

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

As Engrossed: S1/24/01

A Bill

SENATE BILL 14

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5 By: Senator DeLay
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC OFFICIALS FROM APPEARING IN
10 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS Aired ON TELEVISION OR
11 RADIO STATIONS FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME PRIOR TO
12 ELECTIONS; TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC OFFICIALS FROM APPEARING
13 IN TELEVISION OR RADIO ADVERTISEMENT PAID BY STATE
14 FUNDS FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME PRIOR TO
15 ELECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

17 TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC OFFICIALS FROM
18 APPEARING IN PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS
19 AND ADVERTISEMENTS PAID BY STATE FUNDS
20 FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME PRIOR TO
21 ELECTIONS.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. (a) In the year for which a constitutional officer or
28 member of the General Assembly is a candidate for election to public office, a
29 constitutional officer and member of the General Assembly shall be prohibited,
30 upon filing a notice of candidacy, from appearing in television or radio
31 announcements or advertisements in which the air time is paid soley or in part
32 by state or federal funds.

33 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (b) (2), in the year for which
34 a constitutional officer or member of the General Assembly is a candidate for
35 election to public office, a constitutional officer and member of the General
36 Assembly shall be prohibited, upon filing a notice of candidacy, from

1 appearing in television or radio announcements or advertisements in which the
2 air time is donated by the station.

3 (2) The provisions of subdivision (b) (1) shall not apply to the
4 appearance of a constitutional officer or member of the General Assembly in
5 television or radio announcements or advertisements:

6 (A) On behalf of any nonprofit organization exempt from taxation
7 under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as it existed on January 1,
8 2001, or any other recognized charitable organization;

9 (B) On behalf of a ballot issue or constitutional initiative; or

10 (C) During a natural disaster emergency.

11 (c) The provisions of this act shall not apply to the appearance of a
12 constitutional officer or member of the General Assembly in official state
13 internet websites.

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15 Section 2. The Arkansas Ethics Commission shall have jurisdiction over
16 the enforcement of this act.

17 /s/ DeLay

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