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**ADOPTED**

2 Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Hooks of the 14th offered the following  
3 amendment:

4 Amend the Senate Ethics Committee substitute to SB 517 by inserting after the ";" on line  
5 24 of page 1 the following:

6 "to provide for actions for slander and libel and the commission's authority over such  
7 activity;".

8 By inserting between lines 4 and 5 of page 38 a new section to read as follows:

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**"SECTION 20.5.**

10 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to the end of the chapter to read as  
11 follows:

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**'ARTICLE 5**

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21-5-90.

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(a) A candidate is liable for any slander or libel, as defined and provided for in Chapter 5  
15 of Title 51, committed by a campaign committee that is controlled by that candidate if the  
16 candidate willfully and knowingly directs or permits the libel or slander.

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(b) In addition to the action provided for in this Code section, the commission may issue  
18 an order after appropriate proceedings as provided for by this chapter, requiring the  
19 candidate whose committee committed the libel or slander to be fined as set forth in  
20 subparagraph (b)(14)(C) of Code Section 21-5-6 and may also make public its conclusion  
21 as provided in paragraph (15) of subsection (b) of Code Section 21-5-6."