**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**S. 630**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

Senate Resolution

Sponsors: Senators Knotts, Massey, Peeler, Reese, Davis, Hutto, Fair, Hayes, Sheheen, Leventis, Malloy, Rose, McConnell, L. Martin, Rankin, Scott, Setzler, Coleman, Ford, Campbell, Land, Courson, McGill, Jackson, Williams, Matthews, Lourie, O'Dell, Cleary, Nicholson, Alexander, Anderson, Leatherman, Pinckney, Thomas, Campsen, Shoopman and Elliott

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Summary: Senate Rule: Prohibit Leadership PACs

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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3/3/2011 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Rules** ([Senate Journal‑page 18](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\03-03-11.docx))

3/4/2011 Scrivener's error corrected

3/24/2011 Senate Special order, set for March 24, 2011 ([Senate Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\03-24-11.docx))

3/24/2011 Senate Roll call Ayes‑28 Nays‑11 ([Senate Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\03-24-11.docx))

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6/1/2011 Senate Roll call Ayes‑31 Nays‑9 ([Senate Journal‑page 191](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\06-01-11.docx))

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POLLED OUT OF COMMITTEE

MAJORITY FAVORABLE

March 3, 2011

**S. 630**

Introduced by Senators Knotts, Massey, Peeler, Reese, Davis, Hutto, Fair, Hayes, Verdin, Sheheen, Leventis, Malloy, Rose, McConnell, L. Martin, Rankin, Ryberg, Scott, Setzler, Cromer, Coleman, Ford, Campbell, Land, Courson, McGill, Jackson, Williams, Matthews, Lourie, O’Dell, Cleary, Nicholson, Alexander, Anderson, Leatherman, Pinckney, Thomas, Campsen and Shoopman

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Read the first time March 1, 2011.

**THE COMMITTEE ON RULES**

To whom was referred a Senate Resolution (S. 630) to amend the Rules of the Senate by adding Rule 54, the “Prohibition on Noncandidate Committees”, so as to prohibit a member of the Senate from, directly or indirectly, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

Has polled the Senate Resolution out majority favorable.

**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE SENATE BY ADDING RULE 54, THE “PROHIBITION ON NONCANDIDATE COMMITTEES”, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A MEMBER OF THE SENATE FROM, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ESTABLISHING, FINANCING, MAINTAINING, OR CONTROLLING A NONCANDIDATE COMMITTEE.

Whereas, it is the opinion of the Senate that noncandidate committees, frequently known as leadership political action committees, present great potential for abuse by creating loopholes in campaign finance law and allowing members to exert financial control over other members; and

Whereas, pursuant to a long‑standing agreement of the membership, no member of the Senate has established, or maintains or controls a noncandidate committee, it is the intent of the Senate to formalize the agreement; and

Whereas, it is the intent of the Senate, therefore, to prohibit a member of the Senate from, directly or indirectly, establishing, financing, maintaining, or controlling a noncandidate committee. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the Rules of the Senate are amended by adding:

“Rule 54

Prohibition on Noncandidate Committees

Notwithstanding Section 8‑13‑1340, a member of the Senate shall not, directly or indirectly, establish, finance, maintain, or control a noncandidate committee as defined in Section 8‑13‑1300. A noncandidate committee does not include a candidate committee or a legislative caucus committee.”

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