

House Bill 1191

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 government transparency and campaign finance, so as to repeal provisions of law regarding  
3 leadership committees; to provide for the termination of current leadership committees; to  
4 provide for the disposition of funds held by such committees; to provide for certain  
5 registration and reports; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to  
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government  
10 transparency and campaign finance, is amended by revising Code Section 21-5-34.2, relating  
11 to leadership committee definition, operation, and separation from campaign committees, as  
12 follows:

13 "21-5-34.2.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'leadership committee' means a committee,  
15 corporation, or organization chaired by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the  
16 nominee of a political party for Governor selected in a primary election in the year in

17 which he or she is nominated, or the nominee of a political party for Lieutenant Governor  
18 selected in a primary election in the year in which he or she is nominated. Such term shall  
19 also mean up to two political action committees designated by the majority caucus of the  
20 House of Representatives, the minority caucus of the House of Representatives, the  
21 majority caucus of the Senate, and the minority caucus of the Senate. No person may chair  
22 more than one leadership committee.

23 ~~(b) A leadership committee may receive contributions from persons who are members or~~  
24 ~~supporters of the leadership committee and expend such funds as permitted by this Code~~  
25 ~~section Leadership committees in effect on the effective date of this Code section shall be~~  
26 ~~prohibited from receiving any further contributions on and after such date. No additional~~  
27 ~~leadership committees shall be created on or after such date.~~

28 ~~(c) If a person chairing a leadership committee ceases to hold the office or the status as a~~  
29 ~~nominee of a political party as described in subsection (a) of this Code section, such person~~  
30 ~~shall transfer the remaining assets of the leadership committee, if any, to another leadership~~  
31 ~~committee within 60 days, name an eligible person as the new chairperson of the leadership~~  
32 ~~committee within 60 days, or Leadership committees in existence on the effective date of~~  
33 ~~this Code section shall dispose of the leadership committee's assets as provided by Code~~  
34 ~~Section 21-5-33. The disposal of such assets shall be accomplished not later than~~  
35 ~~December 1, 2024.~~

36 ~~(d) A leadership committee may accept contributions or make expenditures for the purpose~~  
37 ~~of affecting the outcome of any election or advocating for the election or defeat of any~~  
38 ~~candidate, may defray ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in connection with any~~  
39 ~~candidate's campaign for elective office, and may defray ordinary and necessary expenses~~  
40 ~~incurred in connection with a public officer's fulfillment or retention of such office~~  
41 ~~Leadership committees in existence on the effective date of this Code section shall cease~~  
42 ~~to exist and shall be dissolved not later than December 31, 2024.~~

- 43 (e) A leadership committee in existence on the effective date of this Code section which  
44 ~~accepts contributions or~~ makes expenditures in excess of \$500.00 shall register with the  
45 commission within ten days of such ~~accepted contribution or such~~ expenditure and,  
46 thereafter, shall file all disclosure reports required pursuant to the schedule defined for  
47 candidates and campaign committees in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-5-34. Such  
48 disclosure reports shall be made pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-5-34. ~~The~~  
49 ~~contribution limits in Code Section 21-5-41 shall not apply to contributions to a leadership~~  
50 ~~committee or expenditures made by a leadership committee in support of a candidate or a~~  
51 ~~group of named candidates.~~ All communications paid for by expenditures of the leadership  
52 committee shall contain a disclaimer, either audibly or in writing, that the communication  
53 is paid for by the leadership committee, unless such disclaimer is impractical.
- 54 (f) A leadership committee shall be a separate legal entity from a candidate's campaign  
55 committee and shall not be considered an independent committee.
- 56 (g) This Code section shall be repealed by operation of law on December 31, 2024."

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**SECTION 2.**

58 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.