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HOUSE BILL NO. 578

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 9.3 of Title 24.2 a section numbered 24.2-945.3, relating to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; unlawful conversion of contributions to personal use; penalty.*

Patron—Simon

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 9.3 of Title 24.2 a section numbered 24.2-945.3 as follows:

§ 24.2-945.3. Unlawful conversion of campaign contributions to personal use.

It shall be unlawful for any candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, or the General Assembly to convert to his personal use, at any time, any moneys, securities, or like intangible personal property that has been contributed to the candidate or his candidate campaign committee. "Personal use" includes uses to fulfill a commitment or obligation of the candidate, or pay an expense of the candidate, that would exist irrespective of the candidate's duties as a candidate or public office holder. "Personal use" does not include the ordinary and accepted expenses related to campaigning for or holding office. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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