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Senate Bill 518 (Senator Blount)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Commerce and Government Matters

Election Law - Political Action Committees - Contributions

This bill allows a political action committee affiliated with an association to obtain contributions from members in conjunction with the payment of membership dues or voluntary contributions made to another affiliated political action committee established under federal law. Also, employee organizations are allowed to collect contributions from members in conjunction with membership dues withheld by the employer through payroll deductions.

The bill is effective on July 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Only employers are authorized to collect voluntary contributions from employees for transfer to a candidate, political committee, or political action committee. Section 13-210 of the Election Code prohibits any other person or group from collecting such contributions.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 778 (Delegate Wood, *et al.*) – Commerce and Government Matters.

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