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A Bill

SENATE BILL 427

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE ETHICS LAWS OF THE
10 STATE OF ARKANSAS; AMENDING PORTIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW
11 RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990 AND INITIATED
12 ACT 1 OF 1996; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND AMENDING
17 PORTIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW RESULTING FROM
18 AN INITIATED ACT.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-203(g)(4), concerning the use of
25 campaign funds and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1
26 of 1996, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

27 (D) The use of campaign funds to pay a candidate's own
28 personal expenses for food, lodging, or travel to attend a national
29 presidential nominating convention shall not be considered a taking of
30 campaign funds as personal income.
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-6-207(a)(1)(D), concerning reports of
33 contributions and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1
34 of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

35 (D) No later than thirty (30) days after the end of the
36 month in which the candidate's name has appeared on the ballot in any primary



1 election, runoff election, ~~or~~ general election, or special election, a final
2 report of all contributions received and expenditures made which have not
3 been disclosed on reports previously required to be filed. A final report is
4 required regardless of whether a candidate has received contributions or made
5 expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500); and

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7 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-6-207(b)(1)(A), concerning reports of
8 contributions for candidates for office other than school district, township,
9 municipal, or county office and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and
10 Initiated Act 1 of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

11 (A) The total amount of contributions received with loans
12 stated separately, the total amount of expenditures made during the filing
13 periods, and the cumulative amount of those totals for the entire election
14 cycle;

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16 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-6-208(b)(1)(A), concerning reports of
17 contributions for candidates for school district, township, or municipal
18 office and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1 of
19 1996, is amended to read as follows:

20 (A) The total amount of contributions received with loans
21 stated separately, the total amount of expenditures made during the filing
22 periods, and the cumulative amount of those totals for the entire election
23 cycle;

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25 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 7-6-209(b)(1)(A), concerning reports of
26 contributions for candidates for county office, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 (A) The total amount of contributions received with loans
29 stated separately, the total amount of expenditures made during the filing
30 periods, and the cumulative amount of those totals for the entire election
31 cycle;

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33 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 7-6-223, resulting from Initiated Act 1 of
34 1996, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

35 (c) If a political party received contributions and disbursed money
36 before the calendar quarter in which it met the petition requirements of § 7-

1 7-205, the first quarterly report shall also include all information required
2 by subsection (b) which occurred before the quarter in which the political
3 party met the petition requirements of § 7-7-205.
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5 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 7-9-402(2)(A), concerning the definition of
6 "ballot question committee", is amended to read as follows:

7 (2)(A) "Ballot question committee" means any person, located
8 within or outside Arkansas, that receives contributions for the purpose of
9 expressly advocating the qualification, disqualification, passage, or defeat
10 of any ballot question, or any person, other than a public servant expending
11 public funds, a governmental body expending public funds, or an individual,
12 located within or outside Arkansas, that makes expenditures for the purpose
13 of expressly advocating the qualification, disqualification, passage, or
14 defeat of any ballot question.
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16 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 7-9-402(8)(A), concerning the definition of
17 "legislative question committee", is amended to read as follows:

18 (8)(A) "Legislative question committee" means any person,
19 located within or outside Arkansas, that receives contributions for the
20 purpose of expressly advocating the passage or defeat of any legislative
21 question or any person, other than a public servant expending public funds, a
22 governmental body expending public funds, or an individual, located within or
23 outside Arkansas, that makes expenditures for the purpose of expressly
24 advocating the passage or defeat of any legislative question.
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