

SENATE BILL NO. 425—SENATORS TITUS, WIENER, HORSFORD,
CARE, COFFIN, LEE, SCHNEIDER AND WOODHOUSE

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to campaign practices. (BDR 24-905)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted-material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to campaign practices; providing that a “political purpose” includes a legal defense fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law prohibits a member of the Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor,
2 the Lieutenant Governor-Elect, the Governor or the Governor-Elect from soliciting
3 or accepting monetary contributions for any political purpose during a certain
4 period before and after a legislative session. **Section 2** of this bill provides that a
5 “political purpose” includes a legal defense fund and defines the term “legal
6 defense fund.”

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 2.** NRS 294A.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 294A.300 1. It is unlawful for a member of the Legislature,
4 the Lieutenant Governor, the Lieutenant Governor-Elect, the
5 Governor or the Governor-Elect to solicit or accept any monetary
6 contribution, or solicit or accept a commitment to make such a
7 contribution for any political purpose during the period beginning:

8 (a) Thirty days before a regular session of the Legislature and
9 ending 30 days after the final adjournment of a regular session of
10 the Legislature;



(b) Fifteen days before a special session of the Legislature is set to commence and ending 15 days after the final adjournment of a special session of the Legislature, if the Governor sets a specific date for the commencement of the special session that is more than 15 days after the Governor issues the proclamation calling for the special session; or

(c) The day after the Governor issues a proclamation calling for a special session of the Legislature and ending 15 days after the final adjournment of a special session of the Legislature if the Governor sets a specific date for the commencement of the special session that is 15 or fewer days after the Governor issues the proclamation calling for the special session.

2. This section does not prohibit the payment of a salary or other compensation or income to a member of the Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor or the Governor during a session of the Legislature if it is made for services provided as a part of his regular employment or is additional income to which he is entitled.

3. As used in this section:

(a) "Legal defense fund" means an account established to defray attorney's fees or other legal costs incurred by a member of the Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor, the Lieutenant Governor-Elect, the Governor or the Governor-Elect if such an official becomes subject to any civil, criminal or administrative proceedings arising from a campaign, the electoral process or the performance of his official duties.

(b) "Political purpose" includes, without limitation, the establishment of, or the addition of money to, a legal defense fund.

Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

