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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 259

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING APPROVED POLITICAL  
9 ACTION COMMITTEES; TO PREVENT A PERSON HOLDING A  
10 CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE FROM FORMING MORE THAN ONE (1)  
11 APPROVED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING APPROVED  
16 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES; AND TO  
17 PREVENT A PERSON HOLDING A CONSTITUTIONAL  
18 OFFICE FROM FORMING MORE THAN ONE (1)  
19 APPROVED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE.  
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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, concerning registration and  
26 reporting by approved political action committees, is amended to add  
27 additional subsections to read as follows:

28 (e)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2) of this section, a  
29 person elected or appointed to a constitutional office shall not:

30 (A) Form more than one (1) political action committee;

31 (B) Register more than one (1) political action committee;

32 (C) Hold office on more than one (1) political action  
33 committee; or

34 (D) Act as the resident agent for more than one (1)  
35 political action committee.

36 (2) If the person elected or appointed to a constitutional



1 office forms, registers, holds office on, or is a resident agent for a  
2 political action committee formed by a legislative caucus committee, the  
3 person elected or appointed to the constitutional office may form, register,  
4 hold office on, or act as the resident agent for one (1) additional political  
5 action committee.

6 (f) As used in this section, "constitutional office" means:

- 7 (1) Governor;
- 8 (2) Lieutenant Governor;
- 9 (3) Secretary of State;
- 10 (4) Treasurer of State;
- 11 (5) Auditor of State;
- 12 (6) Attorney General;
- 13 (7) Commissioner of State Lands;
- 14 (8) Member of the General Assembly;
- 15 (9) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
- 16 (10) Justice of the Supreme Court;
- 17 (11) Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals;
- 18 (12) Judge of the Court of Appeals;
- 19 (13) Circuit court judge;
- 20 (14) District court judge;
- 21 (15) Prosecuting attorney; and
- 22 (16) Member of the independent citizens commission for the

23 purpose of setting salaries of elected constitutional officers of the  
24 executive department, members of the General Assembly, justices, and judges  
25 under Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 31.

26 (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit a person  
27 elected or appointed to a constitutional office from forming, registering,  
28 holding office in, or being a resident agent for a legislative caucus  
29 committee.

31 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. If on the effective date of this act a  
32 person elected or appointed to a constitutional office has registered, holds  
33 office on, or acts as the resident agent for more political action committees  
34 than are allowed under this act, the person shall before the end of the  
35 reporting period in which this act becomes effective comply with this act by:

- 36 (1) Dissolving the excess political action committees;

1                   (2) Resigning from his or her office on the excess political  
2 action committees; or

3                   (3) Resigning from his or her position as resident agent for the  
4 excess political action committees.

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