

1 State of Arkansas

2 82nd General Assembly

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 875

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5 By: Senators Gwatney, K. Smith

For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-6-203 PERTAINING TO
10 THE USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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13 "TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-6-203
14 PERTAINING TO THE USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS."

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

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-6-203(i) is amended to read as follows:

20 "(i)(1) A candidate shall not take any campaign funds as personal
21 income. This subdivision (i)(1) shall not apply to campaign funds that were:

22 (A) Accumulated prior to the passage of Initiated Act 1 of
23 1990 or;

24 (B) Disposed of prior to the effective date of this
25 subdivision (i)(1), July 28, 1995.

26 (2) A candidate shall not take any campaign funds as income for
27 his or her spouse or dependent children; except that this subsection (i) shall
28 not prohibit a candidate who has an opponent to employ his or her spouse or
29 dependent children as campaign workers, and except that any candidate who has
30 an opponent and who during the campaign and before the election takes a leave
31 of absence without pay from his primary place of employment shall be
32 authorized to take campaign funds during the campaign and before the election
33 as personal income up to the amount of employment income lost as a result of
34 such leave of absence.

35 (3) A candidate who takes campaign funds during the campaign and
36 before the election under a leave of absence pursuant to the provisions of

1 subdivision (2) of this subsection may elect to treat the campaign funds as a
2 loan from the campaign fund to the candidate to be paid back to the campaign
3 fund by the candidate."
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5 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
6 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
7 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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9 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
10 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
11 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
12 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
13 act are declared to be severable.
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15 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
16 hereby repealed.
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