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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1697

By: Representative S. Meeks

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE;
TO ALLOW REIMBURSABLE TRAVEL EXPENSES TO BE PAID FROM
CARRYOVER FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CAMPAIGN
FINANCE; AND TO ALLOW REIMBURSABLE TRAVEL
EXPENSES TO BE PAID FROM CARRYOVER FUNDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-203(g)(4), concerning campaign finance contributions, limitations, acceptance, use as personal income, and disposition of campaign funds, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(E) The use of carryover funds to pay an elected candidate's own personal expenses for food, lodging, conference fees, or travel to attend a conference related to the performance of his or her responsibilities as an elected official:

(i) Shall not be considered a taking of campaign funds as personal income;

(ii) The reimbursement of expenses shall be a result of travel and the source of the reimbursement shall be authorized under the rules of the Arkansas House of Representatives or the Arkansas Senate and used to reimburse the carryover account; and

(iii) The reimbursement amount shall be reported in the elected candidate's carryover fund report.

APPROVED: 4/10/19

