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S 0915 General Bill, By Timmons

Similar (S 0766, S 0931)

Summary: Candidate income tax returns

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1312 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNTS, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY CANDIDATES SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO AN INTEREST ON CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT KNOWN AS AN "IOCA," TO PROVIDE THAT AN IOCA BENEFITS THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT AN IOCA SHALL BE ESTABLISHED WITH AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION THAT VOLUNTARILY CHOOSES TO PARTICIPATE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RATE OF INTEREST OR DIVIDENDS PAYABLE ON ANY IOCA, TO PROVIDE THAT ONE PERCENT OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED INTO AN IOCA SHALL BE REMITTED TO BENEFIT THE COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNDS REMITTED TO THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED BY THE COMMISSION TO CREATE A POSITION OR POSITIONS WITHIN ITS EMPLOY TO CHECK AND CONFIRM THE COMPLETENESS OF CANDIDATE FILINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE RECEIVING, ADMINISTERING, INVESTING, DISBURSING, AND SEPARATELY ACCOUNTING FOR FUNDS REMITTED TO IT PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-13-1312; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-340 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AT THE CLOSE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR CONCERNING THE ACTION IT HAS TAKEN, THE NAMES, SALARIES, AND DUTIES OF ALL PERSONS IN ITS EMPLOY, THE MONEY IT HAS DISBURSED, AND THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS IT HAS RECEIVED FROM IOCAS AND THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL ALSO MAKE OTHER REPORTS ON MATTERS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER LEGISLATION AS MAY APPEAR DESIRABLE; TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-367, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL BE GRANTED ACCESS TO A CANDIDATE'S INCOME TAX RETURNS ON FILE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IF THE COMMISSION, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE DURING A PENDING INVESTIGATION OR OPEN COMPLAINT, DECIDES A CANDIDATE'S INCOME TAX RETURN IS RELEVANT TO A PENDING INVESTIGATION OR OPEN COMPLAINT; TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, BY ADDING SECTION 12-4-365, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT, WHEN REQUESTED BY THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8-13-367, SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS OF A CANDIDATE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 8-13-1300(4), TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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