

SENATE BILL No. 277

By Senators Brownlee, Barnett, Brungardt, Clark, Corbin, Donovan, Em-
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AN ACT enacting the voluntary political contributions act of 2001.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the vol-
untary political contributions act of 2001.

(b) No officer or employee of the state of Kansas, any county, any
unified school district having 35,000 or more pupils regularly enrolled in
the preceding school year, any city of the first class or the board of public
utilities of the unified government of Wyandotte county/Kansas City,
Kansas, responsible for the disbursement of funds in payment of wages
or salaries shall withhold or divert a portion of an employee's wages or
salaries for contributions to political committees for use as political con-
tributions except upon the written request of the employee. The request
shall be made only on a form prescribed by the Kansas governmental
ethics commission which form shall contain a clear and unambiguous
statement that the employee may choose not to make such request for
deduction and may opt to not return the form to the employer. The form
may only be filled out as to the amount of deduction by the employee
and must be signed by the employee in order to be valid. The request
shall be valid for no more than 12 months from the date it is signed.

Sec. 2. No officer or employee of any municipality or political sub-
division of the state described in K.S.A. 25-901, and amendments thereto,
responsible for the disbursement of funds in payment of wages or salaries
shall withhold or divert a portion of an employee's wages or salaries for
contributions to political committees or for use as political contributions
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2 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
3 publication in the statute book.

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