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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. BROOKS, ADDABBO, SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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. Paragraphs (ix) and (x) of subdivision 3 of section 14-130  
2 of the election law, as added by section 9 of part CC of chapter 56 of  
3 the laws of 2015, are amended and a new paragraph (xi) is added to read  
4 as follows:

5 (ix) dues, fees, or gratuities at a country club, health club, recre-  
6 ational facility or other entities with a similar purpose, unless they  
7 are expenses connected with a specific fundraising event or activity  
8 associated with a political campaign or the holding of public office or  
9 party position that takes place on the organization's premises; ~~[and]~~

10 (x) travel expenses including automobile purchases or leases, unless  
11 used for campaign purposes or in connection with the execution of the  
12 duties of public office or party position and usage of such vehicle  
13 which is incidental to such purposes or the execution of such duties~~[-]~~;  
14 and

15 (xi) payment of any attorney's fees or any costs for the actual  
16 defense of a candidate, public or party official, members of their imme-  
17 diat family, or domestic partner in connection with a criminal action,  
18 investigation, or prosecution. Such funds shall only be used exclusive-  
19 ly for costs related to civil actions instituted pursuant to article  
20 sixteen of this chapter.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
22 have become a law.

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

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