

1                                   **PROHIBITION OF PERSONAL USE OF**  
2                                   **CAMPAIGN FUNDS**

3                                   2001 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Sponsor: Ralph Becker**

6   **This act modifies the Election Code to address the use and disposition of campaign funds and**  
7   **to make technical corrections.**

8   This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

9   AMENDS:

10           **20A-11-101**, as last amended by Chapters 45 and 93, Laws of Utah 1999

11           **20A-11-201**, as last amended by Chapter 355, Laws of Utah 1997

12           **20A-11-301**, as last amended by Chapter 355, Laws of Utah 1997

13           **20A-11-402**, as last amended by Chapter 355, Laws of Utah 1997

14   *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

15           Section 1. Section **20A-11-101** is amended to read:

16           **20A-11-101. Definitions.**

17           As used in this chapter:

18           (1) "Address" means the number and street where an individual resides or where a  
19 reporting entity has its principal office.

20           (2) "Ballot proposition" includes initiatives, referenda, proposed constitutional  
21 amendments, and any other ballot propositions submitted to the voters that are authorized by the  
22 Utah Code Annotated 1953.

23           (3) "Candidate" means any person who:

24           (a) files a declaration of candidacy for a public office; or

25           (b) receives contributions, makes expenditures, or gives consent for any other person to  
26 receive contributions or make expenditures to bring about the person's nomination or election to  
27 a public office.

28 (4) "Chief election officer" means:

29 (a) the lieutenant governor for state office candidates, legislative office candidates,  
30 officeholders, political parties, political action committees, corporations, political issues  
31 committees, and state school board candidates; and

32 (b) the county clerk for local school board candidates.

33 (5) "Continuing political party" means an organization of voters that participated in the last  
34 regular general election and polled a total vote equal to 2% or more of the total votes cast for all  
35 candidates for the United States House of Representatives.

36 (6) (a) "Contribution" means any of the following when done for political purposes:

37 (i) a gift, subscription, donation, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value  
38 given to the filing entity;

39 (ii) an express, legally enforceable contract, promise, or agreement to make a gift,  
40 subscription, donation, unpaid or partially unpaid loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything  
41 of value to the filing entity;

42 (iii) any transfer of funds from another reporting entity or a corporation to the filing entity;

43 (iv) compensation paid by any person or reporting entity other than the filing entity for  
44 personal services provided without charge to the filing entity;

45 (v) remuneration from any organization or its directly affiliated organization that has a  
46 registered lobbyist to compensate a legislator for a loss of salary or income while the Legislature  
47 is in session;

48 (vi) salaries or other remuneration paid to a legislator by any agency or subdivision of the  
49 state, including school districts, for the period the Legislature is in session; and

50 (vii) goods or services provided to or for the benefit of the filing entity at less than fair  
51 market value.

52 (b) "Contribution" does not include:

53 (i) services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of  
54 their time on behalf of the filing entity; or

55 (ii) money lent to the filing entity by a financial institution in the ordinary course of  
56 business.

57 (7) (a) "Corporation" means a domestic or foreign, profit or nonprofit, business  
58 organization that is registered as a corporation or is authorized to do business in a state and makes

59 any expenditure from corporate funds for:

60 (i) political purposes; or

61 (ii) the purpose of influencing the approval or the defeat of any ballot proposition.

62 (b) "Corporation" does not mean:

63 (i) a business organization's political action committee or political issues committee; or

64 (ii) a business entity organized as a partnership or a sole proprietorship.

65 (8) "Detailed listing" means:

66 (a) for each contribution or public service assistance:

67 (i) the name and address of the individual or source making the contribution or public  
68 service assistance;

69 (ii) the amount or value of the contribution or public service assistance; and

70 (iii) the date the contribution or public service assistance was made; and

71 (b) for each expenditure:

72 (i) the amount of the expenditure;

73 (ii) the person or entity to whom it was disbursed;

74 (iii) the specific purpose, item, or service acquired by the expenditure; and

75 (iv) the date the expenditure was made.

76 (9) "Election" means each:

77 (a) regular general election;

78 (b) regular primary election; and

79 (c) special election at which candidates are eliminated and selected.

80 (10) (a) "Expenditure" means:

81 (i) any disbursement from contributions, receipts, or from the separate bank account  
82 required by this chapter;

83 (ii) a purchase, payment, donation, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, gift of money, or  
84 anything of value made for political purposes;

85 (iii) an express, legally enforceable contract, promise, or agreement to make any purchase,  
86 payment, donation, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, gift of money, or anything of value for  
87 political purposes;

88 (iv) compensation paid by a corporation or filing entity for personal services rendered by  
89 a person without charge to a reporting entity;

90 (v) a transfer of funds between the filing entity and a candidate's personal campaign  
91 committee; or

92 (vi) goods or services provided by the filing entity to or for the benefit of another reporting  
93 entity for political purposes at less than fair market value.

94 (b) "Expenditure" does not include:

95 (i) services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of  
96 their time on behalf of a reporting entity;

97 (ii) money lent to a reporting entity by a financial institution in the ordinary course of  
98 business; or

99 (iii) anything listed in Subsection (5)(a) that is given by a corporation or reporting entity  
100 to candidates for office or officeholders in states other than Utah.

101 (11) "Filing entity" means the reporting entity that is filing a report required by this  
102 chapter.

103 (12) "Financial statement" includes any summary report, interim report, or other statement  
104 disclosing contributions, expenditures, receipts, donations, or disbursements that is required by this  
105 chapter.

106 (13) "Governing board" means the individual or group of individuals that determine the  
107 candidates and committees that will receive expenditures from a political action committee.

108 (14) "Incorporation" means the process established by Title 10, Chapter 2, Part 1,  
109 Incorporation, by which a geographical area becomes legally recognized as a city or town.

110 (15) "Incorporation election" means the election authorized by Section 10-2-111.

111 (16) "Incorporation petition" means a petition authorized by Section 10-2-109.

112 (17) "Individual" means a natural person.

113 (18) "Interim report" means a report identifying the contributions received and  
114 expenditures made since the last report.

115 (19) "Legislative office" means the office of state senator, state representative, speaker of  
116 the House of Representatives, president of the Senate, and the leader, whip, and assistant whip of  
117 any party caucus in either house of the Legislature.

118 (20) "Legislative office candidate" means a person who:

119 (a) files a declaration of candidacy for the office of state senator or state representative;

120 (b) declares himself to be a candidate for, or actively campaigns for, the position of

121 speaker of the House of Representatives, president of the Senate, or the leader, whip, and assistant  
122 whip of any party caucus in either house of the Legislature; and

123 (c) receives contributions, makes expenditures, or gives consent for any other person to  
124 receive contributions or make expenditures to bring about the person's nomination or election to  
125 a legislative office.

126 (21) "Newly registered political party" means an organization of voters that has complied  
127 with the petition and organizing procedures of this chapter to become a registered political party.

128 (22) "Officeholder" means a person who holds a public office.

129 (23) "Party committee" means any committee organized by or authorized by the governing  
130 board of a registered political party.

131 (24) "Person" means both natural and legal persons, including individuals, business  
132 organizations, personal campaign committees, party committees, political action committees,  
133 political issues committees, labor unions, and labor organizations.

134 (25) "Personal campaign committee" means the committee appointed by a candidate to act  
135 for the candidate as provided in this chapter.

136 (26) (a) "Personal use" means an expenditure that provides a direct or indirect benefit of  
137 any kind to a candidate, legislative office candidate, or officeholder that is not reasonably related  
138 to political purposes.

139 (b) "Personal use" does not mean an expenditure for political purposes.

140 [~~26~~] (27) (a) "Political action committee" means an entity, or any group of individuals  
141 or entities within or outside this state, that solicits or receives contributions from any other person,  
142 group, or entity or makes expenditures for political purposes. A group or entity may not divide or  
143 separate into units, sections, or smaller groups for the purpose of avoiding the financial reporting  
144 requirements of this chapter, and substance shall prevail over form in determining the scope or size  
145 of a political action committee.

146 (b) "Political action committee" includes groups affiliated with a registered political party  
147 but not authorized or organized by the governing board of the registered political party that receive  
148 contributions or makes expenditures for political purposes.

149 (c) "Political action committee" does not mean:

150 (i) a party committee;

151 (ii) any entity that provides goods or services to a candidate or committee in the regular

152 course of its business at the same price that would be provided to the general public;

153 (iii) an individual;

154 (iv) individuals who are related and who make contributions from a joint checking  
155 account;

156 (v) a corporation; or

157 (vi) a personal campaign committee.

158 [~~27~~] (28) "Political convention" means a county or state political convention held by a  
159 registered political party to select candidates.

160 [~~28~~] (29) (a) "Political issues committee" means an entity, or any group of individuals  
161 or entities within or outside this state, that solicits or receives donations from any other person,  
162 group, or entity or makes disbursements to influence, or to intend to influence, directly or  
163 indirectly, any person to:

164 (i) assist in placing a statewide ballot proposition on the ballot, assist in keeping a  
165 statewide ballot proposition off the ballot, or refrain from voting or vote for or vote against any  
166 statewide ballot proposition; or

167 (ii) sign or refuse to sign an incorporation petition or refrain from voting, vote for, or vote  
168 against any proposed incorporation in an incorporation election.

169 (b) "Political issues committee" does not mean:

170 (i) a registered political party or a party committee;

171 (ii) any entity that provides goods or services to an individual or committee in the regular  
172 course of its business at the same price that would be provided to the general public;

173 (iii) an individual;

174 (iv) individuals who are related and who make contributions from a joint checking  
175 account; or

176 (v) a corporation, except a corporation whose apparent purpose is to act as a political  
177 issues committee.

178 [~~29~~] (30) (a) "Political issues contribution" means any of the following:

179 (i) a gift, subscription, unpaid or partially unpaid loan, advance, or deposit of money or  
180 anything of value given to a political issues committee;

181 (ii) an express, legally enforceable contract, promise, or agreement to make a political  
182 issues donation to influence the approval or defeat of any ballot proposition;

183 (iii) any transfer of funds received by a political issues committee from a reporting entity;  
184 (iv) compensation paid by another reporting entity for personal services rendered without  
185 charge to a political issues committee; and

186 (v) goods or services provided to or for the benefit of a political issues committee at less  
187 than fair market value.

188 (b) "Political issues contribution" does not include:

189 (i) services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of  
190 their time on behalf of a political issues committee; or

191 (ii) money lent to a political issues committee by a financial institution in the ordinary  
192 course of business.

193 [~~(30)~~] (31) (a) "Political issues expenditure" means any of the following:

194 (i) any payment from political issues contributions made for the purpose of influencing the  
195 approval or the defeat of a statewide ballot proposition;

196 (ii) a purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money made for  
197 the purpose of influencing the approval or the defeat of a statewide ballot proposition;

198 (iii) an express, legally enforceable contract, promise, or agreement to make any political  
199 issues expenditure;

200 (iv) compensation paid by a reporting entity for personal services rendered by a person  
201 without charge to a political issues committee; or

202 (v) goods or services provided to or for the benefit of another reporting entity at less than  
203 fair market value.

204 (b) "Political issues expenditure" does not include:

205 (i) services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of  
206 their time on behalf of a political issues committee; or

207 (ii) money lent to a political issues committee by a financial institution in the ordinary  
208 course of business.

209 [~~(31)~~] (32) "Political purposes" means an act done with the intent or in a way to influence  
210 or tend to influence, directly or indirectly, any person to refrain from voting or to vote for or  
211 against any candidate for public office at any caucus, political convention, primary, or election.

212 [~~(32)~~] (33) "Primary election" means any regular primary election held under the election  
213 laws.

214            [~~(33)~~] (34) "Public office" means the office of governor, lieutenant governor, state auditor,  
215 state treasurer, attorney general, state or local school board member, state senator, state  
216 representative, speaker of the House of Representatives, president of the Senate, and the leader,  
217 whip, and assistant whip of any party caucus in either house of the Legislature.

218            [~~(34)~~] (35) (a) "Public service assistance" means the following when given or provided to  
219 an officeholder to defray the costs of functioning in a public office or aid the officeholder to  
220 communicate with the officeholder's constituents:

221            (i) a gift, subscription, donation, unpaid or partially unpaid loan, advance, or deposit of  
222 money or anything of value to an officeholder; or

223            (ii) goods or services provided at less than fair market value to or for the benefit of the  
224 officeholder.

225            (b) "Public service assistance" does not include:

226            (i) anything provided by the state;

227            (ii) services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all  
228 of their time on behalf of an officeholder;

229            (iii) money lent to an officeholder by a financial institution in the ordinary course of  
230 business;

231            (iv) news coverage or any publication by the news media; or

232            (v) any article, story, or other coverage as part of any regular publication of any  
233 organization unless substantially all the publication is devoted to information about the  
234 officeholder.

235            [~~(35)~~] (36) "Publicly identified class of individuals" means a group of 50 or more  
236 individuals sharing a common occupation, interest, or association that contribute to a political  
237 action committee or political issues committee and whose names can be obtained by contacting  
238 the political action committee or political issues committee upon whose financial report they are  
239 listed.

240            [~~(36)~~] (37) "Receipts" means contributions and public service assistance.

241            [~~(37)~~] (38) "Registered lobbyist" means a person registered under Title 36, Chapter 11,  
242 Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act.

243            [~~(38)~~] (39) "Registered political action committee" means any political action committee  
244 that is required by this chapter to file a statement of organization with the lieutenant governor's



245 office.

246 [~~(39)~~] (40) "Registered political issues committee" means any political issues committee  
247 that is required by this chapter to file a statement of organization with the lieutenant governor's  
248 office.

249 [~~(40)~~] (41) "Registered political party" means an organization of voters that:

250 (a) participated in the last regular general election and polled a total vote equal to 2% or  
251 more of the total votes cast for all candidates for the United States House of Representatives for  
252 any of its candidates for any office; or

253 (b) has complied with the petition and organizing procedures of this chapter.

254 [~~(41)~~] (42) "Report" means a verified financial statement.

255 [~~(42)~~] (43) "Reporting entity" means a candidate, a candidate's personal campaign  
256 committee, an officeholder, and a party committee, a political action committee, and a political  
257 issues committee.

258 [~~(43)~~] (44) "School board office" means the office of state school board or local school  
259 board.

260 [~~(44)~~] (45) (a) "Source" means the person or entity that is the legal owner of the tangible  
261 or intangible asset that comprises the contribution.

262 (b) "Source" means, for political action committees and corporations, the political action  
263 committee and the corporation as entities, not the contributors to the political action committee or  
264 the owners or shareholders of the corporation.

265 [~~(45)~~] (46) "State office" means the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney  
266 general, state auditor, and state treasurer.

267 [~~(46)~~] (47) "State office candidate" means a person who:

268 (a) files a declaration of candidacy for a state office; or

269 (b) receives contributions, makes expenditures, or gives consent for any other person to  
270 receive contributions or make expenditures to bring about the person's nomination or election to  
271 a state office.

272 [~~(47)~~] (48) "Summary report" means the year end report containing the summary of a  
273 reporting entity's contributions and expenditures.

274 [~~(48)~~] (49) "Supervisory board" means the individual or group of individuals that allocate  
275 expenditures from a political issues committee.

276 Section 2. Section **20A-11-201** is amended to read:

277 **20A-11-201. State office candidate -- Separate bank account for campaign funds.**

278 (1) (a) Each state office candidate or the candidate's personal campaign committee shall  
279 deposit each contribution and public service assistance received in one or more separate campaign  
280 accounts in a financial institution.

281 (b) (i) The state office candidate or the candidate's personal campaign committee may use  
282 the monies in those accounts only for political purposes.

283 (ii) The state office candidate or the candidate's personal committee may not use the  
284 monies in those accounts for personal use.

285 (2) A state office candidate or the candidate's personal campaign committee may not  
286 deposit or mingle any contributions received into a personal or business account.

287 (3) (a) If a person [who] withdraws or is eliminated in a convention, primary, or regular  
288 general election, or is no longer a state office candidate [chooses not to expend the monies  
289 remaining in his campaign account], the person shall, within 60 calendar days of the date of  
290 withdrawal or elimination, dispose of monies remaining in the person's campaign account by:

291 (i) donating the monies to a registered political party or political action committee;

292 (ii) donating the monies to the state General Fund;

293 (iii) expending the monies for political purposes;

294 (iv) donating the monies to a tax-exempt nonprofit entity;

295 (v) repaying documented loans to the state office candidate's campaign;

296 (vi) donating the monies to another candidate's campaign account;

297 (vii) transferring the monies to an escrow account for the person to use as a candidate for  
298 public office within the next four years; or

299 (viii) some combination of Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vii).

300 (b) After four years, if the person has not run for public office, the person shall expend the  
301 monies in the escrow account according to the requirements of Subsection (3)(a).

302 (4) The person shall continue to file the year-end summary report required by Section  
303 20A-11-203 until the statement of dissolution and final summary report required by Section  
304 20A-11-205 are filed with the lieutenant governor.

305 Section 3. Section **20A-11-301** is amended to read:

306 **20A-11-301. Legislative office candidate -- Campaign requirements.**

307 (1) Each legislative office candidate shall deposit each contribution and public service  
308 assistance received in one or more separate accounts in a financial institution that are dedicated  
309 only to that purpose.

310 (2) A legislative office candidate may not deposit or mingle any contributions or public  
311 service assistance received into a personal or business account.

312 (3) (a) A legislative office candidate may not make any political expenditures prohibited  
313 by law.

314 (b) A legislative office candidate may not use monies in the accounts required by this  
315 section for personal use.

316 (4) (a) If a person [~~who~~] withdraws or is eliminated in a convention, primary, or regular  
317 general election, or is no longer a legislative candidate [~~chooses not to expend the monies~~  
318 remaining in his campaign account], the person shall, within 60 calendar days of the date of the  
319 withdrawal or elimination, dispose of monies remaining in the person's campaign account by:

320 (i) donating the monies to a registered political party or political action committee;

321 (ii) donating the monies to the state General Fund;

322 (iii) expending the monies for political purposes;

323 (iv) donating the monies to a tax-exempt nonprofit entity;

324 (v) repaying documented loans to the legislative candidate's campaign;

325 (vi) donating the monies to another candidate's campaign account;

326 (vii) transferring the monies to an escrow account for the person to use as a candidate for  
327 public office within the next four years; or

328 (viii) some combination of Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vii).

329 (b) After four years, if the person has not run for public office, the person shall expend the  
330 monies in the escrow account according to the requirements of Subsection (4)(a).

331 (5) The person shall continue to file the year-end summary report required by Section  
332 20A-11-302 until the statement of dissolution and final summary report required by Section  
333 20A-11-304 are filed with the lieutenant governor.

334 Section 4. Section **20A-11-402** is amended to read:

335 **20A-11-402. Officeholder financial reporting requirements -- Termination of duty**  
336 **to report.**

337 (1) An officeholder is active and subject to reporting requirements until the officeholder

338 has filed a statement of dissolution with the lieutenant governor stating that:

339 (a) the officeholder is no longer receiving contributions or public service assistance and  
340 is no longer making expenditures;

341 (b) the ending balance on the last summary report filed is zero and the balance in the  
342 separate bank account required by Sections 20A-11-201 and 20A-11-301 is zero; and

343 (c) a final summary report in the form required by Section 20A-11-401 showing a zero  
344 balance is attached to the statement of dissolution.

345 (2) A statement of dissolution and a final summary report may be filed at any time.

346 (3) Each officeholder shall continue to file the year-end summary report required by  
347 Section 20A-11-401 until the statement of dissolution and final summary report required by this  
348 section are filed with the lieutenant governor.

349 (4) (a) When an officeholder leaves office, the person shall, within 60 calendar days of  
350 leaving office, dispose of monies remaining in the person's campaign accounts required by  
351 Sections 20A-11-201 and 20A-11-301 by:

352 (i) donating the monies to a registered political party or political action committee;

353 (ii) donating the monies to the state General Fund;

354 (iii) expending the monies for political purposes;

355 (iv) donating the monies to a tax-exempt nonprofit entity;

356 (v) repaying documented loans to the officeholder's campaign;

357 (vi) donating the monies to another candidate's campaign account;

358 (vii) transferring the monies to an escrow account for the person to use as a candidate for  
359 public office within the next four years; or

360 (viii) some combination of Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (vii).

361 (b) After four years, if the person has not run for public office, the person shall expend the  
362 monies in the escrow account according to the requirements of Subsection (4)(a).

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**