

House File 2597 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 2597
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 644)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the payment of home security expenses from
2 campaign funds, and making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 68A.303A Home security expenses.

2 1. a. In addition to the uses permitted under sections
3 68A.302 and 68A.303, a candidate or candidate's committee may
4 use campaign funds to pay for installation and operation of
5 a home security system if the payment to the home security
6 provider is reasonable for the services rendered.

7 b. (1) A candidate or candidate's committee shall not
8 expend more than three thousand dollars for the installation
9 of a home security system and shall not make more than one such
10 expenditure.

11 (2) A candidate or candidate's committee shall not expend
12 more than one thousand two hundred dollars per year for the
13 operation of a home security system.

14 2. A candidate using campaign funds for home security
15 expenses shall keep a log detailing the date, name of the home
16 security provider, and cost for each home security expense paid
17 or owed by the campaign or candidate. Total home security
18 expenses shall be included as a line-item expense in a report
19 submitted pursuant to section 68A.402. A candidate's log
20 of home security expenses shall be provided to the board if
21 requested during the course of an audit. The candidate's
22 committee shall preserve a home security log for five years
23 following the submission of a report relating to the log, or
24 for three years following the dissolution of the candidate's
25 committee.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill relates to the payment of home security expenses
30 from campaign funds. The bill permits a candidate or
31 candidate's committee to pay for home security expenses using
32 campaign funds if the payment to the home security provider
33 is reasonable. The bill allows a candidate or candidate's
34 committee to expend up to \$3,000 once for the installation
35 of a home security system and up to \$1,200 annually for

1 the operation of a home security system. The bill requires
2 the candidate to keep logs relating to payment for any such
3 services, which shall be provided to the Iowa ethics and
4 campaign disclosure board upon request during the course of an
5 audit. The bill requires the candidate's committee to preserve
6 a home security log for five years following the submission of
7 a report relating to the log, or for three years following the
8 dissolution of the committee.

9 A person who violates a provision of Code chapter 68A
10 is subject to civil penalties imposed by the Iowa ethics
11 and campaign disclosure board, including remedial action, a
12 reprimand, and a civil penalty up to \$2,000 (Code section
13 68B.32D). In addition, a person who willfully violates
14 a provision of Code chapter 68A is guilty of a serious
15 misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by
16 confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least
17 \$430 but not more than \$2,560.