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A Bill

SENATE BILL 82

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CAMPAIGN
9 CONTRIBUTIONS; TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR
10 DISTRIBUTION OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS WHEN A
11 CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS AND FILES FOR A DIFFERENT OFFICE;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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19 AND FILES FOR A DIFFERENT OFFICE.
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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 Title 7, Chapter 6, Subchapter 2, is amended
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 7-6-232. Use of campaign funds after a candidate withdraws and files
28 for subsequent office.

29 (a) If a person files as a candidate for a specific office and
30 subsequently withdraws and files as a candidate for a different specific
31 office, all campaign funds collected by the candidate for his or her initial
32 candidacy shall:

33 (1) Be returned to contributors within thirty (30) days
34 following the end of the month in which the candidate has withdrawn from a
35 campaign for a specific office and subsequently filed as a candidate for a
36 different specific office; and



1 (2) Not be used by the candidate for a subsequent campaign for a
2 different specific office.

3 (b)(1) Contributions shall be returned to contributors based on a pro-
4 rata division of the remaining campaign funds.

5 (2) No distribution or return of campaign contributions shall
6 exceed the amount of the original campaign contribution.

7 (c) If a candidate is unable to determine the source of a campaign
8 contribution, the candidate shall turn over the contribution to:

9 (1) The Treasurer of State for the benefit of the General
10 Revenue Fund Account of the State Apportionment Fund;

11 (2) A political party as defined in § 7-1-101 or a political
12 party caucus of the General Assembly, the Senate, or the House of
13 Representatives;

14 (3) A nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under
15 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

16 (4) Cities of the first class, cities of the second class, or
17 incorporated towns.

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