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SYNOPSIS:

Under the Fair Campaign Practices Act, political parties are considered political action committees (PACs). PAC-to-PAC transfers of funds are prohibited.

This bill would allow a political party and local or other affiliated party organizations to transfer funds among themselves.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Fair Campaign Practices Act; to amend Section 17-5-15, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize transfers among political parties and its affiliated party organizations.

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 knowingly permit his or her name, or the entity's name, to be



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used to effect such a contribution made by one person or entity in the name of another person or entity, or for any candidate, principal campaign committee, or political action committee to knowingly accept a contribution made by one person or entity in the name of another person or entity; provided, however, that nothing in this chapter prohibits any person from soliciting and receiving contributions from other persons for the purpose of making expenditures to a candidate, political campaign committee, political action committee, or elected state or local official required to file reports pursuant to Section 17-5-8.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any political action committee or tax exempt political organization under 26 U.S.C. § 527, including a principal campaign committee, or any person authorized to make an expenditure on behalf of such political action committee or 527 organization, to make a contribution, expenditure, or any other transfer of funds to any other political action committee or 527 organization. It shall be unlawful for any principal campaign committee or any person authorized to make an expenditure on behalf of such principal campaign committee to make a contribution, expenditure, or other transfer of funds to any other principal campaign committee, except where the contribution, expenditure, or any other transfer of funds is made from a principal campaign committee to another principal campaign committee on behalf of the same person. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a political action committee that is not a principal campaign committee may make contributions, expenditures, or other transfers of



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funds to a principal campaign committee; and a separate segregated fund established by a corporation under federal law, if the fund does not receive any contributions from within this state other than contributions from its employees and directors, is not restricted by this subsection in the amount it may transfer to a political action committee established under the provisions of Section 17-5-14.1 by the same or an affiliated corporation.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), nothing shall prohibit the transfer of funds between or among a political party, a local party organization recognized pursuant to the bylaws of that political party, and any affiliated entity recognized pursuant to the bylaws of that political party."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.