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HOUSE BILL 352

Short Title: PAC Definition Change.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Dawkins; Beall and N. Crawford.

Referred to: Judiciary.

February 23, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "POLITICAL COMMITTEE"SO
2 THAT MAKING AN EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENT DOES NOT TRIGGER
3 "POLITICAL COMMITTEE"STATUS IN A NEWSPAPER.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 163-278.6(14) reads as rewritten:

7 "(14) The term 'political committee' means a combination of two or more individuals,
8 or any person, committee, association, or organization, the primary or incidental
9 purpose of which is to support or oppose any candidate or political party or to influence
10 or attempt to influence the result of an election or which accepts contributions or makes
11 expenditures for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the nomination or
12 election of any candidate at any election, or which receives contributions to repay loans
13 or cover a deficit, or which makes expenditures to satisfy obligations of an election
14 already held. The term includes, without limitation, any political party's State, county or
15 district executive committee. Provided that no daily, semiweekly, biweekly, or weekly
16 newspaper is a 'political committee' simply because it makes an editorial endorsement."

17 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.