

AN ACT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on an emergency basis, the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 to explicitly provide that candidates may make expenditures for childcare expenses incurred for campaign purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Fair Elections Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2021”.

Sec. 2. The Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011, effective April 27, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-124; D.C. Official Code § 1-1161.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 101(10D) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1161.01(10D)) is amended by striking the phrase “member of the Council, and member of the State Board of Education” and inserting the phrase “member of the Council elected at-large, member of the Council elected by ward, member of the State Board of Education elected at-large, and member of the State Board of Education elected by ward” in its place.

(b) Section 332c(c)(4) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.32c(c)(4)) is amended by striking the phrase “his or her candidacy” and inserting the phrase “the participating candidate’s candidacy” in its place.

(c) Section 332f(d)(3) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.32f(d)(3)) is amended by striking the phrase “campaign purposes” and inserting the phrase “campaign purposes, including the participating candidate’s childcare expenses” in its place.

(d) Section 333 (D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.33) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (l) is amended by striking the phrase “and (j)(2)” and inserting the phrase “(j)(2), and (m)” in its place.

(2) A new subsection (m) is added to read as follows:

“(m) A candidate may make expenditures to reimburse the candidate for the candidate’s childcare expenses incurred for campaign purposes.”.

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Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia