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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY SENATOR AMEDEE

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE. Requests the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to jointly study the appropriate use of campaign funds.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the
3	House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a
4	joint committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the appropriate
5	use of campaign funds.
6	WHEREAS, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act (CFDA) requires contributions
7	received by an elected official be expended for any lawful purpose; and
8	WHEREAS, the CFDA prohibits an elected official from using his campaign funds
9	for expenditures that are not related to the holding of public office; and
10	WHEREAS, the CFDA prohibits the use of campaign funds for any personal use
11	unrelated to the candidate's campaign or his holding of public office; and
12	WHEREAS, the CFDA provides that excess funds may be used for a future
13	campaign; returned to contributors on a pro rata basis; given as charitable contributions; or
14	in support of or in opposition to a proposition, political party, or candidate; and
15	WHEREAS, in years past, the Board of Ethics has issued numerous opinions
16	regarding the proper use or misuse of an elected official's campaign funds; and
17	WHEREAS, it is the legislature's intention to ensure the accurate and consistent
18	application of the CFDA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby requests the members of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the appropriate use of campaign funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint legislative committee shall submit recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana not later than February 1, 2014.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tim Prather.

## **DIGEST**

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Requests the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs study and make recommendations with respect to the appropriate use of campaign funds and submit a report to the legislature by February 1, 2014.