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AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to restricting the use of certain contribution funds for legal fees

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

Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 14-131 to read as follows:

S 14-131. CONTRIBUTION FUNDS; RESTRICTION ON USE. 1. NO CANDIDATE SHALL USE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN FOR THE PAYMENT OF LEGAL EXPENSES AND ATTORNEYS FEES IN THE DEFENSE OF A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL CASE ARISING UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE.

2. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL RESTRICT A CANDIDATE'S RIGHT TO ESTABLISH, AND SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS SPECIFICALLY FOR, A SEPARATE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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