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IN SENATE

January 11, 2021

Introduced by Sens. BROOKS, ADDABBO, SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

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 (x) and (xi) of subdivision 3 of section 14-130 of the election law, paragraph (x) as amended and paragraph (xi) as added by chapter 136 of the laws of 2019, are amended and a new paragraph (xii) is added to read as follows:

(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) childcare expenses, other than expenses incurred in the campaign or in the execution of the duties of public office or party position[~~.~~]; and

(xii) 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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