

**SENATE BILL No. 26**

By Committee on Ethics and Elections

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1 AN ACT concerning campaign finance; amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-  
2 4157a and repealing the existing section.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-4157a is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows: 25-4157a. (a) No moneys received by any candidate or candidate  
7 committee of any candidate as a contribution under this act shall be used  
8 or be made available for the personal use of the candidate and no such  
9 moneys shall be used by such candidate or the candidate committee of  
10 such candidate except for:

11 (1) Legitimate campaign purposes;  
12 (2) expenses of holding political office;  
13 (3) contributions to the party committees of the political party of  
14 which such candidate is a member;

15 (4) any membership dues related to the candidate's campaign paid to  
16 a community service or civic organization in the name of the candidate;

17 (5) any donations paid to a community service or civic organization  
18 in the name of the candidate or candidate committee of any candidate but  
19 only if the candidate receives no goods or services unrelated to the  
20 candidate's campaign as a result of the payment of such donations;

21 (6) expenses incurred ~~in~~ ***by the candidate or the candidate's spouse***  
22 ***for travel, lodging and*** the purchase of tickets to meals and special events  
23 sponsored by any organization the major purpose of which is to promote or  
24 facilitate the social, business, commercial or economic well being of the  
25 ***state or*** local community; ~~or~~

26 (7) expenses incurred in the purchase and mailing of greeting cards to  
27 voters and constituents; ~~or~~

28 ~~(8) expenses incurred for travel, lodging and the purchase of tickets~~  
29 ~~for meals and special events sponsored by any organization the major~~  
30 ~~purpose of which is to promote or facilitate the social, business,~~  
31 ~~commercial, economic or governmental wellbeing of the state or local~~  
32 ~~community.~~

33 For the purpose of this subsection, expenditures for "personal use" shall  
34 include expenditures to defray normal living expenses for the candidate or  
35 the candidate's family and expenditures for the personal benefit of the  
36 candidate having no direct connection with or effect upon the campaign of

1 the candidate or the holding of public office.

2 (b) No moneys received by any candidate or candidate committee of  
3 any candidate as a contribution shall be used to pay interest or any other  
4 finance charges upon moneys loaned to the campaign by such candidate or  
5 the spouse of such candidate.

6 (c) No candidate or candidate committee shall accept from any other  
7 candidate or candidate committee for any candidate for local, state or  
8 national office, any moneys received by such candidate or candidate  
9 committee as a campaign contribution. The provisions of this subsection  
10 shall not be construed to prohibit a candidate or candidate committee from  
11 accepting moneys from another candidate or candidate committee if such  
12 moneys constitute a reimbursement for one candidate's proportional share  
13 of the cost of any campaign activity participated in by both candidates  
14 involved. Such reimbursement shall not exceed an amount equal to the  
15 proportional share of the cost directly benefiting and attributable to the  
16 personal campaign of the candidate making such reimbursement.

17 (d) At the time of the termination of any campaign and prior to the  
18 filing of a termination report in accordance with K.S.A. 25-4157, and  
19 amendments thereto, all residual funds otherwise not obligated for the  
20 payment of expenses incurred in such campaign or the holding of office  
21 shall be contributed to a charitable organization, as defined by the laws of  
22 the state, contributed to a party committee or returned as a refund in whole  
23 or in part to any contributor or contributors from whom received or paid  
24 into the general fund of the state.

25 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-4157a is hereby repealed.

26 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
27 publication in the statute book.