

1 **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO LEGISLATORS DURING**
2 **SESSION**

3 2011 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Keith Grover**

6 Senate Sponsor: _____

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies the Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act by amending provisions
11 for accepting a campaign contribution when the Legislature is in session.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ allows a person to make a campaign contribution during a general session, veto
15 override session, or special session of the Legislature to a legislator who is a
16 candidate for federal elective office;

17 ▶ requires the candidate to ensure that the campaign contribution is placed in a
18 separate account with a financial institution and is designated for the candidate's
19 campaign account for federal office; and

20 ▶ makes technical changes.

21 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

22 None

23 **Other Special Clauses:**

24 None

25 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

26 AMENDS:

27 **36-11-305**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 286



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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **36-11-305** is amended to read:

36-11-305. Campaign contribution during session prohibited -- Exceptions for a federal office candidate.

(1) (a) ~~[It is unlawful for]~~ Except as provided under Subsection (1)(b), a person, lobbyist, principal, or political committee ~~[to]~~ may not make a campaign contribution or contract, promise, or agree to make a campaign contribution to a legislator or a legislator's personal campaign committee, or a political action committee controlled by a legislator during the time the Legislature is convened in annual general or veto override session, or in a special session convened before July 1 of a general election year.

(b) (i) A person may make a campaign contribution or contract, promise, or agreement to make a campaign contribution to:

(A) a legislator who has publicly announced the legislator's intention to seek nomination or election to a federal elective office; or

(B) a campaign committee or a political action committee controlled by a legislator described in this Subsection (1)(b).

(ii) The legislator shall ensure that the campaign contribution is deposited in an account that is:

(A) separate from the account required by Subsection 20A-11-301(1)(a); and

(B) designated as the legislator's campaign account for federal office.

(2) ~~[It is unlawful for a]~~ A person, lobbyist, principal, or political committee ~~[to]~~ may not make a campaign contribution, or contract, promise, or agree to make a campaign contribution, to the governor, the governor's personal campaign committee, or a political action committee controlled by the governor during the time the Legislature is convened in annual general or veto override session, during a special session convened before July 1 of a general election year, or during the time period established by the Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, for the governor to approve or veto bills passed by the Legislature in the annual general session.

(3) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

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