

SENATE BILL No. 26

By Committee on Ethics and Elections

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1 AN ACT concerning campaign finance; amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-
2 4157a and repealing the existing section.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-4157a is hereby amended to read as
6 follows: 25-4157a. (a) No moneys received by any candidate or candidate
7 committee of any candidate as a contribution under this act shall be used
8 or be made available for the personal use of the candidate and no such
9 moneys shall be used by such candidate or the candidate committee of
10 such candidate except for:

- 11 (1) Legitimate campaign purposes;
12 (2) expenses of holding political office;
13 (3) contributions to the party committees of the political party of
14 which such candidate is a member;
15 (4) any membership dues related to the candidate's campaign paid to a
16 community service or civic organization in the name of the candidate;
17 (5) any donations paid to a community service or civic organization
18 in the name of the candidate or candidate committee of any candidate but
19 only if the candidate receives no goods or services unrelated to the
20 candidate's campaign as a result of the payment of such donations;
21 (6) expenses incurred in the purchase of tickets to meals and special
22 events sponsored by any organization the major purpose of which is to
23 promote or facilitate the social, business, commercial or economic well
24 being of the local community; ~~or~~
25 (7) expenses incurred in the purchase and mailing of greeting cards to
26 voters and constituents; *or*
27 (8) *expenses incurred for travel, lodging and the purchase of tickets*
28 *for meals and special events sponsored by any organization the major*
29 *purpose of which is to promote or facilitate the social, business,*
30 *commercial, economic or governmental wellbeing of the state or local*
31 *community.*

32 For the purpose of this subsection, expenditures for "personal use" shall
33 include expenditures to defray normal living expenses for the candidate or
34 the candidate's family and expenditures for the personal benefit of the
35 candidate having no direct connection with or effect upon the campaign of
36 the candidate or the holding of public office.

1 (b) No moneys received by any candidate or candidate committee of
2 any candidate as a contribution shall be used to pay interest or any other
3 finance charges upon moneys loaned to the campaign by such candidate or
4 the spouse of such candidate.

5 (c) No candidate or candidate committee shall accept from any other
6 candidate or candidate committee for any candidate for local, state or
7 national office, any moneys received by such candidate or candidate
8 committee as a campaign contribution. The provisions of this subsection
9 shall not be construed to prohibit a candidate or candidate committee from
10 accepting moneys from another candidate or candidate committee if such
11 moneys constitute a reimbursement for one candidate's proportional share
12 of the cost of any campaign activity participated in by both candidates
13 involved. Such reimbursement shall not exceed an amount equal to the
14 proportional share of the cost directly benefiting and attributable to the
15 personal campaign of the candidate making such reimbursement.

16 (d) At the time of the termination of any campaign and prior to the
17 filing of a termination report in accordance with K.S.A. 25-4157, and
18 amendments thereto, all residual funds otherwise not obligated for the
19 payment of expenses incurred in such campaign or the holding of office
20 shall be contributed to a charitable organization, as defined by the laws of
21 the state, contributed to a party committee or returned as a refund in whole
22 or in part to any contributor or contributors from whom received or paid
23 into the general fund of the state.

24 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-4157a is hereby repealed.

25 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
26 publication in the statute book.