

## HOUSE BILL No. 3036

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning election campaign finance; prohibiting contributions in elections for the office of attorney general from certain entities; prohibiting the attorney general from accepting certain campaign contributions; and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the definitions set forth in K.S.A. 25-4143, and amendments thereto, shall be applicable to the provisions in this section.

(2) As used in this section "benefitting entity" means any person or business entity which:

(A) is a party or intervener to any litigation in which the attorney general appears on behalf of the State of Kansas or the attorney general is required by statute to participate in such litigation; and

(B) receives any direct benefit, monetary or otherwise, if the attorney general wins all or any part of such litigation.

(3) As used in this section, the term person shall also include any subsidiary or parent entity of a person as such term is defined in K.S.A. 25-4143, and amendments thereto.

(b) No benefitting entity and no person or political committee acting on behalf of a benefitting entity shall make a contribution to or on behalf of a person holding the office of attorney general, to or on behalf of a candidate for the office of attorney general, to or on behalf of a candidate committee of any such candidate.

(c) No person holding the office of attorney general shall knowingly accept any contribution from any benefitting entity or any person or political committee acting on behalf of such benefitting entity.

(d) No candidate for the office of attorney general shall knowingly accept any contribution from any benefitting entity or any person or political committee acting on behalf of such benefitting entity.

(e) No candidate committee of a candidate for the office of attorney general shall knowingly accept any contribution from any benefitting entity or any person or political committee acting on behalf of such benefitting entity.

(f) No benefitting entity and no person or political committee acting

1 on behalf of a benefitting entity shall make a contribution to or on behalf  
2 of a person who has held the office of attorney general and who is a  
3 candidate for another public office or on behalf of a candidate committee  
4 of any such candidate.

5 (g) No person who has held the office of attorney general and who  
6 is a candidate for another public office shall knowingly accept any con-  
7 tribution from any benefitting entity or any person or political committee  
8 acting on behalf of such benefitting entity.

9 (h) No person who has held the office of attorney general and who  
10 is a candidate for another public office shall knowingly accept any con-  
11 tribution from any benefitting entity or any person or political committee  
12 acting on behalf of such benefitting entity.

13 (i) Any person or entity violating the provisions of this act shall be  
14 punished in the manner and be subject to the penalties prescribed by  
15 K.S.A. 25-4181, and amendments thereto.

16 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
17 publication in the Kansas register.

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