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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, political action committees (PACs) are prohibited from making contributions to other PACs, except that PACs may make contributions to principal campaign committees, so long as the donor PAC is not a principal campaign committee.

This bill would permit PACs to make contributions to political parties so long as the donor PAC is not a principal campaign committee.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to political action committees; to amend Section 17-5-15, Code of Alabama 1975, to permit PACs to make contributions to political parties in certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-5-15, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-5-15

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, acting for himself or herself or on behalf of any entity, to make a contribution in the name of another person or entity, or



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29 knowingly permit his or her name, or the entity's name, to be  
30 used to effect such a contribution made by one person or  
31 entity in the name of another person or entity, or for any  
32 candidate, principal campaign committee, or political action  
33 committee to knowingly accept a contribution made by one  
34 person or entity in the name of another person or entity;  
35 provided, however, that nothing in this chapter prohibits any  
36 person from soliciting and receiving contributions from other  
37 persons for the purpose of making expenditures to a candidate,  
38 political campaign committee, political action committee, or  
39 elected state or local official required to file reports  
40 pursuant to Section 17-5-8.

41 (b) (1) It shall be unlawful for any political action  
42 committee or tax exempt political organization under 26 U.S.C.  
43 § 527, including a principal campaign committee, or any person  
44 authorized to make an expenditure on behalf of such political  
45 action committee or 527 organization, to make a contribution,  
46 expenditure, or any other transfer of funds to any other  
47 political action committee or 527 organization. It shall be  
48 unlawful for any principal campaign committee or any person  
49 authorized to make an expenditure on behalf of such principal  
50 campaign committee to make a contribution, expenditure, or  
51 other transfer of funds to any other principal campaign  
52 committee, except where the contribution, expenditure, or any  
53 other transfer of funds is made from a principal campaign  
54 committee to another principal campaign committee on behalf of  
55 the same person.

56 (2) Notwithstanding ~~the foregoing~~ subdivision (1), a



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57 political action committee that is not a principal campaign  
58 committee may make contributions, expenditures, or other  
59 transfers of funds to ~~a~~ principal campaign ~~committee~~committees  
60 and political parties; and a separate segregated fund  
61 established by a corporation under federal law, if the fund  
62 does not receive any contributions from within this state  
63 other than contributions from its employees and directors, is  
64 not restricted by this subsection in the amount it may  
65 transfer to a political action committee established under the  
66 provisions of Section 17-5-14.1 by the same or an affiliated  
67 corporation."

68           Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately  
69 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its  
70 otherwise becoming law.