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S 336. MATCHING FUNDS REPEAL. Filed 2/25/09. *TO REMOVE THE MATCHING FUNDS PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN ACT AND THE VOTER-OWNED ELECTION ACT, CONSISTENT WITH THE DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES IN DAVIS V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING AND RELATED CHANGES.*

Amends Article 22D of GS Chapter 163 (The North Carolina Public Campaign Fund) as follows. Repeals GS 163-278.62(18) (definition of *trigger for matching funds*), GS 163-278.66 (reporting requirements for noncertified candidates and other entities and participating and certified candidates), and GS 163-278.67 (provision which allows matching funds to be made available to a certified candidate when any report or group of reports shows that "funds in opposition to a certified candidate or in support of an opponent to that candidate" exceed the trigger for matching funds). Makes conforming changes to GS 163-278.64(d)(2) (restrictions on contributions and expenditures for participating and certified candidates), GS 163-278.64A (Special participation provisions for candidates in vacancy elections), GS 163-278.65(b)(2) (distributions from the Fund in contested primaries), and GS 163-278.68(d) (State Board of Elections to adopt rules and issue opinions).

Amends Article 22J of GS Chapter 163 (The Voter-Owned Elections Act) as follows. Repeals GS 163-278.96(17) (definition of *trigger for matching funds*), GS 163-278.99A (reporting requirements for noncertified candidates and other entities and participating and certified candidates), and GS 163-278.99B (provision which allows matching funds to be made available to a certified candidate when any report or group of reports shows that "funds in opposition to a certified candidate or in support of an opponent to that candidate" exceed the trigger for matching funds). Makes conforming changes to GS 163-278.99(b)(2) (distributions from the Fund in contested primaries) and GS 163-278.98(e) (restrictions on contributions and expenditures for participating and certified candidates).

Repeals GS 163-278.13(e4) (limitations on contributions related to The Voter-Owned Elections Act).

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