

1 SENATE BILL 527

2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; ENACTING THE JUDICIAL ETHICS PROVISION
12 OF THE CAMPAIGN REPORTING ACT; PROHIBITING LAWYERS FROM MAKING
13 CONTRIBUTIONS TO JUDGES OR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES; PROHIBITING
14 CERTAIN COMMITTEES FROM SOLICITING OR ACCEPTING CAMPAIGN
15 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAWYERS; PROHIBITING LAWYERS FROM ENDORSING
16 OR SUPPORTING THE ELECTION OF A JUDGE OR JUDICIAL CANDIDATE.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

19 SECTION 1. A new section of the Campaign Reporting Act is
20 enacted to read:

21 "[NEW MATERIAL] PROHIBITED SOLICITATIONS, ENDORSEMENTS AND
22 CONTRIBUTIONS--JUDICIAL ELECTIONS.--

23 A. A judge or candidate for judicial office shall
24 not personally solicit or accept campaign contributions. A
25 judicial candidate may, however, establish a committee to

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1 conduct a campaign for the candidate through media
2 advertisements, brochures, mailings, candidate forums and other
3 means not prohibited by law. The committee may solicit and
4 accept lawful campaign contributions and manage the expenditure
5 of funds for the candidate's campaign. The committee shall not
6 solicit or accept campaign contributions from lawyers licensed
7 to practice law in the state.

8 B. A lawyer licensed to practice law in the state
9 shall not make a contribution to a judge or candidate for
10 judicial office or to a committee established by or for the
11 judge or candidate to solicit or accept campaign contributions
12 on the judge's or candidate's behalf.

13 C. A lawyer licensed to practice law in the state
14 shall not endorse a judge or candidate for judicial office, nor
15 shall the lawyer allow the use of the lawyer's name, image or
16 quotations to be used in any advertisement, personal letter
17 solicitation, mailings or other form of media or communication
18 endorsing or supporting a judge or judicial candidate in an
19 election."

20 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the
21 provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.