

SB3984



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/6/2026, by Sen. Jason Plummer

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/9-8.10

Amends the Election Code. Prohibits a political committee from making expenditures for taxable compensation to an immediate family member of a public official or candidate. Defines "immediate family member" and "payments". Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 or security
16 enhancements to a public official's or candidate's primary
17 residence, including, but not limited to, security
18 systems, cameras, walls, fences, or other physical
19 structures, if the security services or security
20 enhancements are reasonably necessary due to risks arising
21 from the public official's or candidate's political or
22 governmental duties; or (ii) cybersecurity measures or
23 tools used to protect and secure a public official's or
24 candidate's personal, political, and government devices,
25 Internet networks, or other technology, if the
26 cybersecurity measures or tools are reasonably necessary

1 due to risks arising from the public official's or
2 candidate's political or governmental duties.

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

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

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

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

24 (9) For the lease or purchase of or installment
25 payment for a motor vehicle unless the political committee
26 can demonstrate the vehicle will be used primarily for

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

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

19 (11) For payments to a public official or candidate or
20 his or her family member ~~unless for compensation for~~
21 ~~services actually rendered by that person.~~ The provisions
22 of this item (11) do not apply to expenditures by a
23 political committee for expenses related to providing
24 childcare for a minor child or care for a dependent family
25 member if the care is reasonably necessary for the public
26 official or candidate to fulfill political or governmental

1 duties. The provisions of this item (11) do not apply to
2 expenditures by a political committee in an aggregate
3 amount not exceeding the amount of funds reported to and
4 certified by the State Board or county clerk as available
5 as of June 30, 1998, in the semi-annual report of
6 contributions and expenditures filed by the political
7 committee for the period concluding June 30, 1998. As used
8 in this paragraph, "immediate family member" means (i)
9 anyone living with a public official or candidate or (ii)
10 a spouse, child, sibling, or parent of a public official
11 or candidate, regardless of whether that person lives with
12 the public official or candidate; and "payments" means any
13 compensation for which the paying party would be required
14 to file a Form W-2 or Form 1099.

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

1 Section.

2 (c) Nothing in this Section prohibits the expenditure of
3 funds of a political committee controlled by an officeholder
4 or by a candidate to defray the customary and reasonable
5 expenses of an officeholder in connection with the performance
6 of governmental and public service functions.

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

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

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.