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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:

Section 1. Paragraphs (ix) and (x) of subdivision 3 of section 14-130 of the election law, as added by section 9 of part CC of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, are amended and a new paragraph (xi) is added to read as follows:

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

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

(xi) payment of any attorney's fees or any costs for the actual defense of a candidate, public or party official, members of their immediate family, or domestic partner in connection with a criminal action, investigation, or prosecution. Such funds shall only be used exclusively for costs related to civil actions instituted pursuant to article sixteen of this chapter.

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

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

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