

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- 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 prohibiting an officer  
of the state impeached by the assembly from accessing such officer's  
campaign accounts and associated funds and providing for the return of  
such funds to contributors

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

1 Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 14-134  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 14-134. Loss of access to campaign account when impeached. 1. (a)  
4 When an officer of the state is impeached by the assembly, such officer  
5 shall temporarily lose any access to such officer's campaign account and  
6 all associated funds, except to pay legal defense fees, until the  
7 conclusion of such officer's impeachment trial.

8 (b) If such officer is convicted by the court for the trial of  
9 impeachment, such officer shall permanently lose any access to such  
10 officer's campaign account and all associated funds, except to pay legal  
11 defense fees.

12 2. The state board of elections shall liquidate the campaign account  
13 of any official convicted by the court for the trial of impeachment  
14 pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section and shall  
15 return, pro rata, to each contributor such funds that have not been  
16 spent or obligated. Such official's campaign treasurer shall assist the  
17 state board of elections with such liquidation and return of funds.

18 § 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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