

May 9, 2006

**H 1847. TREASURER TRAINING.** Filed 5/9/06. *TO STRENGTHEN POLITICAL COMMITTEE TREASURER TRAINING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND GOVERNMENTAL REFORM.* GS 163-278.7(f) currently requires that the State Board of Elections provide in person and electronic training for political committee treasurers concerning their duties, but does not require that treasurers attend that training. Act amends section to require that each treasurer participate in training provided by the Board within three months of the treasurer's appointment and every four years thereafter. Effective July 1, 2006.  
**Intro. by Hackney, Howard, Ross.** GS 163

May 24, 2006

**H 1847. TREASURER TRAINING.** Filed 5/9/06. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds amendment to GS 163-278.7 (dealing with appointment of treasurers for political campaign organizations) to specify that assistant treasurers may act in the name of a candidate, political committee, or referendum committee. Modifies proposal to amend GS 163-278.7(f) to allow assistant treasurer to participate in the training mandated by this bill. Amends GS 163-278.9 (dealing with reports required by treasurers) to require all reports to be completed by a person who has completed the mandatory training. Effective October 1, 2006.

July 6, 2006

**H 1847. ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS (NEW).** Filed 5/9/06. Senate committee substitute replaces the 2nd edition with a new *ACT TO STRENGTHEN REGULATION OF ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA*. Sections 1(a) and 1(b) amend GS 163-278.80 and 163-278.90 to provide that the disclosure date is triggered by the expense being incurred, rather than the payment for the costs being made by the entity producing the electioneering communication. Section 1(b) amends GS 163-278.90 to change the definition of "mass mailing" to no longer require that it be made by a commercial vendor and change the way the regulations apply to mass mailings and telephone banks so that items are regulated if they refer to candidates in the same race during a 30-day period that falls within the window of electioneering communication. Section 1(b) also drops the mail-phone bank "targeted to the relevant electorate" threshold for legislative races from 5,000 to 2,500. Sections 2(a) and 2(b) amend GS 163-278.81 and 163-278.91 to require reporting the donor's principal occupation. Sections 3(a) and 3(b) amend GS 163-278.82 and 163-278.92 to (1) clarify that in-kind contributions are subject to the provisions on prohibited sources (also in Sections 2(a) and 2 (b)); (2) provide that, even if they have taken a payment from a prohibited source, any individual, committee, association, or other organization or group of individuals can produce an electioneering communication by segregating the funds to prove that the electioneering communication was produced with only the allowable source's contributions; and (3) prevent the proliferation of 527 organizations aimed at avoiding or evading prohibited source or disclosure requirements.

July 7, 2006

**H 1847. ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS.** Filed 5/9/06. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends GS 163-278.81(a) and GS 163-278.91(a) to require that a statement describing electioneering communications be filed by an individual or entity that incurs an expense for the costs of producing or airing (was, producing and airing) electioneering communications in excess of \$10,000 per calendar year. Makes same change to GS 163-278.82(a). Also amends GS 163-278.92(a) to prohibit disbursements for the costs of producing or transmitting (was, airing) electioneering communications.

August 4, 2006

**SL 2006-182 (H 1847). ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS. AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN REGULATION OF ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 7/6/06 and 7/7/06. Enacted August 1, 2006. Effective

August 1, 2006, except that any criminal penalty resulting from this act is effective October 1, 2006.