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2 BYBGD44-2
3 By Senator Givhan
4 RFD: Judiciary
5 First Read: 29-Jan-26



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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to campaign finance; to add Section 17-5-7.3 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize campaign funds to be used for certain security measures to protect the safety of a candidate, an elected official, or his or her immediate family or staff.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-5-7.3 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§17-5-7.3

(a) In addition to the use of campaign contributions for the purposes listed in Section 17-5-7, campaign contributions may be used to pay, or reimburse the state or any county or municipality, for security expenses to protect the safety of a candidate, an elected official, or an immediate family or staff member of a candidate or an elected official. For purposes of this section, "security expenses" include all of the following:

(1) Reasonable costs of cybersecurity such as data removal services that find and remove personal information of a candidate, elected official, or immediate family or staff



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29 member of the candidate or elected official from data brokers
30 and websites, and other online sources.

31 (2) Reasonable costs of installing and monitoring
32 nonstructural security devices, including home security
33 hardware, locks, alarm systems, motion detectors, and security
34 cameras, provided the security devices are intended to provide
35 security and not to improve or increase the value of the
36 property.

37 (3) Reasonable costs of security personnel for a
38 candidate, elected official, or immediate family or staff
39 member of the candidate or elected official.

40 (b) Any device or other item purchased and installed
41 pursuant to subsection (a) which is permanently attached to
42 the property of a candidate, elected official, or immediate
43 family or staff member of the candidate or elected official is
44 exempt from the liquidation provisions of Section 17-5-7.2.

45 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.



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57 as amended
58 Yeas 34
59 Nays 0
60 Abstains 0
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63 Patrick Harris,
64 Secretary.
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