



## **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.