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SENATE BILL 488*

Short Title: Carrboro Campaign Regulation. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Kinnaird.

Referred to: State & Local Government.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CARRBORO CHARTER TO ALLOW THE TOWN TO
2 REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE TOWN OFFICE TO DISCLOSE THE
3 NAMES OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS AND TO LIMIT BY ORDINANCE
4 THE AMOUNT THAT PERSONS MAY CONTRIBUTE TO A CANDIDATE OR
5 THEIR POLITICAL COMMITTEE.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 2-7 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being
9 Chapter 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, as added by Section 2 of Chapter 660 of the
10 1993 Session Laws, is repealed.

11 **SECTION 2.** Article 2 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being
12 Chapter 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, is amended by adding the following new
13 sections to read:

14 "Section. 2-8. **Disclosure of contributors.** (a) The town may by ordinance
15 require the disclosure by candidates (and their political committees) for elective town
16 office of the names of all contributors to their campaigns. The ordinance may exempt
17 from disclosure contributions below a monetary amount set in the ordinance.

18 (b) The ordinance shall apply regardless of the total amount of contributions,
19 loans, or expenditures by the campaigns.

20 (c) G.S. 163-278.10A does not apply to municipal elections in the Town of
21 Carrboro.

22 "Section 2-9. **Limitation on contributions.** Except as provided by G.S.
23 163-278.13(c), the town may by ordinance limit the amount of contributions which any
24 individual, person, or political committee may contribute to any candidate for town
25 office or to any political committee of that candidate. The ordinance may not set a
26 limitation which has a dollar amount greater than the dollar amount set in the general
27 law which would apply to elective office in the town.

28 "Section 2-10. **Definitions.** The definitions in Article 22A of Chapter 163 of the
29 General Statutes apply to Sections 2-8 and 2-9 of this Charter."

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SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.