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FIRST SESSION

March 1, 2019

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT number ___1___ to HOUSE BILL 131, as amended

Amendment sponsored by Representative James G. Townsend

1. On page 1, line 12, strike the period and insert in lieu thereof "; CREATING A PROHIBITED PERIOD FOR LOBBYISTS OR LOBBYISTS' EMPLOYERS TO MAKE EXPENDITURES OR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.".

2. On page 1, after line 25, insert a new section as follows:

"SECTION 2. Section 2-11-8.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 46, Section 23, as amended) is amended to read:

"2-11-8.1. RESTRICTIONS ON CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.--

A. No lobbyist may serve as a campaign chair, treasurer or fundraising chair for a candidate for the legislature or other state office.

B. It is unlawful during the prohibited period for any lobbyist or lobbyist's employer to:

(1) contribute to or act as an agent or intermediary for political contributions to or arrange for the making of political contributions to the campaign funds of any statewide elected official or legislator or any candidate for those offices; or

(2) make any expenditure or political contribution to a member of the legislature.

C. For purposes of this section, "prohibited period" is that period beginning January 1 prior to any regular session of the

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legislature or, in the case of a special session, after the proclamation has been issued, and ending on:

(1) the day the session ends for:

(a) any statewide elected official or candidate for statewide office except the governor; and

(b) a legislator or any candidate for the legislature; and

(2) the twentieth day following the adjournment of the regular or special session for the governor or candidate for governor."".

James G. Townsend

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Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk)

Date _____