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Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to corporate political contributions

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 14-116 of the election law is amended by adding four new paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(A) CORPORATIONS SHALL NOT SPEND ANY RESOURCES ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS AND CANDIDATES WITHOUT SHOWING A PRIOR MAJORITY VOTE OF SHAREHOLDERS AUTHORIZING POLITICAL SPENDING BY MANAGEMENT AND EXPRESSING THE PARTISAN POLITICAL PREFERENCES OF THE SHAREHOLDERS.

(B) ALL CORPORATE POLITICAL EXPENDITURES OR CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE POSTED ON THE COMPANY WEBSITE WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS.

(C) IF A MAJORITY OF A COMPANY'S SHARES ARE OWNED BY LARGE INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS THAT CANNOT TAKE POLITICAL POSITIONS, THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT MAKE POLITICAL EXPENDITURES OR CONTRIBUTIONS.

(D) SHAREHOLDERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A PRO RATA REBATE FOR THE PORTION OF THEIR INVESTMENTS SPENT BY THE CORPORATION ON ANY POLITICAL EXPENDITURES AND CONTRIBUTIONS THEY DISAGREE WITH.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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