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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1714

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF PAID CANVASSER; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF PAID
15 CANVASSER.

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

19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-8-801(3), concerning the definition of a
20 "paid canvasser" for a local option election, is amended to read as follows:

21 (3) "Paid canvasser" means a person who in exchange for
22 soliciting or obtaining a signature on a petition:

23 (A) ~~is~~ Is paid or with whom there is an agreement to pay
24 money or anything of value before or after a signature on a local option
25 election petition is solicited ~~in exchange for soliciting or obtaining a~~
26 signature on a petition; or

27 (B)(i) ~~Receives an item of value before or after a~~
28 signature on a local option election petition is solicited.

29 (ii) ~~As used in subdivision (3)(B)(i) of this~~
30 section, "item of value" includes without limitation:

31 (a) Payment for food;

32 (b) Payment for lodging;

33 (c) Payment for travel expenses;

34 (d) Reimbursements for expenses related to
35 soliciting or obtaining a signature on a petition;

36 (e) Bonuses;



- 1 (f) Stipends;
- 2 (g) Allowances;
- 3 (h) Fees;
- 4 (i) Gratuities;
- 5 (j) Awards;
- 6 (k) Gift cards;
- 7 (l) Payment for incidental expenses; or
- 8 (m) Other payments associated with soliciting
- 9 or obtaining signatures for a local option election petition;

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-9-601(c), concerning hiring and training

12 of paid canvassers for initiatives, referenda, and constitutional amendments,

13 is amended to read as follows:

14 (c) As used in this section, "paid canvasser" means a person who in

15 exchange for soliciting a signature on a petition:

16 (1) ~~is~~ Is paid or with whom there is an agreement to pay money

17 or anything of value before or after a signature on an initiative or

18 referendum petition is solicited ~~in exchange for soliciting a signature on a~~

19 petition; or

20 (2)(A) Receives an item of value before or after a signature on

21 an initiative or referendum petition is solicited.

22 (B) As used in subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section,

23 "item of value" includes but is not limited to:

- 24 (i) Payment for food;
- 25 (ii) Payment for lodging;
- 26 (iii) Payment for travel expenses;
- 27 (iv) Reimbursements for expenses related to
- 28 soliciting or obtaining a signature on a petition;
- 29 (v) Bonuses;
- 30 (vi) Stipends;
- 31 (vii) Allowances;
- 32 (viii) Fees;
- 33 (ix) Gratuities;
- 34 (x) Awards;
- 35 (xi) Gift cards;
- 36 (xii) Payment for incidental expenses; or

1 (xiii) Other payments associated with soliciting or
2 obtaining signatures for an initiative or referendum petition.

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