

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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## **Senate Bill 492**

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to the Committee on Government Organization]



1 A BILL to amend and reenact §3-8-4a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to elections; and removing outdated provisions governing political committees terminated  
3 within three years of the effective date of the amendments made to this section during the  
4 regular session of the Legislature, 2002.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 8. REGULATION AND CONTROL OF ELECTIONS.**

**§3-8-4a. Termination of political committees.**

1 (a) A political committee may terminate by filing a written request, in accordance with the  
2 provisions of section four of this article, and by stating in the request that it will no longer receive  
3 any contributions or make any disbursements and that it has no outstanding debts or obligations.  
4 At such time, any excess funds of the committee may be transferred to a political committee  
5 established by the same candidate pursuant to the provisions of §3-8-4 or §3-8-5e of this code.

6 (b) The provisions of this section may not be construed to eliminate or limit the authority  
7 of the Secretary of State, in consultation with the State Election Commission, to establish  
8 procedures for: (1) The determination of insolvency with respect to any political committee; (2)  
9 the orderly liquidation of an insolvent political committee and the orderly application of its assets  
10 for the reduction of outstanding debts; and (3) the termination of an insolvent political committee  
11 after such liquidation and application of assets.

12 ~~(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, any political committee which has~~  
13 ~~been terminated within three years prior to the effective date of the reenactment of this section~~  
14 ~~during the regular session of the Legislature in the year 2002, pursuant to a written request made~~  
15 ~~in accordance with the provisions of section four of this article, may file a written request and be~~  
16 ~~authorized by the Secretary of State to reestablish the political committee. Any request to~~  
17 ~~reestablish a political committee pursuant to the provisions of this subsection must be filed on or~~  
18 ~~before July 1, 2002. The provisions of this subsection may not be construed to increase the~~

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19 ~~maximum contribution authorized during an election cycle, as provided in section twelve of this~~  
20 ~~article~~