

## CHAPTER 354

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**ELECTIONS**


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**SENATE BILL 19-229**

BY SENATOR(S) Winter and Foote, Court, Donovan, Fenberg, Fields, Gardner, Gonzales, Moreno, Pettersen, Smallwood, Todd, Zenzinger;  
 also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Gonzales-Gutierrez and Mullica, Arndt, Bird, Buckner, Cutter, Duran, Esgar, Exum, Froelich, Galindo, Gray, Hansen, Herod, Hooton, Jackson, Jaquez Lewis, Kennedy, Kipp, Lontine, McCluskie, Michaelson Jenet, Roberts, Singer, Sirota, Tipper, Valdez A.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE USE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO REIMBURSE A CANDIDATE FOR DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CANDIDATE IN UNDERTAKING CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-103.7, **add** (6.5) as follows:

**1-45-103.7. Contribution limits - treatment of independent expenditure committees - contributions from limited liability companies - voter instructions on spending limits - definitions.** (6.5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF A CANDIDATE MAY EXPEND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE DURING ANY PARTICULAR ELECTION CYCLE TO REIMBURSE THE CANDIDATE FOR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE CARE OF CHILDREN OR OTHER DEPENDENTS THE CANDIDATE INCURS DIRECTLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES DURING THE ELECTION CYCLE. THE CANDIDATE COMMITTEE SHALL DISCLOSE THE EXPENDITURES IN THE SAME MANNER AS ANY OTHER EXPENDITURES THE COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE UNDER SECTION 1-45-108 (1)(a)(I).

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-45-106, **amend** (1)(a)(II) as follows:

**1-45-106. Unexpended campaign contributions.** (1) (a) (II) EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 1-45-103.7 (6.5), in no event shall contributions to a candidate committee be used for personal purposes not reasonably related to

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supporting the election of the candidate.

**SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability.** (1) This act takes effect September 1, 2019; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

(2) This act applies to the portion of any election cycle or for the portion of the calendar year remaining after the effective date of this act and for any election cycle or calendar year commencing after such effective date, whichever is applicable.

Approved: May 30, 2019