

Section 17-5-5.1

Regulation of legislative caucus organizations.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (d), each legislative caucus organization that raises funds for its administration and operation shall register with the Secretary of the Senate, for a Senate caucus, or the Clerk of the House of Representatives, for a House caucus, or both for a bicameral legislative caucus. Such registration shall be on a form jointly created by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives and shall include the name and complete address of the organization, the identification of and contact information for the organization's designated representative, and a general description of the organization.

(b) A legislative caucus organization duly registered pursuant to subsection (a) shall not contribute to or expend funds in support of candidates, principal campaign committees, propositions, or political action committees for the purpose of influencing the result of an election. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the donation of funds or other resources to a duly registered legislative caucus organization in support of the administration or operations of the caucus is permissible, provided that the donation is not made for the purpose of influencing the result of an election.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt a legislative caucus organization or its officers, directors, or members from the Ethics Law.

(d) A legislative caucus organization that receives contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing the outcome of an election and is not registered as provided in subsection (a) shall be regulated as a political action committee under this chapter and shall comply with all the requirements of this chapter pertaining to political action committees.

(Act 2013-311, p. 1060, §2.)