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SUMMARY

Establishes limits on campaign contributions that may be accepted by candidates and political committees.

Establishes limits on candidate's personal contributions and expenditures.

Requires Secretary of State and Attorney General to impose civil fine of not less than five times, nor more than 20 times, amount of offending contribution or expenditure. Grants Oregon electors standing to sue to enforce penalty provisions.

Authorizes employee or contractor to bring civil suit if entity either requires employee or contractor to make contribution or promises or threatens any benefit or detriment if employee or contractor makes or refuses to make contribution. Imposes minimum civil award of \$20,000 for violation.

Becomes operative on first day of new election cycle for each public office.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to campaign finance; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 260.

SECTION 2. As used in sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act:

(1) "Business entity" means any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association or other legal entity operated for economic gain that is legally separate from an individual.

(2) "Contribute," "contribution" and "expenditure," notwithstanding ORS 260.005 and 260.007, do not include moneys provided to a principal campaign committee by a public body as defined in ORS

1 **174.109 pursuant to a system of public funding of campaigns in which**
2 **the candidate participates.**

3 **(3) “Election contest” means an election at which one or more**
4 **candidates compete to be elected to a public office.**

5 **(4)(a) “Election cycle,” except as provided in paragraph (b) of this**
6 **subsection, means the period of time starting on the day after the date**
7 **of a general election and ending on the date of the next general**
8 **election.**

9 **(b) “Election cycle,” for an election contest that does not occur on**
10 **the date of the general election, means the period of time between an**
11 **election at which a candidate is elected to public office and the next**
12 **election for the same office, regardless of any other elections that oc-**
13 **cur during that period including a general election, primary or nomi-**
14 **nating election, recall election or special election called to fill a**
15 **vacancy.**

16 **(5) “Election period” means any of the following:**

17 **(a) The period beginning on the day after the date of a general**
18 **election and ending on the date of the next general election;**

19 **(b) The period beginning on the day after the date of a primary**
20 **election and ending on the date of the next primary election; and**

21 **(c) For a special election called to fill a vacancy in a public office,**
22 **the period beginning on the date that the election is declared and**
23 **ending on the date of the election.**

24 **(6) “Entity” means any corporation, limited liability company, labor**
25 **union, association, firm, partnership, joint stock company, club,**
26 **proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, organization**
27 **or other combination of individuals that has collective capacity and is**
28 **legally separate from an individual.**

29 **(7)(a) “Individual,” except as provided in paragraph (b) of this sub-**
30 **section, means a human being who is entitled to vote in federal**
31 **elections.**

1 (b) “Individual” means any human being, when a limitation or
2 prohibition on an action is imposed under sections 2 to 9 of this 2021
3 Act.

4 (8) “Measure committee” means any entity, or any combination of
5 entities or individuals, that receives a contribution or makes an ex-
6 penditure in excess of \$200 in a calendar year to support or oppose a
7 ballot measure.

8 (9) “Multicandidate committee” means a political committee that
9 exclusively supports or opposes one or more candidates for election to
10 public office in this state.

11 (10) “Political committee,” notwithstanding ORS 260.005, means a
12 principal campaign committee, multicandidate committee, political
13 party finance committee or small donor committee.

14 (11) “Political party” means:

15 (a) A political party that has qualified as a major political party
16 under ORS 248.006; or

17 (b) A political party that has qualified as a minor political party
18 under ORS 248.008.

19 (12) “Political party finance committee” means a political commit-
20 tee that:

21 (a) Is established and maintained by a political party or a subdivi-
22 sion of a political party; and

23 (b) Is exclusively responsible for receiving contributions and mak-
24 ing expenditures on behalf of the political party or subdivision of the
25 political party.

26 (13) “Prominently disclose” means that:

27 (a) The disclosure is readily comprehensible to an individual with
28 average reading, vision and hearing faculties; and

29 (b)(A) Any printed disclosure appears in a typeface of contrasting
30 color and in a font size that is at least as large as the font size used
31 for the majority of the text in the printed material;

1 (B) Any video disclosure is readable without the use of closed cap-
2 tioning and is visible for four or more seconds;

3 (C) Any video disclosure is accompanied by an auditory disclosure
4 of the required information;

5 (D) Any auditory disclosure is spoken at a maximum rate of five
6 words per second;

7 (E) Any disclosure displayed on an Internet website or as part of
8 an electronic mail message is in a typeface of contrasting color and
9 in a font size that is at least as large as the font size used for the
10 majority of the text used on the website or in the body of the message;
11 and

12 (F) Any disclosure on a billboard or sign appears in a typeface of
13 contrasting color and in a font size that is at least 20 percent of the
14 height of the billboard or sign.

15 (14)(a) "Public office," notwithstanding ORS 260.005 and except as
16 provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, means any state, county,
17 district, city office or other government position that is filled by the
18 electors.

19 (b) "Public office" does not include:

20 (A) Any national or federal office; or

21 (B) Any political party office.

22 (15) "Small donor committee" means a political committee that,
23 except as provided in section 6 (9) of this 2021 Act, has never accepted
24 a contribution:

25 (a) From any person other than an individual; or

26 (b) In an amount that exceeds \$100 per individual contributor per
27 calendar year.

28 (16) "Small campaign items" means:

29 (a) Small items worn or carried by individuals, including buttons,
30 pins, stickers, bracelets and pens;

31 (b) Signs smaller than six square feet; or

1 (c) Any item for which the required prominent disclosure would
2 violate a federal law or federal regulation.

3 (17) "Statewide public office" means a public office that is voted on
4 by electors across the state.

5 **SECTION 3. (1)(a) A candidate, or a political committee that makes**
6 **expenditures in support of or in opposition to any candidate:**

7 (A) May accept contributions only from the sources and in the
8 amounts authorized by sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act; and

9 (B) May not accept a contribution from a measure committee.

10 (b) An individual or entity may not make a contribution to support
11 or oppose a candidate for public office that is not expressly permitted
12 to be received by a candidate or political committee under sections 2
13 to 9 of this 2021 Act.

14 (c) A measure committee may not make a contribution or expend-
15 iture in support of or in opposition to any candidate for public office,
16 or to any entity that makes expenditures in support of or in opposition
17 to one or more candidates for public office.

18 (2) During an election cycle, a candidate for public office or the
19 principal campaign committee of a candidate for public office may
20 accept only the following contributions in the aggregate:

21 (a) From an individual, not more than:

22 (A) \$1,000, if the candidate is seeking statewide public office; or

23 (B) \$500, if the candidate is seeking a public office other than a
24 statewide public office;

25 (b) From any other principal campaign committee or multicandi-
26 date committee, not more than:

27 (A) \$1,000, if the candidate is seeking statewide public office; or

28 (B) \$500, if the candidate is seeking a public office other than a
29 statewide public office;

30 (c) From all of the political party finance committees of any single
31 political party combined, not more than:

1 (A) \$50,000, if the candidate is seeking statewide public office; or

2 (B) \$10,000, if the candidate is seeking a public office other than a
3 statewide public office; and

4 (d) From a small donor committee, not more than 20 times the limit
5 on contributions that the candidate or the principal campaign com-
6 mittee of the candidate may receive from a multicandidate committee.

7 (3) During a calendar year, a multicandidate committee may accept
8 only the following contributions in the aggregate:

9 (a) From an individual, not more than \$500; and

10 (b) From any principal campaign committee or other multicandi-
11 date committee, not more than \$500.

12 (4) During a calendar year, all of a political party's finance com-
13 mittees may, in the aggregate, accept only the following contributions:

14 (a) From an individual, not more than \$5,000; and

15 (b) From any principal campaign committee or multicandidate
16 committee, not more than \$10,000.

17 (5) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (4) of this section, during an
18 election period an individual who is younger than 16 years of age may
19 not make aggregate contributions in excess of \$200 to any candidate
20 or principal campaign committee of a candidate, political committee
21 or political party.

22 (6) Subsections (1) to (5) of this section do not apply to a candidate's
23 personal contributions or expenditures made to assist the candidate's
24 campaign.

25 (7) On January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State
26 shall adjust the dollar amounts set forth in this section by the cumu-
27 lative change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers,
28 West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statis-
29 tics of the United States Department of Labor, or its successor index,
30 since the previous adjustment. The adjustments performed under this
31 subsection shall be rounded to the nearest \$10 increment.

1 **SECTION 4. (1)(a) Notwithstanding section 3 of this 2021 Act and**
2 **except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, during an**
3 **election period:**

4 **(A) A candidate for statewide public office may not contribute more**
5 **than \$50,000 to the candidate's principal campaign committee; and**

6 **(B) A candidate for a public office other than a statewide public**
7 **office may not contribute more than \$10,000 to the candidate's princi-**
8 **pal campaign committee.**

9 **(b) The limits on the amount a candidate may contribute to the**
10 **candidate's principal campaign committee that are set forth in para-**
11 **graph (a) of this subsection shall be increased by 50 percent for a**
12 **candidate who is not an incumbent of the public office sought at the**
13 **election contest.**

14 **(2) All expenditures made by a candidate in support of the**
15 **candidate's election contest are considered a contribution and are**
16 **subject to the limits set forth in subsection (1) of this section.**

17 **(3)(a) A candidate may not make a loan to the principal campaign**
18 **committee of the candidate.**

19 **(b) If paragraph (a) of this subsection is not in effect or enforced**
20 **for any reason, every loan a candidate makes to the candidate's prin-**
21 **cipal campaign committee that is outstanding at the end of the**
22 **election period is considered a contribution and may not be repaid to**
23 **the candidate by the candidate's principal campaign committee.**

24 **(4)(a) In addition to any disclosure requirements for communi-**
25 **cations set forth in ORS 260.266 and except as provided in paragraph**
26 **(c) of this subsection, every communication relating to a candidate's**
27 **election contest that is paid for, in whole or in part, by the candidate**
28 **or the principal campaign committee of the candidate shall promi-**
29 **nently disclose the amount the candidate has contributed to the**
30 **candidate's principal campaign committee.**

31 **(b) The dollar amount required to be disclosed under paragraph (a)**

1 of this subsection must be accurate:

2 (A) As of 10 days before the most recent printing, for printed com-
3 munications; or

4 (B) As of five days before transmitting video, audio or Internet
5 communications.

6 (c) This subsection does not apply to:

7 (A) A candidate who has contributed \$1,000 or less to the
8 candidate's principal campaign committee; or

9 (B) Small campaign items.

10 (5) On January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State
11 shall adjust the dollar amounts set forth in this section by the cumu-
12 lative change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers,
13 West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statis-
14 tics of the United States Department of Labor, or its successor index,
15 since the previous adjustment. The adjustments performed under this
16 subsection shall be rounded to the nearest \$10 increment.

17 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of sections 2 to 9
18 of this 2021 Act, a business entity or labor union may establish or ad-
19 minister a separate, segregated fund that operates as a political com-
20 mittee, if:

21 (1) The fund consists solely of voluntary contributions from the
22 individual employees, officers, shareholders or members of the entity,
23 with the aggregate amount contributed by each individual conforming
24 to the limits set forth in section 3 (2)(d) of this 2021 Act;

25 (2) The fund files as a political committee in the manner set forth
26 in ORS 260.042;

27 (3) The entity uses no more than \$500 per year of treasury moneys
28 to create or administer the fund, with expenditures described under
29 this subsection reported as a specifically allowed contribution to the
30 political committee; and

31 (4) Any solicitation for contributions that is directed to an employee

1 of a business entity states that there is no required contribution and
2 that the employee's decision to contribute or not contribute will not
3 affect the employee's employment and will not be provided to the
4 employee's supervisors or managers.

5 **SECTION 6. (1) Notwithstanding any filings made under ORS 260.042**
6 **or any other provision of law, for purposes of the contribution limits**
7 **and other requirements established in sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act:**

8 (a) All political committees established, financed, maintained or
9 controlled by the same corporation, or substantially the same group
10 of corporations, including all corporate affiliates and subsidiaries, are
11 considered to be a single political committee;

12 (b) All political committees established, financed, maintained or
13 controlled by the same labor organization unit, at any level, if the
14 organization unit has the authority to make an independent decision
15 as to which candidates to support or oppose, are considered to be a
16 single political committee; and

17 (c) All political committees not described in paragraph (a) or (b) of
18 this subsection that are established, financed, maintained or con-
19 trolled by substantially the same group of individuals, entities or
20 combinations thereof are considered to be a single political committee.

21 (2) Except for contribution limits applicable to small donor com-
22 mittees, any local government may adopt contribution limits that are
23 lower than those required by sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act for
24 election contests of the local government.

25 (3) An individual or entity may not make a contribution or ex-
26 penditure either anonymously or in any name other than that of the
27 individual or entity that provided the source funds for the contribu-
28 tion.

29 (4) No individual or entity may, directly or indirectly:

30 (a) Require an employee or contractor to make a contribution or
31 independent expenditure to support or oppose any candidate; or

1 (b) Provide or promise any benefit or impose or threaten any det-
2 riment due to a decision by an employee or contractor on whether to
3 make a contribution or independent expenditure to support or oppose
4 a candidate.

5 (5)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no later than
6 60 calendar days after the end of the applicable election cycle, any
7 unexpended moneys that remain in the principal campaign committee
8 of a candidate, except for those moneys reasonably necessary to pay
9 the outstanding debts of the committee and to terminate the
10 committee's operations, shall be provided to the Secretary of State for
11 the purpose of producing the voters' pamphlet.

12 (b) A candidate elected to the Legislative Assembly may deposit up
13 to \$10,000 in unexpended funds from the candidate's principal cam-
14 paign committee into an account maintained for the candidate's leg-
15 islative office expenses during regular and special sessions of the
16 Legislative Assembly.

17 (6)(a) If, in the absence of this subsection, a court would determine
18 that any numeric limit or threshold, percentage limit or threshold,
19 time period or age limits otherwise set forth in sections 2 to 9 of this
20 2021 Act are in conflict with the United States Constitution or the
21 Oregon Constitution, then:

22 (A) Any conflicting numeric limit or threshold shall be increased
23 by increments of \$100 as many times as necessary to render it con-
24 sistent with the relevant Constitution;

25 (B) Any conflicting percentage limit or threshold shall be increased
26 by increments of one percent as many times as necessary to render it
27 consistent with the relevant Constitution;

28 (C) Any conflicting time period shall be increased or decreased by
29 increments of one day as many times as necessary to render it con-
30 sistent with the relevant Constitution; and

31 (D) Any conflicting age limit shall be decreased by increments of

1 one year as many times as necessary to render it consistent with the
2 relevant constitution.

3 (b) A prohibition that is set forth in sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act
4 is considered a numeric limit of zero.

5 (7) If, in the absence of this subsection, a court would determine
6 that any part of sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act may not be fully im-
7 plemented on the ground that the United States Constitution or
8 Oregon Constitution requires that any individual or entity be wholly
9 or partially exempt from any of the prohibitions or limitations con-
10 tained in sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act, then sections 2 to 9 of this
11 2021 Act shall be given a narrowing interpretation so as to avoid in-
12 validation of any provision of sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act and to
13 preserve the effectiveness of sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act to the
14 maximum degree permissible under the United States Constitution and
15 Oregon Constitution.

16 (8)(a) The principal campaign committee of a candidate may not
17 make a contribution to any other political committee if the contribu-
18 tion was in any way directed or instructed by an individual or entity
19 that made a contribution to the principal campaign committee.

20 (b) A violation of paragraph (a) of this subsection shall result in the
21 forfeiture of all amounts contributed, in addition to any other penal-
22 ties that may be assessed by law.

23 (9) A small donor committee that receives contributions that would
24 prohibit the committee from qualifying as a small donor committee
25 as defined in section 2 of this 2021 Act may continue to qualify as a
26 small donor committee if the committee returns each nonconforming
27 contribution no later than 10 calendar days after the contribution was
28 received.

29 SECTION 7. (1) Sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act shall be administered
30 and enforced by the Secretary of State, the Attorney General and
31 Oregon's electors.

1 **(2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, each**
2 **violation of a provision of sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act, including**
3 **an expenditure that is not made in compliance with the disclosure re-**
4 **quirements set forth in section 4 of this 2021 Act, shall be punished**
5 **by a civil fine that is not less than five times, nor more than 20 times,**
6 **the amount of the unlawful contribution or expenditure.**

7 **(b) The recipient of a contribution that violates a provision of**
8 **sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act may remedy the violation by refunding**
9 **to the individual or entity that made the contribution, within 10 cal-**
10 **endar days of receiving the contribution, an amount that makes the**
11 **initial contribution in compliance with sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act.**

12 **(3)(a) Any person may file a written complaint alleging a violation**
13 **of any provision of sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act with the Secretary**
14 **of State or, if the alleged violation was committed by the Secretary**
15 **of State, with the Attorney General.**

16 **(b) Within two business days of receiving a complaint under this**
17 **subsection, the Secretary of State or Attorney General shall provide**
18 **to the subject or subjects of the complaint, via electronic mail, a no-**
19 **tice that the complaint has been filed and a copy of the complaint. If**
20 **the Secretary of State or Attorney General does not have the elec-**
21 **tronic mail address for the subject or subjects of the complaint, the**
22 **notice and copy of the complaint are considered to be delivered at the**
23 **time they are mailed to the subject or subjects of the complaint.**

24 **(c) No later than 10 business days after delivering notice under**
25 **paragraph (a) of this subsection, the Secretary of State or Attorney**
26 **General shall refer the complaint to the Office of Administrative**
27 **Hearings. The office shall provide the Secretary of State or Attorney**
28 **General, complainant and subject or subjects of the complaint with the**
29 **ability to require a contested case hearing by filing a written request**
30 **for a contested case hearing with the office no later than 10 business**
31 **days after delivery of the notice under paragraph (a) of this sub-**

1 **section. The office shall hold a contested case hearing requested under**
2 **this paragraph no later than 30 business days after the filing of the**
3 **request.**

4 **(d)(A) The Office of Administrative Hearings shall render a final**
5 **decision in a contested case hearing requested under paragraph (b) of**
6 **this subsection no later than 10 business days after the completion of**
7 **the hearing.**

8 **(B) If a contested case hearing is not requested under paragraph (b)**
9 **of this subsection, the Office of Administrative Hearings shall render**
10 **a final decision on the complaint no later than 10 business days after**
11 **the deadline for requesting a contested case hearing under paragraph**
12 **(b) of this subsection.**

13 **(e) A final decision rendered under paragraph (c) of this subsection**
14 **shall include any appropriate order, sanction or relief authorized by**
15 **law.**

16 **(f) A final decision of the Office of Administrative Hearings under**
17 **this subsection shall be subject to review by the Court of Appeals as**
18 **an agency decision in a contested case.**

19 **(g) A final decision of the Office of Administrative Hearings that**
20 **is entered under this subsection shall be enforced by the Secretary of**
21 **State and the Attorney General. If the decision of the office is not**
22 **enforced within 30 business days of the decision becoming final, or 30**
23 **calendar days after the completion of any judicial review of the deci-**
24 **sion, the complainant may bring a civil action in a representative ca-**
25 **capacity for the collection of the applicable civil penalty, to be paid into**
26 **the State Treasury.**

27 **(4) Every document that is filed or entered as part of a proceeding**
28 **described in this section must be made publicly available on the**
29 **Internet website of the Secretary of State no later than two business**
30 **days after the document is filed or submitted.**

31 **(5) In addition to any other remedy permitted by law, any individual**

1 or entity that is adversely affected by a violation of any provision of
2 sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act, or that filed a complaint under this
3 section alleging a violation of sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act, may
4 bring a civil action in a representative capacity against the alleged
5 violator for the collection of the applicable civil penalty, to be paid
6 into the State Treasury.

7 **SECTION 8.** (1) Any individual who is subjected to a violation of
8 section 6 (4) of this 2021 Act may file a civil action in the appropriate
9 circuit court against the entity alleged to have violated section 6 (3)
10 of this 2021 Act. Upon a finding that an entity has violated section 6
11 (4) of this 2021 Act, the complainant shall receive a civil award of not
12 less than \$20,000 plus an award of reasonable attorney fees.

13 (2) The amount awarded to a complainant under this section is
14 separate from, and in addition to, any penalties imposed on an entity
15 under section 7 of this 2021 Act.

16 **SECTION 9.** (1) To the extent any conflict exists, the provisions of
17 sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act shall supersede any other law.

18 (2) For purposes of determining the constitutionality of the pro-
19 visions of sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act, every section, subsection and
20 subdivision thereof shall be evaluated separately. If any section, sub-
21 section or subdivision thereof is held invalid, the remaining sections,
22 subsections and subdivisions thereof shall remain in full force and ef-
23 fect. The courts shall sever any sections, subsections or subdivisions
24 thereof necessary to render sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act consistent
25 with the United States Constitution, Oregon Constitution and federal
26 law. Each section, subsection and subdivision thereof shall be consid-
27 ered severable, individually or in any combination.

28 **SECTION 10.** (1) No later than 90 calendar days after the effective
29 date of this 2021 Act, a political committee that is not organized as a
30 small donor committee may reorganize as a small donor committee if,
31 during the previous 24-month period, not less than 90 percent of the

1 total amount of moneys contributed to the political committee was
2 contributed by individuals in amounts not exceeding \$100 per individ-
3 ual donor per calendar year. Any moneys in the financial accounts of
4 a political committee that reorganizes under this section shall transfer
5 to the newly organized small donor committee and may be used in the
6 same manner as any other moneys contributed to the small donor
7 committee.

8 (2) As used in this section, “political committee” and “small donor
9 committee” have the meaning given those terms in section 2 of this
10 2021 Act.

11 SECTION 11. Section 10 of this 2021 Act is repealed on July 2, 2022.

12 SECTION 12. (1) Sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act become operative
13 on the first day of a new election cycle for each public office that oc-
14 curs on or after the effective date of this 2021 Act.

15 (2) The Secretary of State may take any action before the operative
16 date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the
17 Secretary of State to exercise, on and after the operative date specified
18 in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers
19 conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act.

20 (3)(a) A political committee may take any action before the opera-
21 tive date set forth in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary
22 for the political committee to be in compliance with the requirements
23 set forth in sections 2 to 9 of this 2021 Act no later than the operative
24 date set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

25 (b) The Secretary of State shall reorganize as a multicandidate
26 political committee any active political committee that remains or-
27 ganized to operate as a miscellaneous political committee on Novem-
28 ber 9, 2022. Any moneys in the bank accounts of a political committee
29 described in this paragraph shall transfer to the newly organized
30 multicandidate committee and may be used in the same manner as
31 any other moneys contributed to the multicandidate committee.

1 **(c) The Secretary of State shall by rule establish a process that**
2 **provides a miscellaneous political committee that was reorganized**
3 **under paragraph (b) of this subsection with a single opportunity to**
4 **reorganize as a measure political committee. The process shall ensure**
5 **that any moneys in the bank accounts of a political committee de-**
6 **scribed in this paragraph shall transfer to the newly organized meas-**
7 **ure political committee and may be used in the same manner as any**
8 **other moneys contributed to the measure political committee.**

9 **(4) As used in this section, “election cycle” and “public office” have**
10 **the meanings given those terms in section 2 of this 2021 Act.**

11 **SECTION 13. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate**
12 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
13 **declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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