

First Extraordinary Session, 2008

HOUSE BILL NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

ETHICS: Provides relative to contributions for gubernatorial transitions and inaugurations, including a limitation on such contributions (Item #7(8))

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1125(A), relative to gubernatorial transition and inauguration;
3 to provide contribution limits; to provide relative to contribution reports; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 42:1125(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1125. ~~Contribution acquired for~~ Gubernatorial transition and inauguration;
8 ~~definitions; reporting~~ contribution limits; reports

9 A.(1) Any contribution received and accepted by the governor-elect or
10 anyone on his behalf following ~~the promulgation of the returns of the general~~
11 ~~election declaring him to be the governor-elect~~ the date of his election until his
12 inauguration shall be reported by the governor to the Board of Ethics as provided for
13 in this Section. The report shall be accompanied by an affidavit by the governor
14 certifying that the information contained in the report is true and correct to the best
15 of his knowledge, information, and belief.

16 (2) The governor-elect and anyone accepting contributions on his behalf
17 shall not accept contributions totaling more than five thousand dollars from any
18 person.

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a maximum of \$5,000 on contributions that can be made to a governor-elect's transition and inauguration by any person.

Present law provides relative to contributions made to a governor-elect to support his transition and inauguration. Requires the governor-elect to report to the Board of Ethics any contribution received and accepted by him or for him following the promulgation of the returns of the general election declaring him to be the governor-elect and his inauguration. Provides that the report is due on or before the sixtieth day after the inauguration. Proposed law provides instead that he must report such contributions received and accepted following the date of his election and otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law provides that no governor-elect (or any person on his behalf) may accept more than \$5,000 in contributions from any person.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 42:1125(A))