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SENATE DRS75162-TH-3A\* (03/08)

Short Title: Matching Funds Repeal.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Brunstetter (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE MATCHING FUNDS PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC  
3 CAMPAIGN ACT AND THE VOTER-OWNED ELECTION ACT AND TO MAKE  
4 CONFORMING AND RELATED CHANGES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-278.62(18) is repealed.

7 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 163-278.66(a) is repealed.

8 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 163-278.67 is repealed.

9 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 163-278.64(d)(2) reads as rewritten:

10 "(2) From the filing of a declaration of intent through the end of the qualifying  
11 period, a candidate may accept only qualifying contributions, contributions  
12 under ten dollars (\$10.00) from North Carolina voters, and personal and  
13 family contributions permitted under subdivision (4) of this subsection. The  
14 total contributions the candidate may accept during this period shall not  
15 exceed the maximum qualifying contributions for that candidate. In addition  
16 to these contributions, the candidate may only expend during this period the  
17 remaining money raised pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and  
18 possible matching funds received pursuant to G.S. 163-278.67 subsection.  
19 Except for personal and family contributions permitted under subdivision (4)  
20 of this subsection, multiple contributions from the same contributor to the  
21 same candidate shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

22 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 163-278.64(d)(3) reads as rewritten:

23 "(3) After the qualifying period and through the date of the general election, the  
24 candidate shall expend only the funds the candidate receives from the Fund  
25 pursuant to G.S. 163-278.65(b)(4) plus any funds remaining from the  
26 qualifying period and possible matching funds period."

27 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 163-278.64A(a) reads as rewritten:

28 "(a) Participation Provisions Modified. – Candidates involved in elections described in  
29 G.S. 163-329 may participate in the Fund subject to the provisions of G.S. 163-278.64 as  
30 modified by this section. The Board shall adapt other provisions of this Article, including  
31 G.S. 163-278.67, Article to those elections."

32 **SECTION 7.** G.S. 163-278.65(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

33 "(2) Contested primaries. – No funds shall be distributed except as provided in  
34 G.S. 163-278.67 distributed."

35 **SECTION 8.** G.S. 163-278.96(17) is repealed.

36 **SECTION 9.** G.S. 163-278.99A(a) is repealed.



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1           **SECTION 10.** G.S. 163-278.99B is repealed.

2           **SECTION 11.** G.S. 163-278.98(e)(2) reads as rewritten:

3           "(2) From the filing of a declaration of intent through the end of the qualifying  
4           period, a candidate may accept only qualifying contributions, contributions  
5           under ten dollars (\$10.00) from North Carolina voters, in-kind party  
6           contributions as permitted in subdivision (4) of this subsection, and personal  
7           and family contributions permitted under subdivision (4a) of this subsection.  
8           The total contributions the candidate may accept during this period shall not  
9           exceed the maximum qualifying contributions for that candidate. In addition  
10          to these contributions, the candidate may only expend during this period the  
11          remaining money raised pursuant to subdivision (1) of this ~~subsection and~~  
12          ~~possible matching funds received pursuant to G.S. 163-278.99B subsection.~~  
13          If the candidate has any remaining money that was raised as contributions  
14          before August 1 of the year before the election, the candidate may not  
15          expend that money after filing the declaration of intent, except for purposes  
16          permitted under subdivision (2), (3), (6), (7), or (8) of G.S. 163-278.16B(a)."

17          **SECTION 12.** G.S. 163-278.98(e)(3) reads as rewritten:

18          "(3) After the qualifying period and through the date of the general election, the  
19          candidate shall cease campaign-related fund-raising activities and shall  
20          expend only the funds the candidate receives from the Fund pursuant to  
21          G.S. 163-278.99(b) plus any funds remaining from the qualifying ~~period and~~  
22          ~~possible matching funds period.~~"

23          **SECTION 13.** G.S. 163-278.99(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

24          "(2) Contested primaries. – No funds shall be ~~distributed except as provided in~~  
25          ~~G.S. 163-278.99B distributed.~~"

26          **SECTION 14.** G.S. 163-278.13(e4) is repealed.

27          **SECTION 15.** This act is effective when it becomes law.