



CHAPTER 163
ARTICLE 22M - LEGAL EXPENSE FUNDS

N.C.G.S. § 163-278.320.

Permitted uses of legal expense funds.

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§ 163-278.320(a) A legal expense fund may be used for reasonable expenses actually incurred by the elected officer in relation to a legal action or potential legal action brought by or against the elected officer in that elected officer's official capacity. The elected officer's campaign itself shall not be funded from a legal expense fund.

§ 163-278.320(b) Upon closing a legal expense account, the treasurer shall distribute the remaining monies in the legal expense fund to any of the following:

- (1) The Indigent Persons' Attorney Fee Fund under Article 36 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes.
- (2) The North Carolina State Bar for the provision of civil legal services for indigents.
- (3) Payments to an organization described in section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. § 170(c)), provided that the candidate or the candidate's spouse, children, parents, brothers, or sisters are not employed by the organization.
- (4) To return all or a portion of a legal expense donation to the donor.
- (5) Payment to the Escheat Fund established by Chapter 116B of the General Statutes. (2007-349, s. 1; 2009-534, s. 2(g); 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)

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