

Affected Shows McMaster's Continued Illegal Takings of S.C. Public Money's and Properties for his own personal gain just as the complainant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY:
CASE NUMBER
c2014-143

COMPLAINT FORM

COMPLAINANT: DAVID G. ELLISON RESPONDENT: HENRY D. McMASTEN
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Set forth in detail specific facts upon which you based your complaint against above-named respondent (only detailed, clear factual allegations will be considered.) (If additional space is needed, attach supplemental sheets).

Based on my examination of media reports and financial disclosure forms, it is clear that former Attorney General Henry McMaster's 2010 campaign for Governor violated restrictions on campaign donations by raising excessive contributions - to the extent of \$51,850 - from donors who had already contributed the maximum to his primary race.

Unlike other candidates who had a runoff election, and thus multiple election cycles, Mr. McMaster's case is different. His campaign created a phantom general election in which he was not participating and solicited additional donations for that election in an effort to circumvent the law restricting contributions even though he had only one election cycle in 2010. All of the other individuals mentioned in "The State" newspaper article (attached) were still actively campaigning for office as their names would appear on subsequent ballots - Mr. McMaster was not.

Pursuant to Section 8-13-1314 of South Carolina law, Mr. McMaster, by definition, violated the law. Mr. McMaster has stated his willingness to pay back the excessive contributions and he should be asked to do so immediately, as well as any other

All investigations, inquiries, hearings, and accompanying documents must remain confidential until a finding of probable cause or dismissal unless the respondent waives the right to confidentiality. The wilful release of confidential information is a misdemeanor, and any person releasing such confidential information, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned not more than one year. Section 8-13-320(10)(g). penalties imposed that may just and proper.

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Personally appeared before me David G. Ellison who, first being duly sworn, says that he has read and knows the contents of the above complaint and that the allegations contained therein, are true and correct to the best of his own knowledge, except for those matters therein based upon information and belief, and as to those he believes them to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
17 day of April, 2014
Cassandra Jones

David G. Ellison
Complainant's Signature

Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission expires My Commission Expires July 5, 2016

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