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COMMITTEE REPORT

May 5, 2010

**H. 3706**

Introduced by Reps. Weeks and Harrison

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Read the first time April 28, 2009.

**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3706) to amend Section 8‑13‑1348, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the use of campaign funds for personal expenses, so as to authorize, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1, lines 22-34 on page 1 and inserting:

/ SECTION 1. Section 8‑13‑1348(C) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 248 of 1991, is amended to read:

“(C)(1) An expenditure of more than twenty‑five dollars drawn upon a campaign account must be made by:

(a) ~~by~~a written instrument ~~drawn upon the campaign account containing the name of the candidate or committee~~; ~~and the name of the recipient~~

(b) debit card; or

(c) online transfers.

The campaign account must contain the name of the candidate or committee, and the expenditure must contain the name of the recipient. These expenditures must be reported pursuant to the provisions of Section 8‑13‑1308.

(2) Expenditures of twenty‑five dollars or less that are not made by a written instrument, debit card, or online transfer containing the name of the candidate or committee and the name of the recipient must be accounted for by a written receipt or written record.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

JOHN M. KNOTTS, JR. for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The State Ethics Commission estimates this bill will have no fiscal impact on the state general fund or on federal and/or other funds.

*Approved By:*

Harry Bell

Office of State Budget

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑1348, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A DEBIT CARD DRAWN UPON THE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT MAY BE USED ON EXPENDITURES MORE THAN TWENTY‑FIVE DOLLARS IN ADDITION TO A WRITTEN INSTRUMENT.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 8‑13‑1348(C) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 248 of 1991, is amended to read:

“(C) An expenditure of more than twenty‑five dollars must be made by a written instrument drawn upon the campaign account containing the name of the candidate or committee and the name of the recipient or by debit card drawn upon the campaign account provided that an expenditure by debit card be reported pursuant to the provisions of Section 8‑13‑1308. Expenditures of twenty‑five dollars or less that are not made by a written instrument containing the name of the candidate or committee and the name of the recipient must be accounted for by a written receipt or written record.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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