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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1508, L.D. 2153, Bill, "An Act to Modify the Campaign Finance Laws with Regard to Running for Federal Office"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph C by striking out all of subparagraph (4) (page 1, lines 20 and 21 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'(4) Solicitations or contributions accepted by a member of the Legislature supporting that member's campaign for federal office.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices will incur some minor additional costs to monitor the provisions regarding solicitations or contributions by state legislators running for federal office. These costs can be absorbed within the commission's existing budgeted resources.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment strikes the proposed requirement that a Legislator running for federal office file a separate form established by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. It retains the addition to current law that clarifies that a Legislator running for federal office is not prohibited from solicitating or accepting contributions for that office while the Legislature is in session. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.