EXCEEDS THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PRESCRIBED
29 IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER AGAIN
30 DURING THAT ELECTION CYCLE AFTER THE INITIAL REGISTRATION. THE SECRETARY
31 OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC FILING FOR REGISTRATIONS AND
32 NOTIFICATIONS AND SHALL PROVIDE FOR WEBSITE ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION FOR
33 THE PUBLIC. FILINGS AT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE SHALL BE IN THE
34 FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. OTHER FILING OFFICERS SHALL
35 PRESCRIBE THE FORMAT FOR FILING REGISTRATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS AND SHALL
36 PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO THAT INFORMATION.

37 3. THE REGISTRATION SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

38 (a) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY
39 COMPANY OR LABOR ORGANIZATION.

40 (b) THE NAME, TITLE, EMAIL ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE
41 PERSON AUTHORIZING THE CONTRIBUTION.

42 4. EACH NOTIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

43 (a) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY
44 COMPANY OR LABOR ORGANIZATION MAKING THE CONTRIBUTION.

1 (b) THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRIBUTION AND THE NAME OF THE POLITICAL
2 ACTION COMMITTEE OR OTHER CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR LABOR
3 ORGANIZATION RECEIVING THE CONTRIBUTION.

4 (c) THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE AND RACE FOR WHICH THE CONTRIBUTION
5 WAS MADE AND WHETHER THE CONTRIBUTION WAS IN SUPPORT OF OR OPPOSITION TO
6 THE CANDIDATE.

7 (d) THE DATE OF THE CONTRIBUTION.

8 5. WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER MAKING AN INITIAL THRESHOLD CONTRIBUTION
9 AS PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE CORPORATION, LIMITED
10 LIABILITY COMPANY OR LABOR ORGANIZATION SHALL FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF
11 STATE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE FILING OFFICER A NOTARIZED SWORN STATEMENT THAT
12 THE PERSON, AGENT OR OFFICER FILING THE REGISTRATION AND NOTICE HAD
13 AUTHORITY TO MAKE THAT CONTRIBUTION ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION, LIMITED
14 LIABILITY COMPANY OR LABOR ORGANIZATION. UNTIL THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR
15 OTHER FILING OFFICER RECEIVES THE NOTARIZED SWORN STATEMENT, THE FILING
16 OFFICER SHALL CATEGORIZE THE NOTIFICATION AS UNVERIFIED. IF THE SECRETARY
17 OF STATE OR OTHER FILING OFFICER DOES NOT RECEIVE THE NOTARIZED SWORN
18 STATEMENT WITHIN THE REQUIRED FIVE-DAY TIME FRAME, THE NOTIFICATION SHALL
19 BE CATEGORIZED AS BOTH UNVERIFIED AND DELINQUENT. THE FILING OFFICER
20 SHALL MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO CONTACT THE ENTITY THAT MADE THE
21 CONTRIBUTION AND REMOVE THE NOTIFICATION FROM PUBLIC VIEW WITHIN A
22 REASONABLE TIME IF THE FILING OFFICER IS UNABLE TO VERIFY THAT THE ENTITY
23 MADE THE CONTRIBUTION, AND ALL PENALTIES PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION APPLY.

24 6. A CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR LABOR ORGANIZATION
25 THAT FAILS TO REGISTER, NOTIFY OR DISCLOSE AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IS
26 LIABLE IN A CIVIL ACTION BROUGHT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, COUNTY ATTORNEY
27 OR CITY OR TOWN ATTORNEY, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR A CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO
28 THREE TIMES THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS.

29 7. A PERSON WHO MAKES A KNOWINGLY FALSE FILING RELATING TO A
30 CONTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.
31 A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT ACTION MAY NOT BE FILED UNTIL AFTER THE
32 FILING OFFICER ISSUES A REASONABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION.

33 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "LOCAL ELECTION" MEANS AN
34 ELECTION ON BEHALF OF A COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SPECIAL
35 DISTRICT.