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1 AN ACT Relating to protecting elected officials and candidates,
2 executive state officers, election officials, and criminal justice
3 participants against threats and incidents of political violence by
4 authorizing the nondisclosure of their primary residential address
5 and increasing access to personal security measures; amending RCW
6 29B.40.090 and 29B.40.130; and adding a new section to chapter 29B.10
7 RCW.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29B.10
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 "Personal security measures" may include, but are not limited to:

12 (1) Nonstructural security devices, such as security hardware,
13 locks, alarm systems, motion detectors, security camera systems, and
14 subscriptions for security systems;

15 (2) Structural security devices, such as wiring, lighting, gates,
16 doors, and fencing, so long as such devices are intended solely to
17 provide security and not to improve the property or increase its
18 value;

19 (3) Security personnel and services that are bona fide,
20 legitimate, professional, and provided by a person licensed under
21 chapter 18.170 RCW; and

1 (4) Cybersecurity software, devices, and services, including
2 those services that remove residential addresses from existing
3 websites, and credit monitoring and identity theft monitoring
4 services.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29B.40.090 and 2024 c 164 s 451 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The surplus funds of a candidate or a candidate's authorized
8 committee may only be disposed of in any one or more of the following
9 ways:

10 ~~((1))~~ (a) Return the surplus to a contributor in an amount not
11 to exceed that contributor's original contribution;

12 ~~((2))~~ (b) Using surplus, reimburse the candidate for lost
13 earnings incurred as a result of that candidate's election campaign.
14 Lost earnings shall be verifiable as unpaid salary or, when the
15 candidate is not salaried, as an amount not to exceed income received
16 by the candidate for services rendered during an appropriate,
17 corresponding time period. All lost earnings incurred shall be
18 documented and a record thereof shall be maintained by the candidate
19 or the candidate's authorized committee. The committee shall maintain
20 a copy of this record in accordance with RCW 29B.25.090(6);

21 ~~((3))~~ (c) Transfer the surplus without limit to a political
22 party or to a caucus political committee;

23 ~~((4))~~ (d) Donate the surplus to a charitable organization
24 registered in accordance with chapter 19.09 RCW;

25 ~~((5))~~ (e) Transmit the surplus to the state treasurer for
26 deposit in the general fund, the Washington state legacy project,
27 state library, and archives account under RCW 43.07.380, or the
28 legislative international trade account under RCW 43.15.050, as
29 specified by the candidate or political committee; or

30 ~~((6))~~ (f) Hold the surplus in the depository or depositories
31 designated in accordance with RCW 29B.25.050 for possible use in a
32 future election campaign for the same office last sought by the
33 candidate and report any such disposition in accordance with RCW
34 29B.25.100. If the candidate subsequently announces or publicly files
35 for office, the appropriate information must be reported to the
36 commission in accordance with RCW 29B.25.020 through 29B.25.100. If a
37 subsequent office is not sought the surplus held shall be disposed of
38 in accordance with the requirements of this section.

1 ~~((7))~~ (g)(i) Hold the surplus campaign funds in a separate
2 account for nonreimbursed public office-related expenses or as
3 provided in this section, and report any such disposition in
4 accordance with RCW 29B.25.100. The separate account required under
5 this subsection shall not be used for deposits of campaign funds that
6 are not surplus.

7 For the purposes of this subsection, a public office-related
8 expense includes, but is not limited to, direct out-of-pocket
9 expenses made by the candidate or elected official for personal
10 security measures, as defined in section 1 of this act, that are
11 necessary to address dangers or threats that would not exist but for
12 the individual's status as a candidate or elected official, provided
13 that the personal security measure is reasonably proportional in
14 scope to the level of danger or threat that exists for the candidate
15 or elected official. Surplus campaign funds may not be used to
16 reimburse a candidate or elected official for payments made to the
17 individual's spouse or registered domestic partner, child, parent,
18 grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-
19 law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, first cousin, or the
20 spouse of any such persons, or an entity in which any person
21 described in this subsection has a personal beneficial interest.

22 (ii) Disbursements for personal security measures must be for the
23 usual and normal charge for such goods or services. "Usual and normal
24 charge" means, in the case of goods, the price of those goods in the
25 market in which they are ordinarily purchased and, in the case of
26 services, the hourly or piecework charge for the services at a
27 commercially reasonable rate prevailing at the time the services were
28 rendered.

29 ~~((8))~~ (2) No candidate or authorized committee may transfer
30 funds to any other candidate or other political committee.

31 (3) The disposal of surplus funds under this section shall not be
32 considered a contribution for purposes of this title.

33 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29B.40.130 and 2024 c 164 s 455 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 Contributions received and reported in accordance with RCW
36 29B.25.060 through 29B.25.100 and 29B.40.080 may only be paid to a
37 candidate, or a treasurer or other individual or expended for such
38 individual's personal use under the following circumstances:

1 (1) Reimbursement for or payments to cover lost earnings incurred
2 as a result of campaigning or services performed for the political
3 committee. Lost earnings shall be verifiable as unpaid salary, or
4 when the individual is not salaried, as an amount not to exceed
5 income received by the individual for services rendered during an
6 appropriate, corresponding time period. All lost earnings incurred
7 shall be documented and a record shall be maintained by the candidate
8 or the candidate's authorized committee in accordance with RCW
9 29B.25.090.

10 (2) Reimbursement for direct out-of-pocket election campaign and
11 postelection campaign related expenses made by the individual. For
12 example, expenses for child care or other direct caregiving
13 responsibilities may be reimbursed if they are incurred directly as a
14 result of the candidate's campaign activities. To receive
15 reimbursement from the political committee, the individual shall
16 provide the political committee with written documentation as to the
17 amount, date, and description of each expense, and the political
18 committee shall include a copy of such information when its
19 expenditure for such reimbursement is reported pursuant to RCW
20 29B.25.100.

21 (3) Repayment of loans made by the individual to political
22 committees shall be reported pursuant to RCW 29B.25.100. However,
23 contributions may not be used to reimburse a candidate for loans
24 totaling more than four thousand seven hundred dollars made by the
25 candidate to the candidate's own authorized committee.

26 (4)(a) Reimbursement for direct out-of-pocket expenses made by a
27 candidate or an elected official for personal security measures, as
28 defined in section 1 of this act, that are necessary to address
29 dangers or threats that would not exist but for the individual's
30 status or duties as a candidate or an elected official, provided that
31 the personal security measure is reasonably proportional in scope to
32 the level of danger or threat that exists for the candidate or
33 elected official. Campaign funds may not be used to reimburse a
34 candidate or an elected official for payments made to the
35 individual's spouse or registered domestic partner, child, parent,
36 grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-
37 law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or
38 the spouse of any such person, or an entity in which any person
39 described in this subsection has a personal beneficial interest.

1 (b) Disbursements for personal security measures must be for the
2 usual and normal charge for such goods or services. "Usual and normal
3 charge" means, in the case of goods, the price of those goods in the
4 market in which they are ordinarily purchased and, in the case of
5 services, the hourly or piecework charge for the services at a
6 commercially reasonable rate prevailing at the time the services were
7 rendered.

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