

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE, GRIFFIN -- 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 for the actual defense of a candidate, public or party official, members  
5 of their immediate family or domestic partner under federal criminal  
6 indictment. Such funds may only be used exclusively for costs related  
7 to civil actions instituted pursuant to article sixteen of this chapter.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
9 have become a law; provided, however, that the state board of elections  
10 shall notify all registered campaign committees of the applicable  
11 provisions of this act within thirty days after this act shall have  
12 become a law.

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

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