

HOUSE BILL No. 5314

September 2, 2009, Introduced by Rep. Geiss and referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled
"Michigan campaign finance act,"
by amending section 21a (MCL 169.221a), as added by 1994 PA 411.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 21a. (1) A candidate committee of a candidate who is
2 elected or appointed to an elective office may make an expenditure
3 for an incidental expense for the elective office to which that
4 candidate was elected or appointed. Except as otherwise
5 specifically provided in this act, an expenditure for an incidental
6 expense by a candidate committee pursuant to this section is
7 considered an expenditure under this act.

8 (2) A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE OF A CANDIDATE WHO IS ELECTED OR

1 APPOINTED TO AN ELECTIVE OFFICE SHALL NOT MAKE AN EXPENDITURE TO
2 DEFEND THE ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL IN A CRIMINAL ACTION OR TO
3 PAY LEGAL COSTS RELATED TO THAT CRIMINAL ACTION UNLESS THE CRIMINAL
4 ACTION IS RELATED TO CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY OR TO THE COURSE OF CARRYING
5 OUT THE OFFICIAL DUTIES OF THE ELECTIVE OFFICE.