

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representative Blair**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CAMPAIGN SPENDING LIMITATIONS
9 STUDY COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

12 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CAMPAIGN SPENDING LIMITATIONS
13 STUDY COMMISSION."

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

17 SECTION 1. (a) There is established the Campaign Spending Limitations
18 Study Commission, consisting of a maximum of nineteen (19) members, which
19 shall have the duty to study the feasibility and practicality of setting
20 spending limitations on candidates for all municipal, township, county,
21 district, circuit and state elected offices and to prepare suggested
22 legislation to set limits on campaign spending for all elected offices on an
23 office by office basis.

24 (b) The commission shall be composed of the following members:

25 (1) Five (5) members of the House of Representatives appointed by
26 the Speaker of the House;

27 (2) Three (3) members of the Senate, appointed by the President
28 Pro Tempore of the Senate;

29 (3) The chairman of the majority party in the state or the
30 designee of the chairman;

31 (4) The chairman of the minority party in the state or the
32 designee of the chairman;

33 (5) The Governor, in his capacity as Chairman of the State Board
34 of Elections Commissioners, shall appoint not more than nine (9) persons as
35 members of the Commission, and shall designate one (1) of the members to serve

1 as chairman. In making appointments the Governor shall seek:

- 2 (A) to achieve racial diversity, reasonable bipartisan
- 3 representation and representation of both urban and rural areas of the State,
- 4 (B) to include persons with experience and expertise in the
- 5 area of election financing and campaign spending,
- 6 (C) to include election officials from various levels of
- 7 government, and
- 8 (D) to include representation of civic organizations active
- 9 in promoting participation in the election process.

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11 SECTION 2. (a) The commission may establish advisory groups to assist
12 the commission in this study.

13 (b) The commission shall conduct at least two (2) public hearings in
14 each congressional district in the state for the purpose of obtaining public
15 comment on this study.

16 (c) The commission shall make quarterly reports to the Joint Interim
17 Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

18 (d) The commission shall complete its findings and proposed legislation
19 by December 1, 1994. Upon completion of its findings and proposed
20 legislation, the commission shall file a copy with the Joint Interim Committee
21 on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and the commission shall make its
22 report to the Eightieth General Assembly. If the commission completes its
23 work prior to any special session of the General Assembly, the commission
24 shall request the Governor to include the proposed legislation in his call.

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26 SECTION 3. The members of the commission shall not be compensated for
27 their services but may receive mileage and per diem at a rate not to exceed
28 the rate for members of the General Assembly while attending joint interim
29 committees.

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31 SECTION 4. The commission shall expire upon the completion of its
32 duties under this act.

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34 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
7 act are declared to be severable.

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9 SECTION 7. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are
10 hereby repealed.

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