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Short Title: Increase Threshold/Cash Campaign Contribution. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cleveland.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD FOR CASH CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS  
3 FROM FIFTY DOLLARS TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-278.11(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) Threshold for Reporting Identity of Contributor. – A treasurer shall not be required  
7 to report the name, address, or principal occupation of any individual who contributes ~~fifty dollars~~  
8 ~~(\$50.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or less to the treasurer's committee during an election as  
9 defined in G.S. 163-278.13. The State Board of Elections shall provide on its reporting forms for  
10 the reporting of contributions below that threshold. On those reporting forms, the State Board  
11 may require date and amount of contributions below the threshold, but may treat differently for  
12 reporting purposes contributions below the threshold that are made in different modes and in  
13 different settings."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 163-278.14 reads as rewritten:

15 "**§ 163-278.14. No contributions in names of others; no anonymous contributions;**  
16 **contributions in excess of ~~fifty one hundred dollars~~; no contribution without**  
17 **specific designation of contributor.**

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19 (b) No entity shall make, and no candidate, committee or treasurer shall accept, any  
20 monetary contribution in excess of ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100.00) unless  
21 such contribution is in the form of a check, draft, money order, credit card charge, debit, or other  
22 noncash method that can be subject to written verification. No contribution in the form of check,  
23 draft, money order, credit card charge, debits, or other noncash method may be made or accepted  
24 unless it contains a specific designation of the intended contributee chosen by the contributor.  
25 The State Board may prescribe guidelines as to the reporting and verification of any method of  
26 contribution payment allowed under this Article. For contributions by money order, the State  
27 Board of Elections shall prescribe methods to ensure an audit trail for every contribution so that  
28 the identity of the contributor can be determined. For a contribution made by credit card, the  
29 credit card account number of a contributor is not a public record.

30 ...."

31 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to political  
32 campaign contributions received on or after that date.

