

House File 2678 - Introduced

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BY McCARTHY

(COMPANION TO LSB 6650XS
BY GRONSTAL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the use of campaign funds as compensation to a
2 candidate and providing an effective date.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 6650YH 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 68A.302, subsection 2, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
1 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. k. Payment to a candidate as a salary,
1 4 gratuity, or other compensation. However, reimbursement of
1 5 expenses as otherwise authorized in this section is permitted.
1 6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
1 7 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

1 8 EXPLANATION
1 9 Code section 68A.302 generally limits the use of campaign
1 10 funds to campaign purposes, educational and other expenses
1 11 associated with the duties of office, or constituency
1 12 services. That section prohibits the use of campaign funds
1 13 for personal expenses or personal benefit and provides a list
1 14 of prohibited uses.

1 15 This bill adds to the list of prohibited uses the use of
1 16 campaign funds to pay the candidate a salary, gratuity, or
1 17 other form of compensation.

1 18 As provided in Code section 68A.701, a willful violation of
1 19 any provision of the campaign finance chapter is a serious
1 20 misdemeanor punishable by confinement for up to one year and a
1 21 fine of at least \$315 but not more than \$1,875. A variety of
1 22 civil remedies are also available in Code section 68B.32D for
1 23 a violation of Code chapter 68A or rules of the ethics and
1 24 campaign disclosure board, ranging from a reprimand to a civil
1 25 penalty of not more than \$2,000.

1 26 The bill is effective upon enactment.

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