

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

A Bill

SENATE BILL 695

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-9-402 TO FURTHER DEFINE
9 THE TERMS _BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE_ AND _LEGISLATIVE
10 QUESTION COMMITTEE_ AS THEY APPLY TO THE ARKANSAS
11 DISCLOSURE ACT FOR PUBLIC INITIATIVES, REFERENDUMS, AND
12 MEASURES REFERRED TO VOTERS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-9-402 TO FURTHER DEFINE THE
17 TERMS _BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE_ AND _LEGISLATIVE
18 QUESTION COMMITTEE_."

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

22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-9-402 (2) is amended to read as follows:

23 "(2) _Ballot question committee_ means any person, other than an
24 individual, *located within or outside Arkansas*, who receives contributions or
25 makes expenditures for the purpose of attempting to influence the
26 qualification, passage, or defeat of any ballot question. Providing further,
27 a person other than an individual, located within or outside Arkansas, also
28 qualifies as a ballot question committee if two percent (2%) or more of its
29 annual revenues, operating expenses or funds are used to make a contribution
30 or contributions to another ballot question committee, and such contribution
31 or contributions exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in value;"

33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 7-9-402 (7) is amended to read as follows:

34 "(7) _Legislative question committee_ means any person, other than an
35 individual, located within or outside Arkansas, who receives contributions or

1 makes expenditures for the purpose of attempting to influence the passage or
2 defeat of any legislative question. Providing further, a person other than an
3 individual, located within or outside Arkansas, also qualifies as a
4 legislative question committee if two percent (2%) or more of its annual
5 revenues, operating expenses or funds are used to make a contribution or
6 contributions to another legislative question committee, and such contribution
7 or contributions exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in value;"

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9 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
10 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
11 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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19 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
20 hereby repealed.

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22 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the
23 Seventy-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the provisions of
24 this act are necessary to guard against persons who may seek to avoid
25 disclosures required by Arkansas Code 7-9-401, et seq. Therefore, in order to
26 provide such safeguards with respect to any statewide public initiative,
27 referendum, or measure referred to voters by the General Assembly, an
28 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the
29 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full
30 force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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/s/Senator Bradford

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