



The SECURE Act

Section 1. Title

This Act shall be known as the “Safeguarding Election Candidates Using Reasonable Expenditures Act.”

Section 2. Purpose

To authorize the use of campaign funds by candidates and elected officials for security-related expenses, including home and office security systems and ongoing monitoring, in response to threats arising from public service or candidacy.

Section 3. Definitions

As used in this Act:

- **“Security expenses”** include:
 - Purchase, installation, maintenance, and upgrade of physical security equipment (e.g., surveillance cameras, door access controls, locks, alarms, motion detectors) installed by a company authorized and licensed to perform such work under state law; and
 - monitoring and other services, including maintenance, directly associated with such physical security equipment.
- **“Immediate family”** means a spouse, registered domestic partner, or any minor child residing in the official’s household.
- **“Campaign funds”** refers to contributions received in support of a candidate or officeholder regulated under the state’s campaign finance law.

Section 4. Authorized Uses

1. A candidate or elected official may use campaign funds/ public funds for verified security expenses incurred to address security risks to themselves, campaign staff, or their immediate family associated with their status or activities as a candidate or public figure.
2. The maximum amount of campaign funds that may be used for physical security equipment and its installation is limited to \$10,000 per individual and campaign cycle.

3. Campaign funds **may not** be used for:

- Purchase of firearms or ammunition
- Payments to family members or entities owned/controlled by them
- Unrelated home improvements

Section 5. Verification and Documentation

1. The candidate or officeholder must determine that the security expenses are reasonably related to security risks to themselves and their immediate family.
2. All such expenditures shall be:
 - Reported to the state campaign finance agency in accordance with rules governing non-campaign disbursements;
 - Supported by itemized receipts or invoices; and
 - Subject to public disclosure under applicable campaign finance laws.
 - But it shall not include plans, designs or schematics.
3. **No documentation of a specific threat** or law enforcement verification is required.

Section 6. Rulemaking Authority

The state campaign finance commission shall adopt rules as needed to implement and enforce this Act, including standardized reporting formats and audit procedures.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Act shall take effect immediately upon enactment.