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Introduced by Sen. KRUEGER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to disposition of campaign funds

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

1 Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 14-132
2 to read as follows:

3 S 14-132. DISPOSITION OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS. 1. AN AUTHORIZED CONTINUING
4 CANDIDATE COMMITTEE FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL SHALL DISPOSE OF ALL FUNDS AND
5 CLOSE WITHIN FOUR YEARS AFTER THE LATER OF (A) THE END OF THE INDIVID-
6 UAL'S MOST RECENT TERM OF OFFICE, OR (B) THE DATE OF THE ELECTION IN
7 WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL LAST WAS A FILED CANDIDATE.

8 2. ANY CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE REQUIRED TO DISPOSE OF FUNDS
9 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL, AT THE OPTION OF THE CANDIDATE, OR THE
10 TREASURER OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE FORMED SOLELY TO PROMOTE THE PASSAGE
11 OR DEFEAT OF A BALLOT PROPOSAL, DISPOSE OF SUCH FUNDS BY ANY OF THE
12 FOLLOWING MEANS, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF:

13 A. RETURNING, PRO RATA, TO EACH CONTRIBUTOR THE FUNDS THAT HAVE NOT
14 BEEN SPENT OR OBLIGATED;

15 B. DONATING THE FUNDS TO A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS
16 THAT MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVEN-
17 UE CODE;

18 C. DONATING THE FUNDS TO THE STATE UNIVERSITY;

19 D. DONATING THE FUNDS TO THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND;

20 E. TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS TO A POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE REGISTERED
21 WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS; OR

22 F. CONTRIBUTING THE FUNDS TO A CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE SUCH
23 THAT THIS DOES NOT EXCEED THE LIMITS SET FORTH IN SECTION 14-114 OF THIS
24 ARTICLE.

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

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1 3. NO CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHALL DISPOSE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS
2 BY MAKING EXPENDITURES FOR PERSONAL USE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 14-130 OF
3 THIS ARTICLE.

4 4. UPON THE DEATH OF A CANDIDATE, FORMER CANDIDATE OR HOLDER OF ELEC-
5 TIVE OFFICE, WHO RECEIVED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS, ALL CONTRIBUTIONS
6 SHALL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDING TO THIS SECTION WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS OF
7 THE DEATH OF THE CANDIDATE.

8 5. NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OR TWO OF THIS
9 SECTION, AN AUTHORIZED CONTINUING CANDIDATE COMMITTEE SHALL DISPOSE OF
10 ALL FUNDS AND CLOSE WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER A FELONY CONVICTION OF A
11 CANDIDATE WHO AUTHORIZED SUCH CANDIDATE COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO PARAGRAPH
12 A, B, C OR D OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION.

13 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.