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HOUSE BILL 1010

Short Title: Aggregate PAC Limit.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Jones.

Referred to: Judiciary.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT THAT ANY CANDIDATE OR HIS POLITICAL COMMITTEE MAY RECEIVE IN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ALL PACS COMBINED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 163-278.13 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163-278.13. Limitation on contributions.

(a) No individual or political committee shall contribute to any candidate or other political committee any money or make any other contribution in any election in excess of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for that election.

(b) No candidate or political committee shall accept or solicit any contribution from any individual or other political committee of any money or any other contribution in any election in excess of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for that election.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, it shall be lawful for a candidate or a candidate's spouse, parents, brothers and sisters to make a contribution to the candidate or to the candidate's treasurer of any amount of money or to make any other contribution in any election in excess of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for that election.

(c1) No candidate, officeholder, or political committee in the following categories may accept in excess of the following aggregate amounts from all political committees combined:

(1) Statewide candidate or officeholder or political committee the principal purpose of which is to support or assist a statewide candidate or officeholder – fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) during the calendar

1 year when the election or elections in which he is a candidate occur
2 and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during any other calendar year.

3 (2) Non-statewide candidate or officeholder or political committee whose
4 principal purpose is to support or assist one non-statewide candidate or
5 officeholder – twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) during the calendar
6 year when the election or elections in which he is a candidate occur
7 and five thousand dollars (\$5,000) during any other calendar year.

8 (d) For the purposes of this section, the term 'an election' means any primary,
9 second primary, or general election in which the candidate or political committee may
10 be involved, without regard to whether the candidate is opposed or unopposed in the
11 election.

12 (e) This section shall not apply to any State, district or county executive
13 committee of any political party. For the purposes of this section only, the term
14 'political party' means only those political parties officially recognized under G.S. 163-
15 96.

16 (e1) No referendum committee which received any contribution from a
17 corporation, labor union, insurance company, business entity, or professional
18 association may make any contribution to another referendum committee, to a candidate
19 or to a political committee.

20 (f) Any individual, candidate, political committee, or referendum committee who
21 violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor."

22 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 1990.