

April 6, 2005

H 1128. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AMENDMENTS. *TO REQUIRE TRAINING FOR ALL CAMPAIGN TREASURERS; TO REQUIRE AN AUDIT TRAIL FOR ANY CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION MADE BY MONEY ORDER; TO ALLOW CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES TO BE MADE BY ANY VERIFIABLE FORM OF PAYMENT; TO SET A THREE-YEAR TIME LIMIT BEFORE ANY UNPAID DEBT IN A CAMPAIGN IS DEEMED TO BE A CONTRIBUTION; TO INCLUDE VACANCY ELECTIONS AND NONPARTISAN RUNOFFS IN THE DEFINITION OF "ELECTION" FOR PURPOSES OF CONTRIBUTION LIMITS; TO CLARIFY THE MEANING OF "QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE VOTES ON THE BALLOT AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE" AS A PRECONDITION FOR CERTIFICATION UNDER THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND; TO CLARIFY WHAT CANDIDATES UNDER THAT FUND MAY RAISE AND SPEND AFTER FILING NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE; TO PROVIDE FOR EARLIER DISTRIBUTION OF THE JUDICIAL VOTER GUIDE; TO LIMIT THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS FOR PAYMENT OF EXPENDITURES IN PUBLICLY FUNDED JUDICIAL CAMPAIGNS; TO APPLY THE SCOPE AND ADVISORY OPINION SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 22A OF CHAPTER 163 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO ARTICLES 22B, 22D, 22E, AND 22F AS WELL; AND TO EXPRESSLY REQUIRE THAT ORGANIZATIONS EXPENDING FOR "ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS" MUST DO SO OUT OF A SEGREGATED ACCOUNT THAT CONTAINS NO MONEY FROM PROHIBITED SOURCES AND TO EXPRESSLY PROVIDE FOR DETAILED REPORTING FROM ANY SUCH ACCOUNT.* Amends various sections of GS Chapter 163 as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2005, and applies to primaries and elections held on or after that date.

Intro. by Moore, Ross.

Ref. to Election Law

GS 163

May 5, 2005

H 1128. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AMENDMENTS. Intro. 4/6/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 163-278.7(e) to provide that a person serving as a political committee treasurer need not attend training conducted by the State Board of Elections if person has previously attended training, and to exempt from training those candidates who serve as the treasurer of their political committee. Also amends GS 163-278.6(6) to provide that although certain uncollected campaign debts may become campaign contributions if they remain uncollected after three years, no civil or criminal liability will be imposed unless it is shown the debtor did not intend to repay the debt and that the resulting contribution was unlawful. Clarifies that act applies to contributions and expenditures made or accepted after effective date of July 1, 2005.

May 18, 2005

H 1128. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AMENDMENTS. Intro. 4/6/05. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends GS 163-278.7(e) to delete reference to "every election" in order to clarify that only a political committee treasurer that has not previously attended training conducted by the State Board of Elections is required to attend training as to the duties of treasurer's office.

May 19, 2005

H 1128. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AMENDMENTS. Intro. 4/6/05. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition, as amended. Deletes amendments to GS 163-278.7(e) and transfers provisions setting forth training requirements for political committee treasurers to new GS 163-278.7(f). Requires that the State Board of Elections give the treasurer the option of receiving the training electronically or in person.

August 12, 2005

H 1128. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AMENDMENTS. Intro. 4/6/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Deletes proposed GS 163-278.7, which required that

a person serving as a political committee treasurer attend training (either in person or through electronic means) as to the duties of that office at least once. Deletes amendments to the following provisions: (1) GS 163-278.6(6), which included a campaign debt that remains uncollected for three years in the definition of "contribution;" (2) GS 163-278.13(d), which included vacancy elections and nonpartisan runoffs in the definition of "election;" and (3) GS 163-278.6(9), which included obligations to pay an expenditure in definition of "expenditure." Amends GS 163-278.6(7) definition of corporation to include all businesses established under either domestic or foreign charter, regardless of whether corporation does business in North Carolina. Changes effective date of act from July 1, 2005, to December 1, 2005.

August 23, 2005

H 1128. CAMPAIGN FINANCE AMENDMENTS. Intro. 4/6/05. Conference report recommends the following changes to 4th edition to reconcile matters in controversy. House committee substitute (as amended 5/19/05) adds new GS 163-278.7(f) to require that every treasurer of a political committee receive training as to that office's duties to require that the State Board of Elections offer training to the treasurer in-person and in an electronic format, and to provide that training requirement was inapplicable to a candidate or a treasurer who had previously received training. Senate committee substitute (4th edition, adopted 8/12/05) deleted training requirement. Conference report reinserts requirement that State Board of Elections provide persons serving as political committee treasurers with training and requires that Board offer free training in-person or through a CD-ROM, DVD, videotape, or other electronic means, but deletes requirement that campaign treasurers actually receive the training offered by the Board.

October 5, 2005

SL 2005-430 (H 1128). CAMPAIGN FINANCE AMENDMENTS. AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN AUDIT TRAIL FOR ANY CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION MADE BY MONEY ORDER; TO ALLOW CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES TO BE MADE BY ANY VERIFIABLE FORM OF PAYMENT; TO CLARIFY THE MEANING OF "QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE VOTES ON THE BALLOT AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE" AS A PRECONDITION FOR CERTIFICATION UNDER THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND; TO CLARIFY WHAT CANDIDATES UNDER THAT FUND MAY RAISE AND SPEND AFTER FILING NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE; TO PROVIDE FOR EARLIER DISTRIBUTION OF THE JUDICIAL VOTER GUIDE; TO APPLY THE SCOPE AND ADVISORY OPINION SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 22A OF CHAPTER 163 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO ARTICLES 22B, 22D, 22E, AND 22F AS WELL; TO EXPRESSLY REQUIRE THAT ORGANIZATIONS EXPENDING FOR "ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS" MUST DO SO OUT OF A SEGREGATED ACCOUNT THAT CONTAINS NO MONEY FROM PROHIBITED SOURCES AND TO EXPRESSLY PROVIDE FOR DETAILED REPORTING FROM ANY SUCH ACCOUNT; TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF "CORPORATION"; AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR TREASURERS OF POLITICAL COMMITTEES. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/6/05, 5/5/05, 5/18/05, 5/19/05, 8/12/05, and 8/23/05. Enacted September 22, 2005. Effective December 1, 2005.