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**A B I L L**

To amend section 3517.092 of the Revised Code to 1  
prohibit a county elected officer and the campaign 2  
committee of such an officer from accepting a 3  
political contribution from any employee of the 4  
county. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 3517.092 of the Revised Code be 6  
amended to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 3517.092.** (A) As used in this section: 8

(1) "Appointing authority" has the same meaning as in section 9  
124.01 of the Revised Code. 10

(2) "State elected officer" means any person appointed or 11  
elected to a state elective office. 12

(3) "State elective office" means any of the offices of 13  
governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of 14  
state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state 15  
board of education, member of the general assembly, and justice 16

and chief justice of the supreme court. 17

(4) "Contribution" includes a contribution to any political 18  
party, campaign committee, political action committee, political 19  
contributing entity, or legislative campaign fund. 20

(5) "County elected officer" means any person appointed or 21  
elected to a county elective office. 22

(6) "County elective office" means any of the offices of 23  
county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the court of common 24  
pleas, sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county 25  
commissioner, prosecuting attorney, and coroner, and any other 26  
elected office of county government established under any type of 27  
county government plan. 28

(B)(1) No state elected officer, no campaign committee of 29  
such an officer, no employee of the state elected officer's 30  
office, and no other person or entity shall knowingly solicit a 31  
contribution to a state elected officer or to such an officer's 32  
campaign committee, and no state elected officer and no campaign 33  
committee of such an officer shall accept a contribution, from any 34  
of the following: 35

(a) A state employee whose appointing authority is the state 36  
elected officer; 37

(b) A state employee whose appointing authority is authorized 38  
or required by law to be appointed by the state elected officer; 39

(c) A state employee who functions in or is employed in or by 40  
the same public agency, department, division, or office as the 41  
state elected officer. 42

(2) No candidate for a state elective office, no campaign 43  
committee of such a candidate, no employee of the candidate's 44  
office if the candidate is a state elected officer or an elected 45  
officer of a political subdivision of the state, and no other 46

person or entity shall knowingly solicit a contribution to a 47  
candidate for a state elective office or to such a candidate's 48  
campaign committee, and no candidate for a state elective office 49  
and no campaign committee of such a candidate shall accept a 50  
contribution, from any of the following: 51

(a) A state employee at the time of the solicitation, whose 52  
appointing authority will be the candidate, if elected; 53

(b) A state employee at the time of the solicitation, whose 54  
appointing authority will be appointed by the candidate, if 55  
elected, as authorized or required by law; 56

(c) A state employee at the time of the solicitation, who 57  
will function in or be employed in or by the same public agency, 58  
department, division, or office as the candidate, if elected. 59

(C)(1) ~~No (a) Subject to division (C)(1)(b) of this section,~~ 60  
no elected officer of a political subdivision of the state, no 61  
campaign committee of such an officer, no employee of such an 62  
officer's office, and no other person or entity shall knowingly 63  
solicit a contribution to an elected officer of a political 64  
subdivision of the state or to such an officer's campaign 65  
committee from any of the following: 66

~~(a)(i)~~ An employee of that political subdivision whose 67  
appointing authority is that elected officer; 68

~~(b)(ii)~~ An employee of that political subdivision whose 69  
appointing authority is authorized or required by law to be 70  
appointed by that elected officer; 71

~~(c)(iii)~~ An employee of that political subdivision who 72  
functions in or is employed in or by the same public agency, 73  
department, division, or office as that elected officer. 74

(b) No county elected officer, no campaign committee of such 75  
an officer, no employee of the county elected officer's office, 76

and no other person or entity shall knowingly solicit a 77  
contribution to a county elected officer or to a county elected 78  
officer's campaign committee, and no county elected officer and no 79  
campaign committee of such an officer shall accept a contribution, 80  
from any employee of that county. 81

(2) No candidate for an elective office of a political 82  
subdivision of the state, no campaign committee of such a 83  
candidate, no employee of the candidate's office if the candidate 84  
is a state elected officer or elected officer of a political 85  
subdivision of the state, and no other person or entity shall 86  
knowingly solicit a contribution to a candidate for an elective 87  
office of a political subdivision of the state or to such a 88  
candidate's campaign committee from any of the following: 89

(a) An employee of that political subdivision at the time of 90  
the solicitation, whose appointing authority will be the 91  
candidate, if elected; 92

(b) An employee of that political subdivision at the time of 93  
the solicitation, whose appointing authority will be appointed by 94  
the candidate, if elected, as authorized or required by law; 95

(c) An employee of that political subdivision at the time of 96  
the solicitation, who will function in or be employed in or by the 97  
same public agency, department, division, or office as the 98  
candidate, if elected. 99

(D)(1) No public employee shall solicit a contribution from 100  
any person while the public employee is performing the public 101  
employee's official duties or in those areas of a public building 102  
where official business is transacted or conducted. 103

(2) No person shall solicit a contribution from any public 104  
employee while the public employee is performing the public 105  
employee's official duties or is in those areas of a public 106  
building where official business is transacted or conducted. 107

(3) As used in division (D) of this section, "public  
employee" does not include any person holding an elective office.

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(E) The prohibitions in divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this  
section are in addition to the prohibitions in sections 124.57,  
3304.22, and 4503.032 of the Revised Code.

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**Section 2.** That existing section 3517.092 of the Revised Code  
is hereby repealed.

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