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LEGISLATIVE BILL 986

Introduced by Bostar, 29; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; McKinney, 11; Prokop, 27; Sanders, 45; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

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Committee: Executive Board

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to campaign expenditures; to amend sections
2 49-1446.02 and 49-1446.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
3 provide for expenditures for security services and systems; to
4 harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to
5 declare an emergency.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 49-1446.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
2 is amended to read:

3 49-1446.02 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Nebraska
4 Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, no committee shall expend
5 funds for the purchase or payment of:

6 (1) Clothes or medical or dental expenses of a candidate or the
7 members of his or her immediate family;

8 (2) Installment payments for an automobile owned by a candidate;

9 (3) Mortgage or rental payments for a permanent residence of a
10 candidate;

11 (4) The satisfaction of personal debts, including installment
12 payments on personal loans, except campaign loans subject to reporting
13 required by subsection (2) of section 49-1456;

14 (5) Personal services, including the services of a lawyer or
15 accountant, except campaign services subject to reporting pursuant to the
16 provisions of section 49-1455 and security services as described in
17 subdivision (10) of section 49-1446.03; or

18 (6) Office supplies, staff, or furnishings for the public office for
19 which an individual is a candidate for nomination or election except as
20 set out in subsection (2) of section 49-1446.01 and subdivision (10) of
21 section 49-1446.03.

22 **Sec. 2.** Section 49-1446.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
23 amended to read:

24 49-1446.03 Except as otherwise provided in the Nebraska Political
25 Accountability and Disclosure Act, any committee may, in addition to the
26 expenditures set forth in section 49-1446.01, make expenditures for the
27 following:

28 (1) The necessary continued operation of the campaign office or
29 offices of the candidate or political committee;

30 (2) Social events primarily for the benefit of campaign workers and
31 volunteers or constituents;

- 1 (3) Obtaining public input and opinion;
- 2 (4) Repayment of campaign loans incurred prior to election day;
- 3 (5) Newsletters and other communications for the purpose of
- 4 information, thanks, acknowledgment, or greetings or for the purpose of
- 5 political organization and planning;

6 (6) Gifts of acknowledgment, including flowers and charitable
7 contributions, except that gifts to any one individual shall not exceed
8 fifty dollars in any one calendar year;

9 (7) Meals, lodging, and travel by an officeholder related to his or
10 her candidacy and for members of the immediate family of the officeholder
11 when involved in activities related to his or her candidacy;

12 (8) Conference fees, meals, lodging, and travel by an officeholder
13 and his or her staff when involved in activities related to the duties of
14 his or her public office; and

15 (9) In the case of the candidate committee for the Governor,
16 conference fees, meals, lodging, and travel by the Governor, his or her
17 staff, and his or her immediate family, when involved in activities
18 related to the duties of the Governor; and -

19 (10) Security services and systems, including security personnel,
20 hardware, software, electronic security equipment, installation,
21 maintenance, monitoring and other physical and structural security
22 measures and improvements.

23 **Sec. 3.** Original sections 49-1446.02 and 49-1446.03, Reissue
24 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

25 **Sec. 4.** Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
26 passed and approved according to law.