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H 1204. CAMPAIGN FINANCE DEFINITIONS. Filed 4/7/09. *TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION" AND "CANDIDATE-SPECIFIC COMMUNICATION" TO CLARIFY WHAT IS SUSCEPTIBLE OF NO REASONABLE INTERPRETATION OTHER THAN AS AN APPEAL TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST A SPECIFIC CANDIDATE.*

Amends GS 163-278.80(2), GS 163-278.90(2), GS 163-278.100(1), and GS 163-278.110(1) to specify that the terms *electioneering communication* and *candidate-specific communication* include communications that refer to a clearly identified candidate for a statewide office of the General Assembly and are susceptible of no reasonable interpretation other than as an appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate and provide criteria for making this determination.

Amends GS 163-278.80(3), GS 163-278.90(3), GS 163-278.100(2), and GS 163-278.110(1) to specify that the terms *electioneering communication* and *candidate-specific communication* do not include 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 the legislation, but only if the communication does not mention an election, candidacy, political party, or challenger and does not take a position on a candidate's character, qualifications, or fitness for office.

Intro. by Harrison.

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