

AMENDMENTS TO LB986

Introduced by Meyer, G., 17.

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
2 insert the following new sections:

3 **Section 1.** Section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:

5 49-1401 Sections 49-1401 to 49-14,142 and section 4 of this act
6 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Political Accountability
7 and Disclosure Act.

8 **Sec. 2.** Section 49-1446.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
9 amended to read:

10 49-1446.02 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Nebraska
11 Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, no committee shall expend
12 funds for the purchase or payment of:

13 (1) Clothes or medical or dental expenses of a candidate or the
14 members of his or her immediate family;

15 (2) Installment payments for an automobile owned by a candidate;

16 (3) Mortgage or rental payments for a permanent residence of a
17 candidate;

18 (4) The satisfaction of personal debts, including installment
19 payments on personal loans, except campaign loans subject to reporting
20 required by subsection (2) of section 49-1456;

21 (5) Personal services, including the services of a lawyer or
22 accountant, except campaign services subject to reporting pursuant to the
23 provisions of section 49-1455; or

24 (6) Office supplies, staff, or furnishings for the public office for
25 which an individual is a candidate for nomination or election except as
26 set out in subsection (2) of section 49-1446.01 and subdivision (10) of
27 section 49-1446.03.

1 **Sec. 3.** Section 49-1446.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 49-1446.03 Except as otherwise provided in the Nebraska Political
4 Accountability and Disclosure Act, any committee may, in addition to the
5 expenditures set forth in section 49-1446.01, make expenditures for the
6 following:

7 (1) The necessary continued operation of the campaign office or
8 offices of the candidate or political committee;

9 (2) Social events primarily for the benefit of campaign workers and
10 volunteers or constituents;

11 (3) Obtaining public input and opinion;

12 (4) Repayment of campaign loans incurred prior to election day;

13 (5) Newsletters and other communications for the purpose of
14 information, thanks, acknowledgment, or greetings or for the purpose of
15 political organization and planning;

16 (6) Gifts of acknowledgment, including flowers and charitable
17 contributions, except that gifts to any one individual shall not exceed
18 fifty dollars in any one calendar year;

19 (7) Meals, lodging, and travel by an officeholder related to his or
20 her candidacy and for members of the immediate family of the officeholder
21 when involved in activities related to his or her candidacy;

22 (8) Conference fees, meals, lodging, and travel by an officeholder
23 and his or her staff when involved in activities related to the duties of
24 his or her public office; ~~and~~

25 (9) In the case of the candidate committee for the Governor,
26 conference fees, meals, lodging, and travel by the Governor, his or her
27 staff, and his or her immediate family, when involved in activities
28 related to the duties of the Governor; ~~and -~~

29 (10) Security assets, including electronic surveillance monitoring
30 equipment, exterior lighting, alarms, sirens, fencing, helmets, Kevlar
31 vests, pepper spray, and bullet proof glass, the total of which shall not

1 exceed ten thousand dollars in any calendar year. Security assets shall
2 not include security personnel, security monitoring services, firearms,
3 ammunition, tear gas, knives, swords, explosives, any other offensive
4 weapon, or animals such as guard dogs.

5 **Sec. 4.** (1) The committee treasurer shall keep a record of all
6 security assets purchased pursuant to subdivision (10) of section
7 49-1446.03. The record shall contain:

8 (a) A description of the security asset purchased;

9 (b) The value of the security asset purchased in United States
10 dollars;

11 (c) The date the security asset was purchased; and

12 (d) The name and address of the person from whom the security asset
13 was purchased.

14 (2) The purchase of a security asset shall only be made in response
15 to a threat that is expected to last for more than seventy-two hours. The
16 committee treasurer shall prepare a Document of Threat before any
17 expenditure may be made for the purchase of any security asset. The
18 Document of Threat shall contain:

19 (a) A description of the threat with an explanation of how the
20 threat is expected to last more than seventy-two hours;

21 (b) A list of names of all people affected by the threat, including
22 a political candidate or elected official, the family members of such
23 candidate or official, or any staff of the candidate or official;

24 (c) A description of the proposed security assets needed or desired
25 to protect against such threat; and

26 (d) Supporting documents which give evidence of such threat.

27 (3) The Document of Threat shall be retained by the political
28 candidate, elected official, or committee treasurer for a period of five
29 years following the end of the elected official's term or the date the
30 candidate ceases being a candidate.

31 (4) Prior to any expenditure for a security asset, the Document of

1 Threat shall be filed with the Secretary of State and the commission.

2 (5) The purchase of a security asset shall be limited to proposed
3 security assets listed in the Document of Threat.

4 (6) Within one year after the end of an elected official's term or
5 the date the political candidate ceases being a candidate, the official
6 or candidate shall reimburse the campaign fund for all tangible security
7 assets purchased at fair market value. The tangible security asset shall
8 then revert to the possession of the official or candidate. The
9 reimbursement and reversion shall be recorded in the committee
10 treasurer's account book.

11 **Sec. 5.** Original sections 49-1446.02 and 49-1446.03, Reissue
12 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 49-1401, Revised Statutes
13 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

14 **Sec. 6.** Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
15 passed and approved according to law.