

SB230 INTRODUCED



1 SB230
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3 By Senator Givhan
4 RFD: Judiciary
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 The Fair Campaign Practices Act provides that
6 campaign contributions may only be spent for certain
7 specified purposes.

8 This bill would authorize campaign funds to be
9 used to pay for security expenses to protect the safety
10 of a candidate, an elected official, or the immediate
11 family or staff of a candidate or elected official.

12 This bill would specify what constitutes a
13 security expense.
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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT
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20 Relating to campaign finance; to add Section 17-5-7.3
21 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize campaign funds to be
22 used for certain security measures to protect the safety of a
23 candidate, an elected official, or his or her immediate family
24 or staff.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

28 §17-5-7.3



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

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

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

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

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.