

Senate Bill 580

By: Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Robertson of the 29th, Jones of the 25th, Beach of the 21st, Cowsert of the 46th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ethics  
2 in government, so as to provide that no political action committee which is affiliated with or  
3 which coordinates with a member of the General Assembly or such member's campaign  
4 committee shall seek or accept a contribution or pledge of a contribution to such political  
5 action committee during a legislative session; to provide for related matters; to provide for  
6 an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ethics in  
10 government, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 21-5-35, relating to  
11 acceptance of contributions or pledges during legislative sessions, as follows:

12 "(a)(1) No member of the General Assembly or that member's campaign committee or  
13 public officer elected state wide or campaign committee of such public officer shall seek  
14 or accept a contribution or a pledge of a contribution to the member, the member's  
15 campaign committee, or public officer elected state wide, or campaign committee of such  
16 public officer during a legislative session.

17 (2) No political action committee which is affiliated with or which coordinates with a  
18 member of the General Assembly or such member's campaign committee shall seek or  
19 accept a contribution or pledge of a contribution to such political action committee during  
20 a legislative session."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
23 without such approval.

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.