

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1697

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE;  
9 TO ALLOW REIMBURSABLE TRAVEL EXPENSES TO BE PAID FROM  
10 CARRYOVER FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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16 EXPENSES TO BE PAID FROM CARRYOVER FUNDS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-203(g)(4), concerning campaign finance  
22 contributions, limitations, acceptance, use as personal income, and  
23 disposition of campaign funds, is amended to add an additional subdivision to  
24 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

