

Senate Bill 137

By: Senators Price of the 56th, Johnson of the 1st, Perdue of the 18th, Gingrey of the 37th, Paul of the 40th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to campaign contributions, so as to prohibit solicitation of campaign contributions or pledges of contributions during legislative sessions by members of the General Assembly, public officers elected state wide, or campaign committees of such members of the General Assembly or public officers; to provide for exceptions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to campaign contributions, is amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 21-5-35, relating to acceptance of contributions during legislative sessions, and inserting in its place the following:

"21-5-35.

(a) No member of the General Assembly or that member's campaign committee or public officer elected state wide or campaign committee of such public officer shall accept a contribution during a legislative session.

(b) No member of the General Assembly or that member's campaign committee or public officer elected state wide or campaign committee of such public officer shall solicit a contribution or pledge of a contribution during a legislative session.

~~(b)(c) Subsections~~ Subsection (a) and (b) of this Code section shall not apply to:

(1) The receipt of a contribution which is returned with reasonable promptness to the donor or the donor's agent;

(2) The receipt and acceptance during a legislative session of a contribution consisting of proceeds from a dinner, luncheon, rally, or similar fundraising event held prior to the legislative session; or

(3) A judicial officer elected state wide or campaign committee of such judicial officer."

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- SECTION 2.
- All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.