CAMPAIGN FINANCE MODIFICATIONS

2018 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor:  Mark A. Wheatley
Senate Sponsor:  David P. Hinkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:
This bill prohibits a person from making a campaign contribution to the lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor, or state treasurer while the Legislature is in session.

Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:

prohibits a person from making a campaign contribution to the lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor, or state treasurer while the Legislature is in session.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None

Other Special Clauses:
This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:

36-11-305, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 250

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1.  Section 36-11-305 is amended to read:

36-11-305.  Campaign contribution during session prohibited.
(1) It is unlawful for a person, lobbyist, principal, or political committee to make a campaign contribution, or contract, promise, or agree to make a campaign contribution, to [a legislator or a legislator’s personal campaign committee, or a political action committee
controlled by a legislator] any of the following during the time the Legislature is convened in annual general session, veto override session, or special session: 

(a) (i) a legislator;  

(ii) the lieutenant governor;  

(iii) the attorney general;  

(iv) the state auditor; or  

(v) the state treasurer;  

(b) the personal campaign committee of an individual described in Subsection (1)(a);  

or  

(c) a political action committee controlled by a person described in Subsection (1)(a).  

(2) It is unlawful for a person, lobbyist, principal, or political committee to make a campaign contribution, or contract, promise, or agree to make a campaign contribution, to the governor, the governor's personal campaign committee, or a political action committee controlled by the governor during the time the Legislature is convened in annual general session, veto override session, special session, or during the time period established by the Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, for the governor to approve or veto bills passed by the Legislature in the annual general session.  

(3) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.  

Section 2. Effective date.  

If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.