

**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. *{25-4157 and K.S.A.}* 2012 Supp. 25-4157a  
3 and repealing the existing ~~section~~ *{sections}*.  
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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. 25-4157 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
23 4157. (a) Before any candidate committee, party committee or political  
24 committee may be dissolved or the position of a candidate's treasurer  
25 terminated, the treasurer of the candidate or such committee shall file a  
26 termination report which shall include full information as to the  
27 disposition of residual funds. Any report required by K.S.A. 25-4148,  
28 and amendments thereto, may be a termination report. Reports of the  
29 dissolution of candidate committees of candidates for state office, the  
30 termination of the treasurer of a candidate for state office, the  
31 dissolution of a political committee the major purpose of which is to  
32 support or oppose any candidate for state office and the dissolution of  
33 party committees shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.  
34 Reports of the dissolution of candidate committees of candidates for  
35 local office, the termination of the treasurer of a candidate for local  
36 office and the dissolution of a political committee the major purpose of  
37 which is to support or oppose any candidate for local office shall be filed  
38 in the office of the county election officer of the county.***

39 ***(b) If a candidate dies with an open candidate committee account  
40 which contains campaign funds, the executor or administrator of the  
41 candidate's estate shall be responsible for terminating the candidate  
42 committee and disposing of the residual funds.}***

43 ***Sec. ~~2~~. {3.} K.S.A. {25-4157 and K.S.A.} 2012 Supp. 25-4157a-is***

1 *{are}* hereby repealed.

2     Sec. ~~3~~ *{4}* This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

3 publication in the ~~statute book~~ *{Kansas register}*.