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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1728

5 By: Representatives Godfrey, Clowney, A. Collins
6 By: Senators B. Davis, G. Leding
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE;
10 TO ALLOW CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO PAY CHILDCARE EXPENSES; TO
11 AMEND PORTIONS OF INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990 AND
12 INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1996; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-203(f)(2), concerning the
26 contributions, limitations, and use of campaign funds and carryover campaign
27 funds and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1 of 1996,
28 is amended to read as follows:

29 (2) A candidate shall not take any campaign funds as income for
30 his or her spouse or dependent children, except that:

31 (A) This subsection shall not prohibit a candidate who has
32 an opponent from employing his or her spouse or dependent children as
33 campaign workers;

34 (B) The use of campaign funds to pay a candidate's
35 childcare expenses shall not be considered a taking of campaign funds as
36 personal income if the campaign funds are used to pay for childcare for the



1 time the candidate is engaging in campaign activity and the childcare
2 expenses would not exist in the absence of the campaign; and

3 ~~(B)~~(C) Any candidate who has an opponent and who, during
4 the campaign and before the election, takes a leave of absence without pay
5 from his or her primary place of employment shall be authorized to take
6 campaign funds during the campaign and before the election as personal income
7 up to the amount of employment income lost as a result of ~~such~~ the leave of
8 absence.

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10 /s/Godfrey

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