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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 90

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend § 8020, Title 15 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and  
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 Chapter 80. Campaign Contributions and Expenditures

4 Subchapter III. Expenditures

5 § 8020 Authorized campaign expenditures.

6 No political committee may make any expenditure except for the following purposes:

7 (1) Wages of full-time or part-time campaign staff (but no salary ~~nor~~ or wage for a candidate or a candidate's  
8 ~~spouse~~; spouse).

9 (2) Travel expenses of the candidate and campaign ~~staff~~; staff.

10 (3) Payment of fees or charges for placing the name of the candidate on the ballot, and for collecting the  
11 returns of the ~~election~~; election.

12 (4) Costs of telephone and other communications ~~services~~; services.

13 (5) Costs of postage and other delivery ~~services~~; services.

14 (6) Printing and ~~stationery~~; stationery.

15 (7) Food, refreshments and related ~~supplies~~; supplies.

16 (8) Purchase and preparation of lists of ~~voters~~; voters.

17 (9) Taking polls and making canvasses of ~~voters~~; voters.

18 (10) Payment for election ~~watchers~~; watchers.

19 (11) Rental of office and rental and purchase of ~~equipment~~; equipment.

20 (12) Advertising and ~~publicity~~; publicity.

21 (13) In the case of a candidate committee, purchase of tickets to permit the candidate's attendance at civic or  
22 political events; and in the case of a political action committee, contributions within authorized limits, to any other  
23 political ~~committee;~~committee.

24 (14) Holding, promoting and furnishing meetings, demonstrations, conventions, and paying musicians and  
25 others rendering services ~~thereto;~~ in connection with those activities.

26 (15) Employing attorneys, accountants and other professional ~~advisors;~~advisors.

27 (16) In the case of a candidate committee, contributions, within the limits set forth in § 8010(a) of this title, to  
28 another candidate committee, or as otherwise provided in § 8022 of this ~~title;~~title.

29 (17) In the case of a political party or a political action committee, contributions, within authorized limits, to a  
30 candidate ~~committee;~~committee.

31 (18) In the case of any political action committee, in addition to any other expenditure authorized by this  
32 chapter, contributions to a political party within the limits set forth in § 8011 of this ~~title;~~title.

33 (19) Returning any donor's contribution up to the amount donated.

34 (20) Reasonable and necessary expenses for the care of the candidate's child or children incurred in  
35 connection with the candidate's campaign activities.

#### SYNOPSIS

This Act permits a candidate committee established by a candidate for public office to pay reasonable and necessary expenses for the care of a candidate's child or children when care is necessary in connection with the candidate's campaign activities. This Act also makes changes to the current law to make it consistent with the Legislative Drafting Manual.