

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PALUMBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to disposition of campaign funds upon the removal of an elected official who has been removed from office as a result of conviction on an impeachment

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-132 of the election law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

3 2-a. Upon the removal from office of a holder of elected office as a
4 result of conviction on an impeachment, where such candidate or candi-
5 date's authorized committee received campaign contributions, all such
6 funds shall be disposed of by any of the following means, or any combi-
7 nation thereof, within one year of the removal from office of such
8 person:

9 (a) returning, pro rata, to each contributor the funds that have not
10 been spent or obligated;

11 (b) donating the funds to a charitable organization or organizations
12 that meet the qualifications of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Reven-
13 ue Code;

14 (c) donating the funds to the state university of New York or the city
15 university of New York;

16 (d) donating the funds to the state's general fund; or

17 (e) providing compensation to the victims of any offense or illegal
18 acts committed by the elected official while in office against such
19 victims including but not limited to where such compensation is for
20 economic harm or non-economic harm. Such compensation shall not prohibit
21 any victim from seeking additional remedies, compensation or restitution
22 in a court of competent jurisdiction nor shall such compensation be
23 contingent on a nondisclosure agreement.

24 § 2. 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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