

HOUSE BILL No. 2296

By Committee on Appropriations

2-12

1 AN ACT concerning campaign finance; relating to uses of campaign
2 funds; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-4157a and repealing the
3 existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-4157a is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 25-4157a. (a) No moneys received by any candidate or candidate
8 committee of any candidate as a contribution under this act shall be used
9 or be made available for the personal use of the candidate and no such
10 moneys shall be used by such candidate or the candidate committee of
11 such candidate except for:

- 12 (1) Legitimate campaign purposes;
- 13 (2) expenses of holding political office;
- 14 (3) contributions to the party committees of the political party of
15 which such candidate is a member;
- 16 (4) any membership dues related to the candidate's campaign paid to
17 a community service or civic organization in the name of the candidate;
- 18 (5) any donations paid to ~~a~~ *any organization which is recognized as a*
19 *501(c)(3) tax exempt organization or any religious organization,*
20 community service or civic organization in the name of the candidate or
21 candidate committee of any candidate but only if the candidate receives no
22 goods or services unrelated to the candidate's campaign as a result of the
23 payment of such donations;
- 24 (6) expenses incurred in the purchase of tickets to meals and special
25 events sponsored by any organization the major purpose of which is to
26 promote or facilitate the social, business, commercial or economic well
27 being of the local community; or
- 28 (7) expenses incurred in the purchase and mailing of greeting cards to
29 voters and constituents.

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

35 (b) No moneys received by any candidate or candidate committee of
36 any candidate as a contribution shall be used to pay interest or any other

1 finance charges upon moneys loaned to the campaign by such candidate or
2 the spouse of such candidate.

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

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

22 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-4157a is hereby repealed.

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