

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

February 16, 2017

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

AN ACT to amend the election law and the penal law, in relation to penalties for unlawful campaign contributions to county or town committees

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 14-126 of the election law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

3 7. Any person, acting on behalf of a public officer, candidate or any  
4 authorized or unauthorized political committee, who solicits a contribu-  
5 tion to a county or town committee for the benefit of a candidate to  
6 whom a direct contribution of such amount is unlawful, shall be guilty  
7 of a class D felony.

8 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 470.00 of the penal law, as amended by  
9 chapter 489 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

10 3. "Transaction" includes a payment, purchase, sale, loan, pledge,  
11 gift, transfer, or delivery, and with respect to a financial institution  
12 includes a deposit, withdrawal, transfer between accounts, exchange of  
13 currency, loan, extension of credit, purchase or sale of any stock,  
14 bond, certificate of deposit, or other monetary instrument, use of a  
15 safe deposit box, or any other payment, transfer, or delivery by,  
16 through, or to a financial institution, by whatever means effected, or  
17 any act prohibited by section 14-126 of the election law, except that  
18 "transaction" shall not include payments to attorneys for legal  
19 services.

20 § 3. 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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