

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 208

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOS: Changes the definition of political committee

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1483(14)(a)(i) and (ii), relative to campaign finance
3 disclosure; to provide relative to definitions; to change the definition of political
4 committee; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1483(14)(a)(i) and (ii) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §1483. Definitions

9 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings herein
10 given to each unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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12 (14)(a)(i) "Political committee" or "committee" means two or more persons,
13 other than a husband and wife, and any ~~corporation~~ legal entity organized for the
14 primary purpose of supporting or opposing one or more candidates, propositions,
15 recalls of a public officer, or political parties, which accepts contributions in the
16 name of the committee, or makes expenditures from committee funds or in the name
17 of the committee, or makes a transfer of funds to or receives a transfer of funds from
18 another committee, or receives or makes loans in an aggregate amount in excess of
19 five hundred dollars within any calendar year.

1 (ii) "Political committee" or "committee" shall also include two or more
 2 persons, other than a husband or wife, and any ~~corporation~~ legal entity which
 3 supports or opposes one or more candidates, propositions, recalls of a public officer,
 4 or political parties, and which accepts direct payments for personal services related
 5 to an election or a campaign in the name of the committee in an aggregate amount
 6 in excess of five hundred dollars within any calendar year. Except that an entity that
 7 (aa) holds a license or permit duly issued by the appropriate governmental entity to
 8 provide the personal services provided, regularly does business in the area, and
 9 regularly has done business in the area for at least ninety days prior to the date the
 10 personal services are provided and (bb) the personal services provided are the same
 11 as the personal services regularly provided by the business in the normal and usual
 12 scope of its usual business activities shall not constitute a "political committee" for
 13 purposes of the requirements of R.S. 18:1491.1 through 1491.8 which would require
 14 such an entity to keep records and submit reports.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes "corporation" to "legal entity" in the definition of political committee for purposes of campaign finance disclosure.

Present law defines "political committee" or "committee" as two or more persons, other than a husband and wife, and any *corporation* organized for the primary purpose of supporting or opposing one or more candidates, propositions, recalls of a public officer, or political parties, which accepts contributions in the name of the committee, or makes expenditures from committee funds or in the name of the committee, or makes a transfer of funds to or receives a transfer of funds from another committee, or receives or makes loans in an aggregate amount in excess of \$500 within any calendar year. Further provides that those terms include two or more persons, other than a husband or wife, and any *corporation* which supports or opposes one or more candidates, propositions, recalls of a public officer, or political parties, and which accepts direct payments for personal services related to an election or a campaign in the name of the committee in an aggregate amount in excess of \$500 within any calendar year.

Proposed law changes "corporation" to "legal entity" in the definition of "political committee" or "committee" and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:1483(14)(a)(i) and (ii))