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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, political parties set the qualifications for individuals desiring to run for office as a candidate of that political party.

This bill would prohibit political parties from disqualifying an individual from running for office based solely on receipt of contributions from a particular person or political action committee.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to political parties; to amend Section 17-13-47, Code of Alabama 1975; to prohibit a political party from disqualifying an individual from running for office based on receipt of contributions from a particular person or political action committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-13-47, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-13-47

(a) The governing body of a party may fix assessments upon those able to pay, or other qualifications as it may deem



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29 necessary, for ~~persons~~ individuals desiring to become
30 candidates for nomination to offices at a primary election. ~~7~~
31 ~~but such assessments~~ An assessment shall not exceed two
32 percent of one year's salary of the office sought and, for an
33 unremunerative or party county office or an unremunerative or
34 party office to be filled by a vote of a subdivision greater
35 than one county, ~~it~~ the assessment shall not exceed fifty
36 dollars (\$50) or one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for an
37 unremunerative or party office to be filled by a vote of the
38 entire state.

39 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a political party
40 may not disqualify an individual for nomination to an office
41 based solely on receipt by the individual of a campaign
42 contribution from a particular person or from a particular
43 political action committee."

44 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
45 2024.