

1 SB155
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3 By Senators Ross, Singleton, Irons, Figures and Beasley
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit a corporation from
9 making a contribution to a political action
10 committee.

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12 A BILL
13 TO BE ENTITLED
14 AN ACT

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16 To amend Section 10A-21-1.02, Code of Alabama 1975,
17 relating to prohibited contributions by corporations to
18 political parties, candidates, and committees; to also
19 prohibit corporations from contributing to a political action
20 committee.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. Section 10A-21-1.02, Code of Alabama
23 1975, is amended to read as follows:

24 "§10A-21-1.02.

25 "(a) Any Except as otherwise provided in this
26 article, any corporation, incorporated company, or
27 incorporated association, by whatever name it may be known,

1 incorporated or organized under the laws of this state or
2 doing business in this state, or any servant, agent, employee,
3 or officer thereof, who shall give, donate, appropriate, or
4 furnish, directly or indirectly, any money, securities, funds,
5 or property of the corporation, incorporated company, or
6 incorporated association for the purpose of aiding any
7 political party or any candidate for any public office or any
8 candidate for any nomination for any public office by any
9 political party or who shall give, donate, appropriate, or
10 furnish, directly or indirectly, any money, security, funds,
11 or property of the corporation, incorporated company, or
12 association to any committee or political action committee or
13 person as a contribution to the expenses of any political
14 party or any candidate, representative, or committee of any
15 political party or candidate for nomination by any political
16 party or any committee or a political action committee or
17 other person acting in behalf of the candidate shall be guilty
18 of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, shall be fined not less
19 than one hundred dollars (\$100), nor more than two thousand
20 dollars (\$2,000) at the discretion of the jury trying the
21 case.

22 "(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section,
23 it shall not be unlawful for any business or nonprofit
24 corporation, incorporated under the laws of or doing business
25 in this state, or any officer or agent acting in behalf of the
26 corporation to give, pay, expend, or contribute money,
27 services, or anything of value for the purposes of

1 establishing, administering, or soliciting voluntary
2 contributions to a separate, segregated fund to be utilized
3 for political purposes as permitted by Section 10A-21-1.01.
4 Provided, that no corporate funds will be a part of such
5 separate, segregated fund."

6 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
7 first day of the third month following its passage and
8 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.