

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Luelf**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR ARKANSANS FROM
9 ORGANIZATIONS SOLICITING FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "TO PROVIDE CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR ARKANSANS FROM
14 ORGANIZATIONS SOLICITING FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES."

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

18 SECTION 1. (a) Any organization soliciting, in Arkansas, funds or
19 contributions that have been approved as tax-deductible by the Internal
20 Revenue Service (IRS) shall include in each solicitation by mail and shall
21 make readily available during each solicitation by telephone the following
22 information:

23 (1) The amount of revenue received by the organization during the
24 past fiscal or calendar year as determined by an independent audit;

25 (2) The percent of the fiscal or calendar year revenue that was
26 spent on administration of the fund;

27 (3) The percent of the fiscal or calendar year revenue that was
28 spent on soliciting contributions by mail or telephone; and

29 (4) The percent of the fiscal or calendar year revenue that was
30 applied to the organization_s objectives, e.g., medical research defined
31 project support such as feeding the hungry in Afghanistan or other
32 geographical areas; disaster relief; supporting a school; supporting a
33 selected group of selected persons such as native Americans; and any other
34 specified expenditure of funds from which the public or selected segment of
35 the public will benefit.

1 (b) Within twenty four (24) hours after a solicitation by telephone,
2 the organization shall mail a written statement that contains the information
3 required under this act to the person contacted, upon that person_s request.
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5 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
6 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
7 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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9 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
10 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
11 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
12 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
13 act are declared to be severable.
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15 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
16 hereby repealed.
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