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**H 1145. "COORDINATION" DEFINED FOR CAMPAIGN LAW.** Filed 4/7/09. *TO DEFINE "COORDINATION" FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING WHETHER AN IN-KIND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION HAS OCCURRED.*

Amends GS 163-278.6 to define *coordination* as, with respect to a disbursement or expenditure, the act of making in consultation with, at the request of, or at suggestion of a candidate, candidate's committee, or any agent of the candidate or candidate committee. Provides that coordination may be proven to have occurred through evidence (1) that a candidate, candidate's committee, or agent of the committee was involved in discussions with the person or entity making the disbursement or expenditure regarding content, intended audience, means or mode of communication, specific media outlets, timing, frequency, size, prominence, or duration of the communications funded by the disbursement or expenditure or the candidate's needs or plans or (2) that the person or entity making the disbursement or expenditure utilized a vendor that was also used by a candidate or candidate's committee in the development of the person's communications strategy, and that such vendor used knowledge or information derived from its work for the candidate in the provision of services in connection with the disbursement or expenditure. Makes conforming changes in GS 163-278.6(9a) to the definition of *independently expend* or *independent expenditure*. Effective for contributions made or accepted on or after January 1, 2010.

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