

Session 122 - (2017-2018)

H 3514 General Bill, By Norrell and Clary

Summary: Candidates and elected officials

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1301 SO AS TO ENUMERATE FACTORS THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED TO DETERMINE WHETHER A CERTAIN COMMITTEE HAS THE MAJOR PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING ONE OR MORE CANDIDATES OR THE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE BALLOT MEASURES; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1311 SO AS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEES; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1313 SO AS TO REQUIRE A PERSON WHO IS NOT A COMMITTEE AND WHO MAKES AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OR VALUE IN EXCESS OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DURING A CALENDAR YEAR OR MAKES AN ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION TO FILE A REPORT OF THAT EXPENDITURE OR COMMUNICATION WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1315 SO AS TO PROHIBIT DIRECT OR INDIRECT COORDINATION BETWEEN AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AND AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "COMMITTEE", "CONTRIBUTION", "INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE", "NONCANDIDATE COMMITTEE", "INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF AN ELECTIVE OFFICE", "BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE", AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR THE TERMS "ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION", AND "INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1312, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNTS, SO AS TO RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF CAMPAIGN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS THAT A CANDIDATE OR A COMMITTEE MAY ESTABLISH AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1322, RELATING TO DOLLAR LIMITS ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMITTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS DO NOT APPLY TO INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEES REGISTERED WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.

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