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SENATE BILL 291*

Short Title: Matching Funds Repeal. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Brunstetter (Primary Sponsor); Brock and Jackson.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE MATCHING FUNDS PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC
CAMPAIGN ACT AND THE VOTER-OWNED ELECTION ACT AND TO MAKE
CONFORMING AND RELATED CHANGES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 163-278.62(18) is repealed.

SECTION 2. G.S. 163-278.66(a) is repealed.

SECTION 3. G.S. 163-278.67 is repealed.

SECTION 4. G.S. 163-278.64(d)(2) reads as rewritten:

"(2) From the filing of a declaration of intent through the end of the qualifying period, a candidate may accept only qualifying contributions, contributions under ten dollars (\$10.00) from North Carolina voters, and personal and family contributions permitted under subdivision (4) of this subsection. The total contributions the candidate may accept during this period shall not exceed the maximum qualifying contributions for that candidate. In addition to these contributions, the candidate may only expend during this period the remaining money raised pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and possible matching funds received pursuant to G.S. 163-278.67 subsection. Except for personal and family contributions permitted under subdivision (4) of this subsection, multiple contributions from the same contributor to the same candidate shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

SECTION 5. G.S. 163-278.64(d)(3) reads as rewritten:

"(3) After the qualifying period and through the date of the general election, the candidate shall expend only the funds the candidate receives from the Fund pursuant to G.S. 163-278.65(b)(4) plus any funds remaining from the qualifying period and possible matching funds period."

SECTION 6. G.S. 163-278.64A(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Participation Provisions Modified. – Candidates involved in elections described in G.S. 163-329 may participate in the Fund subject to the provisions of G.S. 163-278.64 as modified by this section. The Board shall adapt other provisions of this Article, including G.S. 163-278.67, Article to those elections."

SECTION 7. G.S. 163-278.65(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

"(2) Contested primaries. – No funds shall be distributed except as provided in G.S. 163-278.67 distributed."

SECTION 8. G.S. 163-278.96(17) is repealed.

SECTION 9. G.S. 163-278.99A(a) is repealed.



1 **SECTION 10.** G.S. 163-278.99B is repealed.

2 **SECTION 11.** G.S. 163-278.98(e)(2) reads as rewritten:

3 "(2) From the filing of a declaration of intent through the end of the qualifying
4 period, a candidate may accept only qualifying contributions, contributions
5 under ten dollars (\$10.00) from North Carolina voters, in-kind party
6 contributions as permitted in subdivision (4) of this subsection, and personal
7 and family contributions permitted under subdivision (4a) of this subsection.
8 The total contributions the candidate may accept during this period shall not
9 exceed the maximum qualifying contributions for that candidate. In addition
10 to these contributions, the candidate may only expend during this period the
11 remaining money raised pursuant to subdivision (1) of this ~~subsection and~~
12 ~~possible matching funds received pursuant to G.S. 163-278.99B subsection.~~
13 If the candidate has any remaining money that was raised as contributions
14 before August 1 of the year before the election, the candidate may not
15 expend that money after filing the declaration of intent, except for purposes
16 permitted under subdivision (2), (3), (6), (7), or (8) of G.S. 163-278.16B(a)."

17 **SECTION 12.** G.S. 163-278.98(e)(3) reads as rewritten:

18 "(3) After the qualifying period and through the date of the general election, the
19 candidate shall cease campaign-related fund-raising activities and shall
20 expend only the funds the candidate receives from the Fund pursuant to
21 G.S. 163-278.99(b) plus any funds remaining from the qualifying ~~period and~~
22 ~~possible matching funds period.~~"

23 **SECTION 13.** G.S. 163-278.99(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

24 "(2) Contested primaries. – No funds shall be ~~distributed except as provided in~~
25 ~~G.S. 163-278.99B distributed.~~"

26 **SECTION 14.** G.S. 163-278.13(e4) is repealed.

27 **SECTION 15.** This act is effective when it becomes law.