

Senate Bill 118

By: Senators Golden of the 8th and Meyer von Bremen of the 12th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-5-31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 contributions or expenditures other than through candidate or committee, so as to require any
3 person who makes expenditures on behalf of candidates to disclose the names of the
4 candidates for whom expenditures are made; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 21-5-31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contributions
9 or expenditures other than through candidate or committee, is amended by striking the Code
10 section and inserting in lieu thereof a new Code Section 21-5-31 to read as follows:

11 "21-5-31.

12 (a) Any person who:

13 (1) accepts ~~Accepts~~ contributions for; a candidate or candidates;

14 (2) makes ~~Makes~~ contributions to; a candidate or candidates; or

15 (3) makes ~~Makes~~ expenditures on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate or candidates

16 is subject to the same disclosure requirements of this chapter as a candidate, ~~except that,~~

17 However, contributions from individuals made directly to a candidate or his or her

18 campaign committee do not require separate reporting, ~~except that~~ and contributions from

19 persons as defined in paragraph (14) of Code Section 21-5-3 which do not exceed \$500.00

20 in the aggregate or which are made to only one candidate, regardless of the amount, do not

21 require separate reporting, ~~and except that~~ Copies of campaign contribution

22 disclosure reports do not have to be filed with local election superintendents as required of

23 candidates for membership in the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph (1) of

24 subsection (a) of Code Section 21-5-34.

25 (b) When a contribution consists of the proceeds of a loan, advance, or other extension of

26 credit, the campaign contribution disclosure report shall also contain the name of the

27 lending institution or party making the advance or extension of credit and the names,

1 mailing addresses, occupations, and places of employment of all persons having any
2 liability for repayment of the loan, advance, or extension of credit; and, if any such persons
3 shall have a fiduciary relationship to the lending institution or party making the advance
4 or extension of credit, the report shall specify such relationship.

5 (c) When a person, as defined in paragraph (14) of Code Section 21-5-3, makes an
6 expenditure or expenditures on behalf of a candidate or candidates or in opposition to a
7 candidate or candidates, in addition to the other information required by Code Section
8 21-5-34, such person shall also disclose on such person's campaign contribution disclosure
9 report the name of each candidate and the office sought by such candidate for whom or in
10 opposition to whom each expenditure was made."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.