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S 1106. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AMENDMENTS. *TO REQUIRE TRAINING FOR ALL CAMPAIGN TREASURERS; TO REQUIRE AN AUDIT TRAIL FOR ANY CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION MADE BY MONEY ORDER; TO ALLOW CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES TO BE MADE BY ANY VERIFIABLE FORM OF PAYMENT; TO SET A THREE-YEAR TIME LIMIT BEFORE ANY UNPAID DEBT IN A CAMPAIGN IS DEEMED TO BE A CONTRIBUTION; TO INCLUDE VACANCY ELECTIONS AND NONPARTISAN RUNOFFS IN THE DEFINITION OF "ELECTION" FOR PURPOSES OF CONTRIBUTION LIMITS; TO CLARIFY THE MEANING OF "QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE VOTES ON THE BALLOT AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE" AS A PRECONDITION FOR CERTIFICATION UNDER THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND; TO AUTHORIZE CANDIDATES UNDER THAT FUND TO SPEND MONEY RAISED PRIOR TO THE FILING OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE; TO PROVIDE FOR EARLIER DISTRIBUTION OF THE JUDICIAL VOTER GUIDE; TO LIMIT THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS FOR PAYMENT OF EXPENDITURES IN PUBLICLY FUNDED JUDICIAL CAMPAIGNS; TO APPLY THE SCOPE AND ADVISORY OPINION SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 22A OF CHAPTER 163 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO ARTICLES 22B, 22D, 22E, AND 22F AS WELL; AND TO EXPRESSLY REQUIRE THAT ORGANIZATIONS EXPENDING FOR "ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS" MUST DO SO OUT OF A SEGREGATED ACCOUNT THAT CONTAINS NO MONEY FROM PROHIBITED SOURCES AND TO EXPRESSLY PROVIDE FOR DETAILED REPORTING FROM ANY SUCH ACCOUNT.* Amends various sections of GS Chapter 163 as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2005 and applies to elections held on or after that date.

Intro. by Clodfelter.

Ref. to Judiciary I GS 163