

SENATE BILL 1915

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,  
Chapter 10, relative to campaign finance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-102(12)(C), is amended by adding the language "corporation," after the language "club,".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-114(d)(1), is amended by deleting the language "listed in subdivisions (a)(2)-(6)" and substituting instead the language "listed in subdivisions (a)(2)-(6) and (a)(8)."

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-131, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-302, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(d)

(1) Each contribution limit established in subsection (a), (b) or (c) shall be adjusted to reflect the percentage of change in the average consumer price index (all items-city average), as published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, for the period of January 1, 1996, through December 31, 2010. Each such adjustment shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars (\$100). The registry of election finance shall publish each such adjusted amount on its web site.

(2) On January 1, 2013, and every two (2) years thereafter, each contribution limit established in subsection (a), (b) or (c), as adjusted pursuant to subdivision (d)(1), shall be further adjusted to reflect the percentage of change in

the average consumer price index (all items-city average), as published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, for the two-year period immediately preceding. Each such adjustment under this subdivision (d)(2) shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars (\$100). The registry of election finance shall publish each such adjusted amount on its web site.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-306, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(c)

(1) Each contribution limit established in subsection (a) shall be adjusted to reflect the percentage of change in the average consumer price index (all items-city average), as published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, for the period of January 1, 1996, through December 31, 2010. Each such adjustment shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars (\$100). The registry of election finance shall publish each such adjusted amount on its web site.

(2) On January 1, 2013, and every two (2) years thereafter, each contribution limit established in subsection (a), as adjusted pursuant to subdivision (c)(1), shall be further adjusted to reflect the percentage of change in the average consumer price index (all items-city average), as published by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, for the two-year period immediately preceding. Each such adjustment under this subdivision (C)(1) shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars (\$100). The registry of election finance shall publish each such adjusted amount on its web site.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-312, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-310(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting instead the following language:

(2) During the period described in subdivision (a)(1), a member of the general assembly or the governor who is a candidate for any public office other than the office such person currently occupies shall be permitted to conduct fundraising events and solicit or accept contributions for the campaign for such other public office only under the following conditions:

(A) The fundraising events shall not be held, nor contributions be solicited nor accepted, on state property;

(B) The candidate shall not be permitted to solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any actual or in-kind contribution during such period from a lobbyist, employer of a lobbyist, or multicandidate political campaign committee controlled by an employer of a lobbyist;

(C) Solicitations and acceptance of contributions for such purposes may only be made from a "person" as the term is defined in § 2-10-102; and

(D) A member of the general assembly shall not be permitted to solicit or accept contributions during such period for a campaign for public office involving either house in the general assembly.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-310(a)(3), is amended by adding the language "involving a local public office" after the language "in accordance with subdivision (a)(2)."

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.