

January 25, 2001

**S 8. SOFT MONEY CONTROL.** *TO CONTROL THE FLOW OF NATIONAL PARTY POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS INTO NORTH CAROLINA.* Amends GS 163-278.13(e) to delete the exemption of national political parties from the limits on campaign contributions.

**Intro. by Gulley.**

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April 24, 2001

**S 8. RESTRICT NATIONAL SOFT MONEY.** Intro. 1/25/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Completely rewrites bill so it is now *AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE FLOW OF NATIONAL PARTY POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS INTO NORTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGNS.* Current GS 163-278.13(e) provides that limitations on contributions to candidates and to political committees do not apply to national, state, district, or county executive committees of political parties. This bill amends that statute to provide that that exception applies only to political parties organized in North Carolina and to prohibit all contributions by other political parties, except that the bill amends GS 163-278.7A to permit contributions by the political committees of national political parties if (1) the national party committee is subject to contribution limitations under the Federal Election Campaign Act and (2) the committee is permitted to make direct contributions to candidates for federal office. In addition, a national political party could make contributions directly to the state executive committee of a political party if (1) the contribution is drawn from a separate segregated account into which no contributions have been commingled which would violate North Carolina state law provisions banning contributions by corporations, business entities, insurance companies, professional associations, or labor unions, (2) the state party segregates the funds, and (3) the state party spends the funds only for noncandidate party activities. Directs the State Board of Elections to make rules to enforce this act. Prohibits independent expenditures from a nonfederal committee, account, or unit of a national political party.

April 25, 2001

**S 8. RESTRICT NATIONAL SOFT MONEY.** Intro. 1/25/01. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Deletes all amendments to GS 163-278.7A (gifts from federal political committees).