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Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Election Law

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 ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 14-130 of the election law is amended by adding a  
2     new subdivision 7 to read as follows:  
3     7. NO CAMPAIGN FUNDS SHALL BE USED TO PAY ATTORNEY'S FEES OR ANY COSTS  
4     OF DEFENDING AGAINST ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION, INVESTIGATION OR  
5     PROSECUTION FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW ALLEGED TO  
6     HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY A CANDIDATE, PUBLIC OR PARTY OFFICIAL, MEMBERS OF  
7     THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR DOMESTIC PARTNER UNLESS SUCH EXPENDITURE IS  
8     USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR COSTS RELATED TO CIVIL ACTIONS INSTITUTED PURSUANT  
9     TO ARTICLE SIXTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER.  
10    S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
11    have become a law; provided, however, that the state board of elections  
12    shall notify all registered campaign committees of the applicable  
13    provisions of this act within thirty days after this act shall have  
14    become a law.

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

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