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Introduced by M. of A. HOOKS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to ineligibility to receive public matching funds due to the prior misuse of public funds

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

Section 1. The election law is amended by adding a new section 14-203-a to read as follows:

§ 14-203-a. Ineligibility; prior misuse of public funds. 1. A candidate shall be ineligible to receive public matching funds under this title if such candidate has been found in a prior election cycle to have knowingly and willfully misused public campaign funds or committed fraud, conversion, or unauthorized personal use of such funds, as determined by a final order of the state board of elections, a court of competent jurisdiction, or any other lawful enforcement authority.

2. Such ineligibility shall continue unless and until the candidate has fully repaid any misused funds, satisfied all civil penalties related to such misused funds, and complied with any remedial or restitution orders imposed as a result of such prior misuse of public campaign funds or fraud, conversion or unauthorized personal use of such funds.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all candidates participating in public financing beginning on and after the first of January next succeeding the date on which 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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