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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE TO PAY \$10,000 TO RESOLVE
CAMPAIGN FINANCE VIOLATIONS**

BOSTON - State Representative Paul Kujawski, D-Webster, has admitted to violating state campaign finance laws from 1997 through 1999 and will pay a total of \$10,000 and change his campaign finance record keeping and expenditure practices to avoid future violations, Attorney General Tom Reilly and Office of Campaign and Political Finance Director Michael Sullivan announced today.

The \$10,000, to be paid out of Kujawski's personal funds, includes a \$3,000 civil forfeiture to the Commonwealth and a \$7,000 reimbursement from Kujawski to his campaign committee.

The case began when the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCIPF) referred evidence to the Attorney General that Kujawski and his campaign committee had violated campaign finance laws by failing to keep detailed accounts and receipts for campaign committee expenditures; making expenditures of over \$50 in cash instead of by check as the law requires; filing incomplete and inaccurate expenditure reports with OCPF; and spending campaign funds for personal rather than political purposes. OCPF's evidence indicated that Kujawski had failed to properly document the reasons why he received \$17,128.47 in reimbursements from his campaign committee and why his committee paid \$2,625 of Kujawski's personal credit card bills.

In an agreement between Kujawski and his campaign committee, the Attorney General, and OCPF, Kujawski and his committee admitted to all of the violations except the allegation of spending campaign funds for personal use, which they denied. In addition to paying \$10,000 out of personal funds to resolve the entire matter, Kujawski and his committee agreed to retain an accountant to review and attest to the accuracy of all campaign finance reports for the next five years; back up those reports with bank statements; end the practice of making reimbursements

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from the committee to Kujawski; and make all expenditures by check or committee credit card rather than cash.

The settlement was reached without the filing of court proceedings but is enforceable in court if necessary.

Assistant Attorney General Peter Sacks, Deputy Chief of the Government Bureau, handled the case for the AG's Office.

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