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LEGISLATIVE BILL 986

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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.