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Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1253

Introduced by

Representatives Hanson, Beadle, M. Johnson

Senators Miller, Schneider

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to prohibiting the personal use of campaign funds; and to provide a penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Personal use of contributions prohibited - Exceptions.

A candidate may not use any contribution received by the candidate, the candidate's candidate committee, or a multicandidate political committee to:

1. Give a personal benefit to the candidate or to another person;
2. Convert the contribution to personal income of the candidate;
3. Make a loan to another person;
4. Knowingly pay more than the fair market value for goods or services purchased for the campaign;
5. Pay a criminal fine; or
6. Pay civil penalties, except a contribution may be used to pay a civil penalty assessed under section 16.1-08.1-05 if the secretary of state determines the candidate did not cause or participate in the violation for which the civil penalty is imposed, exercised a reasonable level of oversight over the campaign, and cooperated in the revelation of the violation and in its immediate correction.