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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1008

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR TAKING CAMPAIGN  
10 FUNDS AS PERSONAL INCOME; TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF  
11 ARKANSAS LAW RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990  
12 AND INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1996; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 AMEND PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW  
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20 AND INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1996.  
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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 § 7-6-202, concerning penalties, is amended  
26 to read as follows:

27 7-6-202. Penalties.

28 A person who knowingly fails to comply with this subchapter shall upon  
29 conviction be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor unless a different penalty  
30 applies under this subchapter.  
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-6-203(f)(1), concerning use of campaign  
33 contributions and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1  
34 of 1996, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

35 (5) Taking campaign funds as personal income is a:

36 (A) Class B felony if the value of the benefit is twenty-



1 five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more;

2 (B) Class C felony if the value of the benefit is five  
3 thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more but less than twenty-five thousand dollars  
4 (\$25,000);

5 (C) Class D felony if the value of the benefit is five  
6 hundred dollars (\$500) or more but less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000);

7 or

8 (D) Class A misdemeanor if the value of the benefit is  
9 less than five hundred dollars (\$500).

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