

HB 1031 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL **1031**

AN ACT enabling candidates for state office to use campaign funds to pay for security measures.

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COMMITTEE: Election Law

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enables candidates for state office and state office holders to use campaign funds to pay for security measures.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT enabling candidates for state office to use campaign funds to pay for security measures.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Candidate and State Official Security. Amend RSA 664 by inserting after
2 section 11 the following new section:

3 664:11-a Candidate and State Official Security. Campaign funds may be used to pay for the
4 reasonable costs of security measures for a state candidate, state officeholder, member of their
5 family, and employees of the candidate's campaign or the state officeholder's office, and shall not be
6 considered personal use, so long as the security measures address ongoing dangers or threats that
7 would not exist irrespective of the individual's status or duties as a state candidate or state
8 officeholder. Disbursements for security measures shall be for the usual and normal charge for such
9 goods or services. In this section, "usual and normal charge" means, in the case of goods, the price of
10 those goods in the market in which they are ordinarily purchased, and, in the case of services, the
11 hourly or piecework charge for the services at a commercially reasonable rate prevailing at the time
12 the services were rendered. Such security measures include, but are not limited to:

13 I. Non-structural security devices, such as security hardware, locks, alarm systems, motion
14 detectors, and security camera systems;

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

18 III. Security personnel and services that are bona fide, legitimate, and professional; and

19 IV. Cybersecurity software, devices, and services.

20 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.