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SENATE BILL 247

Short Title: Party Gifts Exemption.

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Sponsors: Senators Plexico and Gulley.

Referred to: Judiciary II/Election Laws

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE EXEMPTION FROM CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
LIMITS FOR GIFTS TO AND BY A POLITICAL PARTY EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE.

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.

(d) For the purposes of this section, the term 'an election' means any primary, second primary, or general election in which the candidate or political committee may be

1 involved, without regard to whether the candidate is opposed or unopposed in the
2 election.

3 (e) This section shall ~~not~~ apply to ~~any~~ State, district or county executive ~~committee~~
4 committees of any political party. The limitation in this section on contributions to or
5 from political party executive committees shall apply collectively to all executive
6 committees of the same political party within the State. For the purposes of this section
7 only, the term 'political party' means only those political parties officially recognized
8 under G.S. 163-96. Contributions by political party executive committees under G.S.
9 163-278.42 are subject to the limitations of this section.

10 (e1) No referendum committee which received any contribution from a corporation,
11 labor union, insurance company, business entity, or professional association may make
12 any contribution to another referendum committee, to a candidate or to a political
13 committee.

14 (f) Any individual, candidate, political committee, or referendum committee who
15 violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor."

16 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 1996, and applies to all
17 contributions made, accepted, or solicited on or after that date.