



The SECURE Act

Safeguarding Election Candidates Using Reasonable Expenditures Act

Background

Elected officials and candidates across the country are facing an increasing number of threats tied to their public service. These threats often extend to their families and campaign staff. While campaign funds may be used for travel, communications, and events, many states do not clearly authorize their use for personal safety measures. The lack of clear guidance leaves candidates uncertain about compliance and unprotected from growing security risks.

The Solution

The SECURE Act clarifies that candidates and officeholders may use campaign funds for verified security expenses such as alarms, locks, cameras, and monitoring services that are installed by licensed professionals. By creating a consistent and transparent standard, this legislation ensures that public officials can take reasonable steps to safeguard themselves and their families while remaining fully compliant with campaign finance laws.

Key Provisions

- Authorizes the use of campaign funds for physical security equipment and related monitoring services.
- Caps expenditures for equipment and installation at **\$10,000 per campaign cycle**.
- Requires all work to be performed by companies that are licensed and authorized under state law.
- Maintains clear reporting, documentation, and public disclosure requirements to ensure transparency.
- Prohibits the use of funds for firearms, ammunition, payments to family members, or unrelated home improvements.
- Does not require proof of a specific threat or law enforcement verification, allowing timely access to protection.

Why It Matters

Public service should not come at the cost of personal safety. The SECURE Act provides candidates and elected officials with a lawful and transparent way to protect themselves while maintaining public trust in the integrity of campaign finance.

Support

The legislation is supported by the Electronic Security Association and its members. ESA represents licensed security professionals across the nation who install, monitor, and maintain life safety and intrusion systems that protect homes, businesses, and public institutions every day.

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