2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 208

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOS: Changes the definition of political committee

AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§1483. Definitions

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

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(14)(a)(i) "Political committee" or "committee" means two or more persons, other than a husband and wife, and any ~~corporation~~ legal entity 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 five hundred dollars within any calendar year.

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(ii) "Political committee" or "committee" shall also include two or more persons, other than a husband or wife, and any ~~corporation~~ legal entity 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 five hundred dollars within any calendar year. Except that an entity that (aa) holds a license or permit duly issued by the appropriate governmental entity to provide the personal services provided, regularly does business in the area, and regularly has done business in the area for at least ninety days prior to the date the personal services are provided and (bb) the personal services provided are the same as the personal services regularly provided by the business in the normal and usual scope of its usual business activities shall not constitute a "political committee" for purposes of the requirements of R.S. 18:1491.1 through 1491.8 which would require 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.

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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))

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