

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 869

Short Title: Campaign Integrity Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative L. Hall (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Elections.

April 15, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A CANDIDATE TO REFUND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AT  
THE REQUEST OF A DONOR WHEN A CANDIDATE CHANGES POLITICAL  
PARTY AFFILIATION DURING THE TERM FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE WAS  
ELECTED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Part 1 of Article 22A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is  
amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 163-278.16C. Refund of contributions when candidate changes political party  
affiliation during the term for which the candidate was elected.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if a candidate changes political  
party affiliation during the term for which the candidate was elected, the candidate shall, upon  
the request of a donor, refund all contributions to a donor who made contributions to the  
candidate during a previous election cycle. All of the candidate's campaign funds shall be  
frozen during the time period a donor has requested a refund of the donor's contribution and  
until all requests have been refunded. Any subsequent contributions made to a candidate's  
campaign shall first be used to satisfy all refund requests made pursuant to this section before  
any contributions may be used for expenditures."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2015, and applies to reports  
due on or after that date.

