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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1595

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION OF
9 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES; TO AMEND CAMPAIGN
10 FINANCE LAW; TO AMEND PORTIONS OF INITIATED ACT 1 OF
11 1990 AND INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1996; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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20 INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1996.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-215(a)(1)(B), concerning registration
26 and reporting by approved political action committees, and resulting from
27 Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1 from 1996, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 (B) Registration for a political action committee shall be
30 ~~annually renewed by January 15,~~ active unless the political action committee
31 has requested a termination of its registration ~~ceased to exist.~~
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-6-215(d)(6), concerning registration and
34 reporting by approved political action committees, and resulting from
35 Initiated Act 1 of 1990 and Initiated Act 1 from 1996, is amended to read as
36 follows:



1 (6)(A) A political action committee shall indicate on its
2 quarterly report for the fourth quarter of each calendar year whether or not
3 it intends to ~~renew~~ terminate its registration for the next calendar year.

4 (B)~~(i)~~ If a quarterly report for the fourth quarter is
5 filed in paper form, the form utilized by the Secretary of State for filing
6 shall require the political action committee to indicate whether or not it
7 intends to ~~renew~~ terminate its registration for the next calendar year.

8 ~~(ii) A political action committee indicating that it~~
9 ~~will renew its registration for the next calendar year shall submit its~~
10 ~~registration form for the next calendar year at the same time as the~~
11 ~~quarterly report for the fourth quarter.~~

12 ~~(iii) The Secretary of State shall not accept a~~
13 ~~quarterly report for the fourth quarter if:~~

14 ~~(a) The political action committee indicates~~
15 ~~that it intends to renew its registration for the next calendar year; and~~

16 ~~(b) The registration form for the next~~
17 ~~calendar year is not submitted at the same time as the quarterly report for~~
18 ~~the fourth quarter.~~

19 (C) If the Secretary of State offers electronic filing of
20 political action committee reports, the format used by the Secretary of State
21 for the filing of political action committee reports in electronic form shall
22 require a political action committee indicating that it intends to ~~renew~~
23 terminate its registration for the next calendar year to ~~renew~~ terminate its
24 registration for the next calendar year before submitting its quarterly
25 *report for the fourth quarter.*

26 (D) If a political action committee does not file any
27 quarterly reports for a period of two (2) years, the Secretary of State shall
28 terminate the political action committee's registration due to inactivity.

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30 /s/Ray

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33 **APPROVED: 4/11/23**