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HOUSE BILL 870

Short Title: Judicial Contributions.

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Sponsors: Representative Baker (By Request).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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March 29, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ATTORNEYS FROM PRACTICING BEFORE A JUDGE  
TO WHOM THEY HAVE GIVEN A POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION  
EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 1 of Chapter 84 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 84-2.2. Practice before judge within four years after contribution.**

No member of the North Carolina State Bar who contributes financially, directly or indirectly, to the campaign of a judge shall represent any party before that judge for at least four years after the delivery to that judge or that judge's campaign of those funds. This statute shall not be interpreted to prohibit anyone from speaking on behalf of any judicial candidate or promoting a judicial candidacy otherwise than financially. This section shall not apply to a contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or less, provided that the practice prohibition of this section does apply if the sum of all contributions by the attorney to the judge during an election cycle is greater than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Contributions are counted toward the prohibition if they were made to the campaign of a judicial candidate who becomes a judge. Violation of this act shall be grounds for discipline by the North Carolina State Bar."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2002.