

March 31, 2009

**H 907. PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUND CHANGES.** Filed 3/31/09. *TO AMEND THE JUDICIAL PUBLIC CAMPAIGN LAW BY ALLOWING THE ACCEPTANCE OF QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE SAME FORM AS OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS; BY PROVIDING THAT NO MATCHING FUNDS WILL BE TRIGGERED BY COMMUNICATIONS THAT SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ALL CANDIDATES; AND BY MAKING MORE FLEXIBLE THE WORD LIMITATIONS IN THE VOTER'S GUIDE.*

Makes changes to Article 22A, *Regulating Contributions and Expenditures in Political Campaigns*, of GS Chapter 163. Amends GS 163-278.62(15) to provide that the form for a qualifying contribution of not less than \$10 and not more than \$500 is to be the same as prescribed for non-cash monetary contributions in GS 163-278.14(b), (was, in the form of a check or money order). Amends GS 163-278.67 to provide that a communication either supports or opposes all candidates for the same office does not trigger providing matching funds. Amends GS 163-278.64(b) to add that the *opportunity to win anything of value* cannot be given in exchange for a qualifying contribution in support of a candidate. Amends GS 163-278.69(a) to provide that the candidate information statement submitted to the State Board of Elections for inclusion in the Judicial Voter Guide is to be no more than 250 words (was, 150 words).

**Intro. by Goodwin.**

GS 163

May 7, 2009

**H 907. PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUND CHANGES.** Filed 3/31/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO AMEND THE JUDICIAL PUBLIC CAMPAIGN LAW BY ALLOWING THE ACCEPTANCE OF QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE SAME FORM AS OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS; BY PROVIDING THAT NO OPPORTUNITY TO WIN ANYTHING OF VALUE MAY BE OFFERED IN EXCHANGE FOR A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION; BY SPECIFYING HOW MULTIPLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FAMILY MEMBERS ARE TREATED FOR PURPOSES OF THE QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION THRESHOLDS; BY ADDRESSING HOW PRIMARY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE A PRIMARY; BY PROVIDING THAT NO MATCHING FUNDS WILL BE TRIGGERED BY COMMUNICATIONS THAT SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ALL CANDIDATES; AND BY MAKING MORE FLEXIBLE THE WORD LIMITATIONS IN THE VOTER'S GUIDE.* Clarifies that one criteria of a qualifying contribution is that it was made by an individual who was a registered voter in the state at the time of submittal of a candidate's report of demonstrated support pursuant to GS 163-278.64(c). Amends GS 163-278.64(d) to limit the total of multiple contributions from the same contributor to the same candidate to \$500, and to treat up to \$500 of a contribution by a family member as a qualifying contribution if it meets the criteria set forth in GS 163-278.62(15)a. and b. Amends GS 163-278.67(b) to make matching funds available before a primary to a certified candidate who is clearly referred to in expenditures reportable under GS 163-278.99A made in opposition to that candidate (formerly only available before a primary to a certified candidate participating in a contested primary). Makes technical changes.

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**H 907. PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUND CHANGES.** Filed 3/31/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes clarifying change in Section 5 to proposed new subsection (f) of GS 163-278.67 regarding prohibiting matching funds for certain communications involving all candidates.

September 1, 2009

**SL 2009-543 (H 907). PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUND CHANGES.** *AN ACT TO AMEND THE JUDICIAL PUBLIC CAMPAIGN LAW BY ALLOWING THE ACCEPTANCE OF QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE SAME FORM AS OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS; BY PROVIDING THAT NO OPPORTUNITY TO WIN ANYTHING OF VALUE MAY BE OFFERED IN EXCHANGE FOR A QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION; BY SPECIFYING HOW MULTIPLE CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE SAME INDIVIDUAL AND CONTRIBUTIONS BY FAMILY MEMBERS ARE TREATED FOR*

*PURPOSES OF THE QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION THRESHOLDS; BY ADDRESSING HOW MATCHING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE A PRIMARY; BY PROVIDING THAT NO MATCHING FUNDS WILL BE TRIGGERED BY COMMUNICATIONS THAT SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ALL CANDIDATES; AND BY MAKING MORE FLEXIBLE THE WORD LIMITATIONS IN THE VOTER'S GUIDE.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/31/09, 5/7/09, and 5/12/09. Enacted August 28, 2009. Effective August 28, 2009.