

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 407

Short Title: No Tax Funded Campaigns.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Brawley; Allred, Arnold, Berry, J. Brown, Buchanan, Cansler, Capps, Carpenter, Clary, Cocklereece, Grady, Hayes, Howard, McMahan, K. Miller, Miner, Morgan, Pulley, Russell, Sexton, Sharpe, and Shubert.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

March 9, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO FORBID STATE OR LOCAL TAX MONIES FROM BEING USED FOR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 7 of Article V of the Constitution of North Carolina is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(3) No money shall be drawn from the State Treasury, or from the treasury of any county, city, or town, to be used by or on behalf of any political party, political committee, or political candidate for the purpose of influencing any election. This section does not forbid voluntarily donated funds being administered by the State if authorized by law."

Sec. 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the general election in November 1996, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

"[] FOR [] AGAINST

1 Constitutional amendment forbidding public funds from being used for
2 political parties, political committees, or political candidates."

3 Sec. 3. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of the
4 amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the
5 amendment to the Secretary of State. The amendment becomes effective upon this
6 certification. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so certified among the
7 permanent records of that office.

8 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.