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AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to the use of campaign funds to pay attorney's fees

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 14-130 of the election law, as added by chapter 152
2 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:
3 S 14-130. Campaign funds for personal use. Contributions received by a
4 candidate or a political committee may be expended for any lawful
5 purpose. Such funds shall not be converted by any person to a personal
6 use which is unrelated to a political campaign or the holding of a
7 public office or party position. NO CAMPAIGN FUNDS SHALL BE USED TO PAY
8 ATTORNEY'S FEES OR ANY COSTS OF DEFENDING AGAINST ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL
9 ACTION, INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF STATE OR
10 FEDERAL LAW ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY A CANDIDATE, PUBLIC OR
11 PARTY OFFICIAL, MEMBERS OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR DOMESTIC PARTNER
12 UNLESS SUCH EXPENDITURE IS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR COSTS RELATED TO CIVIL
13 ACTIONS INSTITUTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE SIXTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER.
14 S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
15 have become a law; provided, however, that the state board of elections
16 shall notify all registered campaign committees of the applicable
17 provisions of this act within thirty days after this act shall have
18 become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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