



**House Ethics and Campaign Finance Reported
Substitute for SB230**

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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; and to allow legislators who used campaign funds to purchase furnishings for their offices at the State House on South Union Street before a certain date to dispose of the property in preparation for demolition of the building.

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:



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29 (1) Reasonable costs of cybersecurity such as data
30 removal services that find and remove personal information of
31 a candidate, elected official, or immediate family or staff
32 member of the candidate or elected official from data brokers
33 and websites, and other online sources.

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

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

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

48 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
49 require the state, a county, or a municipality to provide
50 security solely based on this section.

51 Section 2. Notwithstanding Section 17-5-7.2, Code of
52 Alabama 1975, a member of the Legislature who, on or before
53 January 1, 2026, acquired property described in Section
54 17-5-7.2(a), Code of Alabama 1975, to furnish his or her
55 office in the Alabama State House located on South Union
56 Street in Montgomery, may, in preparation for the demolition



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57 of the building, dispose of such property by donation or in
58 any other manner, without the need to account for its value
59 pursuant to Section 17-5-7.2, Code of Alabama 1975.

60 **Section 3.** This act shall become effective immediately.