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HOUSE BILL 295
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Short Title: PAC Contribution Limits.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 21, 1991

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LOWER LIMITS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY
3 POLITICAL COMMITTEES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

6 "**§ 163-278.13. Limitation on contributions.**

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

10 (a1) No political committee shall contribute to any candidate or other political
11 committee any money or make any other contribution in any election in excess of the
12 following limits for that election:

13 (1) If the recipient is a candidate for statewide office or a statewide
14 officeholder, or a political committee the primary purpose of which is
15 to support or assist one candidate for statewide office or statewide
16 officeholder, the limit is one thousand dollars (\$1,000);

17 (2) If the recipient is a candidate for non-statewide office, a non-statewide
18 officeholder, or a political committee the primary purpose of which is
19 to support or assist one candidate for non-statewide office or non-
20 statewide officeholder, the limit is five hundred dollars (\$500.00). For
21 purposes of this section, a superior court judge is a non-statewide
22 officer;

23 (3) If the recipient is a candidate for:

- 1 a. Justice or Judge of the Appellate Division of the General Court
2 of Justice; or
3 b. Superior Court Judge,
4 the holder of an office in a. or b., or a political committee the primary
5 purpose of which is to support or assist one candidate for or one holder
6 of an office in a. or b., the limit is five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
7 (4) If the recipient is a political committee the principal purpose of which
8 is not to support or assist only one candidate or officeholder, the limit
9 is one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- 10 (b) No candidate or political committee shall accept or solicit any contribution
11 from any individual or other political committee of any money or any other contribution
12 in any election in excess of ~~four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for that election~~ the limits set out
13 in subsections (a) and (a1) of this section.
- 14 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, it
15 shall be lawful for a candidate or a candidate's spouse, parents, brothers and sisters to
16 make a contribution to the candidate or to the candidate's treasurer of any amount of
17 money or to make any other contribution in any election in excess of ~~four thousand~~
18 ~~dollars (\$4,000) for that election~~ the limits set out in subsection (a) of this section.
- 19 (d) For the purposes of this section, the term 'an election' means any primary,
20 second primary, or general election in which the candidate or political committee may
21 be involved, without regard to whether the candidate is opposed or unopposed in the
22 election.
- 23 (e) This section shall not apply to any State, district or county executive
24 committee of any political party. For the purposes of this section only, the term 'political
25 party' means only those political parties officially recognized under G.S. 163-96.
- 26 (e1) No referendum committee which received any contribution from a
27 corporation, labor union, insurance company, business entity, or professional
28 association may make any contribution to another referendum committee, to a candidate
29 or to a political committee.
- 30 (f) Any individual, candidate, political committee, or referendum committee who
31 violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor."
- 32 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective with respect to elections occurring on or
33 after January 1, 1992.