

March 27, 2003

**H 737. DURHAM SCHOOL RECALL ELECTION. TO AUTHORIZE RECALL ELECTIONS FOR THE DURHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION.** Creates a procedure for removing members of the Durham Board of Education from office. Removal requires an affidavit of a registered voter, followed within 30 days by a recall petition signed by at least 25% of the registered voters in the school administrative unit or administrative unit district, as appropriate. On certification of the petition by the Board of Elections, a recall election is held no less than 50 nor more than 70 days after the petition is certified. On the vote of a majority of those casting votes, the board member is removed from office. Recall petitions are not allowed in the first or last six months of the member's term of office, nor within one year of a prior unsuccessful recall election.

**Intro. by Miller.**

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June 11, 2003

**H 737. DURHAM SCHOOL RECALL ELECTION.** Intro. 3/27/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical changes only.

July 14, 2004

**H 737. CHAPEL HILL CAMPAIGN FINANCE OPTIONS (NEW).** Intro. 3/27/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Replaces existing bill with completely new bill applicable to Chapel Hill only. Enacts new GS 160A-499 authorizing cities with more than 40,000 residents to appropriate funds for a public campaign financing program for city office and requires that the governing body appropriating such funds prepare a report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the program. Enacts new GS 163-278.6(17a), which defines "public campaign financing program." Act expires July 1, 2008.

July 17, 2004

**H 737. CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS.** Intro. 3/27/03. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Amends proposed new GS 163-278.80(3) to exclude from the term "electronic communication" a communication made while the General Assembly is in session which, incidental to advocacy for or against a specific piece of legislation pending before the General Assembly, urges the audience to communicate with a member or members of the General Assembly concerning that piece of legislation, and makes an identical exclusion from the term "electioneering communication" in proposed new GS 163-278.90(3). Further excludes from the term "electioneering communication" in proposed new GS 163-278.90(3) a communication distributed by a corporation solely to its shareholders or employees, or by a labor union or professional association solely to its members.

July 17, 2004

**H 737. CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS (NEW).** Intro. 3/27/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Deletes previous bill and replaces it with act entitled *TO PROVIDE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING AND REGULATION OF ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS, AS APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT; TO ADOPT CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS FOR CORPORATE EXPENDITURES ON MASS MAILINGS AND TELEPHONE BANKS; AND TO REPEAL A DUPLICATIVE REQUIREMENT FOR OUT-OF-STATE CONTRIBUTIONS*. Enacts Art. 22E of GS Ch. 163 regarding electioneering communications. Applies to broadcasts referring to a clearly identified candidate for statewide office or the General Assembly that is made sixty days prior to general or special election and thirty days prior to primaries. Requires entities making a disbursement for direct costs of producing and airing such electioneering communications in excess of \$10,000 to file statement with State Board of Elections. Specifies the contents of these statements, including identification of entity making disbursement, identification of recipient of each disbursement over \$1,000, and the identity of contributors of more than \$1,000. Prohibits direct or indirect electioneering communications by any corporation, insurance company, labor union, or professional association (excepting 501(c)(4) and 527(e)(1) organizations). Makes violation a misdemeanor and provides for mandated disclosures and civil penalties. Enacts Art. 22F of GS Ch. 163 to establish similar program regulating mass mailings and telephone banks related to electioneering communications. Repeals provisions related to out-of-state contributions and makes other conforming amendments. Provisions in act are severable. Effective when becomes law, except criminal penalties effective Oct. 1, 2004.

July 23, 2004

**SL 2004-125 (H 737). CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING AND REGULATION OF ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS, AS**

*APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT; TO ADOPT CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS FOR CORPORATE EXPENDITURES ON MASS MAILINGS AND TELEPHONE BANKS; AND TO REPEAL A DUPLICATIVE REQUIREMENT FOR OUT-OF-STATE CONTRIBUTORS.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 7/17/04. Enacted July 20, 2004. Effective July 20, 2004, except as otherwise provided. Any criminal penalty resulting from this act becomes effective October 1, 2004.