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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a political action
9 committee may make a contribution to another
10 political action committee.

11 This bill would prohibit transfers between
12 political action committees and provide legislative
13 intent.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT
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19 To amend Section 17-5-15, Code of Alabama 1975,
20 relating to campaign contributions, to prohibit transfers
21 between political action committees.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. The Legislature is aware that Political
24 Action Committees were formed to allow small groups to come
25 together to give them a voice and PACs are successful entities
26 at empowering citizens. However, it is the intent of the
27 Legislature to make ethics and campaign finance reform a

1 priority by prohibiting transfers of campaign contributions
2 from one PAC to another as a step toward establishing a solid
3 foundation for campaign reform.

4 Section 2. Section 17-5-15, Code of Alabama 1975, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "§17-5-15.

7 "(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to make a
8 contribution in the name of another person, or knowingly
9 permit his or her name to be used to effect such a
10 contribution made by one person in the name of another person,
11 or for any candidate, principal campaign committee, or
12 political action committee to knowingly accept a contribution
13 made by one person in the name of another person; ~~provided,~~
14 ~~however, that nothing in this chapter would prohibit any~~
15 ~~person from soliciting and receiving contributions from other~~
16 ~~persons for the purpose of making expenditures to a candidate,~~
17 ~~political campaign committee, political action committee, or~~
18 ~~elected state or local official required to file reports~~
19 ~~pursuant to Section 17-5-8.~~

20 "(b) It shall be unlawful for any political action
21 committee to make a contribution to any other political action
22 committee, other than a principal campaign committee."

23 Section 3. This act shall become effective
24 immediately following its passage and approval by the
25 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.