



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB5054

Introduced 2/10/2026, by Rep. Katie Stuart

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/9-8.10

Amends the Election Code. Provides that expenditures by a political committee for expenses related to personal security services are only exempt from provisions prohibiting certain expenditures by a political committee if the personal security services are provided by a private security contractor agency licensed under the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004.

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 9-8.10 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-8.10)

7 Sec. 9-8.10. Use of political committee and other  
8 reporting organization funds.

9 (a) A political committee shall not make expenditures:

10 (1) In violation of any law of the United States or of  
11 this State.

12 (2) Clearly in excess of the fair market value of the  
13 services, materials, facilities, or other things of value  
14 received in exchange.

15 (3) For satisfaction or repayment of any debts other  
16 than loans made to the committee or to the public official  
17 or candidate on behalf of the committee or repayment of  
18 goods and services purchased by the committee under a  
19 credit agreement. Nothing in this Section authorizes the  
20 use of campaign funds to repay personal loans. The  
21 repayments shall be made by check written to the person  
22 who made the loan or credit agreement. The terms and  
23 conditions of any loan or credit agreement to a committee

1 shall be set forth in a written agreement, including but  
2 not limited to the method and amount of repayment, that  
3 shall be executed by the chair or treasurer of the  
4 committee at the time of the loan or credit agreement. The  
5 loan or agreement shall also set forth the rate of  
6 interest for the loan, if any, which may not substantially  
7 exceed the prevailing market interest rate at the time the  
8 agreement is executed.

9 (4) For the satisfaction or repayment of any debts or  
10 for the payment of any expenses relating to a personal  
11 residence. Campaign funds may not be used as collateral  
12 for home mortgages. The provisions of this paragraph do  
13 not apply to expenditures by a political committee for  
14 expenses related to: (i) a public official's or  
15 candidate's personal security services provided by a  
16 private security contractor agency licensed under the  
17 Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security,  
18 Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 or security  
19 enhancements to a public official's or candidate's primary  
20 residence, including, but not limited to, security  
21 systems, cameras, walls, fences, or other physical  
22 structures, if the security services or security  
23 enhancements are reasonably necessary due to risks arising  
24 from the public official's or candidate's political or  
25 governmental duties; or (ii) cybersecurity measures or  
26 tools used to protect and secure a public official's or

1 candidate's personal, political, and government devices,  
2 Internet networks, or other technology, if the  
3 cybersecurity measures or tools are reasonably necessary  
4 due to risks arising from the public official's or  
5 candidate's political or governmental duties.

6 (5) For clothing or personal laundry expenses, except  
7 clothing items rented by the public official or candidate  
8 for his or her own use exclusively for a specific  
9 campaign-related event, provided that committees may  
10 purchase costumes, novelty items, or other accessories  
11 worn primarily to advertise the candidacy.

12 (6) For the travel expenses of any person unless the  
13 travel is necessary for fulfillment of political,  
14 governmental, or public policy duties, activities, or  
15 purposes.

16 (7) For membership or club dues charged by  
17 organizations, clubs, or facilities that are primarily  
18 engaged in providing health, exercise, or recreational  
19 services; provided, however, that funds received under  
20 this Article may be used to rent the clubs or facilities  
21 for a specific campaign-related event.

22 (8) In payment for anything of value or for  
23 reimbursement of any expenditure for which any person has  
24 been reimbursed by the State or any person. For purposes  
25 of this item (8), a per diem allowance is not a  
26 reimbursement.

1           (9) For the lease or purchase of or installment  
2 payment for a motor vehicle unless the political committee  
3 can demonstrate the vehicle will be used primarily for  
4 campaign purposes or for the performance of governmental  
5 duties. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits a political  
6 committee from using political funds to make expenditures  
7 related to vehicles not purchased or leased by a political  
8 committee, provided the expenditure relates to the use of  
9 the vehicle for primarily campaign purposes or the  
10 performance of governmental duties. Persons using vehicles  
11 not purchased or leased by a political committee may be  
12 reimbursed for actual mileage for the use of the vehicle  
13 for campaign purposes or for the performance of  
14 governmental duties. The mileage reimbursements shall be  
15 made at a rate not to exceed the standard mileage rate  
16 method for computation of business expenses under the  
17 Internal Revenue Code.

18           (10) Directly for an individual's tuition or other  
19 educational expenses, except for governmental or political  
20 purposes directly related to a candidate's or public  
21 official's duties and responsibilities.

22           (11) For payments to a public official or candidate or  
23 his or her family member unless for compensation for  
24 services actually rendered by that person. The provisions  
25 of this item (11) do not apply to expenditures by a  
26 political committee for expenses related to providing

1           childcare for a minor child or care for a dependent family  
2           member if the care is reasonably necessary for the public  
3           official or candidate to fulfill political or governmental  
4           duties. The provisions of this item (11) do not apply to  
5           expenditures by a political committee in an aggregate  
6           amount not exceeding the amount of funds reported to and  
7           certified by the State Board or county clerk as available  
8           as of June 30, 1998, in the semi-annual report of  
9           contributions and expenditures filed by the political  
10          committee for the period concluding June 30, 1998.

11          (b) The Board shall have the authority to investigate,  
12          upon receipt of a verified complaint, violations of the  
13          provisions of this Section. The Board may levy a fine on any  
14          person who knowingly makes expenditures in violation of this  
15          Section and on any person who knowingly makes a malicious and  
16          false accusation of a violation of this Section. The Board may  
17          act under this subsection only upon the affirmative vote of at  
18          least 5 of its members. The fine shall not exceed \$500 for each  
19          expenditure of \$500 or less and shall not exceed the amount of  
20          the expenditure plus \$500 for each expenditure greater than  
21          \$500. The Board shall also have the authority to render  
22          rulings and issue opinions relating to compliance with this  
23          Section.

24          (c) Nothing in this Section prohibits the expenditure of  
25          funds of a political committee controlled by an officeholder  
26          or by a candidate to defray the customary and reasonable

1 expenses of an officeholder in connection with the performance  
2 of governmental and public service functions.

3 (d) Nothing in this Section prohibits the funds of a  
4 political committee which is controlled by a person convicted  
5 of a violation of any of the offenses listed in subsection (a)  
6 of Section 10 of the Public Corruption Profit Forfeiture Act  
7 from being forfeited to the State under Section 15 of the  
8 Public Corruption Profit Forfeiture Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 104-443, eff. 1-1-26.)