

April 6, 1999

S 767. LOBBYIST WAITING PERIOD. AN ACT TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR WAITING PERIOD BEFORE FORMER LEGISLATORS MAY BECOME LOBBYISTS. As title indicates. Applies to individuals who serve terms beginning on or after Jan. 1, 1999.

Intro. by Miller.

Ref. to Judiciary II

GS 120

April 19, 1999

S 767. LOBBYIST WAITING PERIOD. Intro. 4/6/1999. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Revises proposed GS 120-47.5A to forbid former member of General Assembly to act as lobbyist within one year after former member leaves office (formerly, within one year after expiration of term to which he or she was elected). Makes bill applicable to persons who leave office on or after date when bill becomes law.

July 6, 2000

S 767. LOBBYIST FUND-RAISING. Intro. 4/6/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Completely rewrites bill so it now is entitled "AN ACT TO REVISE THE LIMITATION ON LOBBYIST-RELATED FUND-RAISING TO STRENGTHEN THE ACT AND TO COMPLY WITH A COURT DECISION; AND TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO STUDY AND REPORT ON THE DESIGNATION, OPERATION, AND FUNDING OF MULTIPLE ONE-STOP ABSENTEE VOTING SITES BY COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS AND THE FUNDING OF SUCH SITES." (1) Revises definition of "limited contributee" (that is, those who are limited by the statute in their ability to accept contributions during legislative sessions) in GS 163-278.13B so that it includes members of the General Assembly and the Council of State and candidates for those positions but does not include the committees for those individuals. (2) Further amends that section to make it clear that a "limited contributee" may serve on a board or a committee of an organization that makes a solicitation of a limited contributor (that is, generally speaking, lobbyists, so long as the limited contributee does not directly participate in the solicitation and does not benefit. (3) Directs the State Board of Elections to study the process by which county boards of elections decide whether multiple sites for one-stop absentee voting are to be designated, the criteria for selecting those sites, any technical and management issues concerning the operation of multiple sites, and issues related to funding of the sites, and report to the General Assembly by April 1, 2000.

July 12, 2000

S 767. LOBBYIST FUND-RAISING. Intro. 4/06/99. Conference report recommends the following changes to 3rd edition to reconcile matters in controversy. Deletes provision requiring State Board of Elections to study one-stop absentee voting sites and changes title to *AN ACT TO REVISE THE LIMITATION ON LOBBYIST-RELATED FUNDRAISING TO STRENGTHEN THE ACT AND TO COMPLY WITH A COURT DECISION; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO ADOPT A PLAN DESIGNATING ONE-STOP VOTING SITES IN A COUNTY WHERE THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS WAS UNABLE TO REACH UNANIMITY ON A PLAN AND A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THAT COUNTY BOARD HAS PETITIONED THE STATE BOARD TO ADOPT A PLAN; AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COUNTIES TO OPERATE MULTIPLE ONE-STOP VOTING SITES.* Amends GS 163-227.2(g) to permit a member of a county board of elections to petition the State Board of Elections to adopt a Plan for Implementation that the county board considered but was unable to unanimously approve. If petitioned, the State Board may receive and consider alternative petitions, and may adopt a plan for the county. Appropriates from General Fund to the State Board \$250,000 for 2000-2001 to fund and administer a one-time grant-in-aid program to counties to operate multiple one-stop absentee voting sites. State Board must develop and issue procedures, by July 31, 2000, for processing grant applications. Procedures must include a requirement that counties submit plan outlining how the funds will be used. Grants must be awarded no later than September 15, 2000. Counties must use grants to offset costs associated with implementation of GS 163-227(g) and may not use grants to supplant funds previously budgeted for the county board of elections.

