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"An Act Proposing Comprehensive Campaign Finance Reform For State-Wide Constitutional Offices And General Assembly Offices."

1 After section 38, insert the following and renumber the remaining
2 section accordingly:

3 "Sec. 39. Section 9-333o of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) No business entity shall make any contributions or expenditures
6 to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for election to any
7 public office or position subject to this chapter or for nomination at a
8 primary for any such office or position, or to promote the defeat of any
9 candidate for any such office or position, or to promote the success or
10 defeat of any political party, except as provided in subsection (b) of
11 this section.

12 (b) A business entity may make reasonable and necessary transfers
13 or disbursements to or for the benefit of a political committee

14 established by such business entity, for the administration of, or
15 solicitation of contributions to, such political committee. Nonmonetary
16 contributions by a business entity which are incidental in nature and
17 are directly attributable to the administration of such political
18 committee shall be exempt from the reporting requirements of this
19 chapter.

20 (c) The provisions of this section shall not preclude a business entity
21 from making contributions or expenditures to promote the success or
22 defeat of a referendum question.

23 (d) A political committee organized by a business entity shall not
24 make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of any
25 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any candidate's
26 campaign for election. [to the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of five
27 thousand dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,
28 Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of three
29 thousand dollars; (3) sheriff, in excess of two thousand dollars; (4) state
30 senator, probate judge or chief executive officer of a town, city or
31 borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (5) state representative, in
32 excess of five hundred dollars; or (6) any other office of a municipality
33 not included in subdivision (4) of this subsection, in excess of two
34 hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory committee, in excess of two
35 hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed by this subsection shall
36 apply separately to primaries and elections and contributions by any
37 such committee to candidates designated in this subsection shall not
38 exceed one hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate for any single
39 election and primary preliminary thereto. Contributions to such
40 committees shall also be subject to the provisions of section 9-333t in
41 the case of committees formed for ongoing political activity or section
42 9-333u in the case of committees formed for a single election or
43 primary.]

44 (e) A political committee organized by a business entity may make
45 unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, another political
46 committee organized by a business entity or to a party committee. No

47 political committee organized by a business entity shall make a
48 contribution to an exploratory committee. [in excess of two hundred
49 fifty dollars.] No such political committee shall make a contribution or
50 contributions in excess of two thousand dollars to any other kind of
51 political committee, in any one calendar year if organized for ongoing
52 political activities, or if formed for a single primary, election or
53 referendum, with respect to such primary, election or referendum.

54 (f) As used in this subsection, "investment services" means legal
55 services, investment banking services, investment advisory services,
56 underwriting services, financial advisory services or brokerage firm
57 services. No political committee established by a firm which provides
58 investment services and to which the Treasurer pays compensation,
59 expenses or fees or issues a contract shall make a contribution on or
60 after October 1, 1995, to, or solicit contributions on or after said date on
61 behalf of, an exploratory committee or candidate committee
62 established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
63 Treasurer during the term of office of the Treasurer which does
64 business with such firm.

65 Sec. 40. Section 9-333q of the general statutes is repealed and the
66 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

67 (a) No political committee established by an organization shall
68 make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
69 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or for election. [to
70 the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of two thousand five hundred
71 dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer,
72 Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of one thousand five
73 hundred dollars; (3) sheriff or chief executive officer of a town, city or
74 borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state senator or probate
75 judge, in excess of five hundred dollars; or (5) state representative or
76 any other office of a municipality not previously included in this
77 subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars.]

78 (b) No such committee shall make a contribution or contributions to,

79 or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee. [, in excess of two
80 hundred fifty dollars.] Any such committee may make unlimited
81 contributions to a political committee formed solely to aid or promote
82 the success or defeat of a referendum question.

83 [(c) The limits imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall apply
84 separately to primaries and elections and no such committee shall
85 make contributions to the candidates designated in this section which
86 in the aggregate exceed fifty thousand dollars for any single election
87 and primary preliminary thereto.]

88 [(d)] (c) No political committee established by an organization shall
89 make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of, (1)
90 the state central committee of a political party, in excess of five
91 thousand dollars; (2) a town committee, in excess of one thousand
92 dollars; or (3) any political committee, other than [an exploratory
93 committee or] a committee formed solely to aid or promote the success
94 or defeat of a referendum question, in excess of two thousand dollars.

95 [(e)] (d) No political committee established by an organization shall
96 make contributions to the committees designated in subsection [(d)] (c)
97 of this section, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars
98 in any one calendar year. Contributions to a political committee
99 established by an organization shall also be subject to the provisions of
100 section 9-333t in the case of a committee formed for ongoing political
101 activity or section 9-333u in the case of a committee formed for a single
102 election or primary.

103 Sec. 41. Section 9-333t of the general statutes is repealed and the
104 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

105 (a) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
106 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party
107 committee; any national committee of a political party; [a candidate
108 committee;] or a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state
109 office. No such political committee shall make a contribution or
110 contributions to a candidate committee. No such political committee

111 shall make a contribution or contributions in excess of two thousand
112 dollars to another political committee in any calendar year except that
113 a political committee organized by a business entity may make
114 unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, another political
115 committee organized by a business entity. No political committee
116 organized for ongoing political activities shall make a contribution [in
117 excess of two hundred fifty dollars] to an exploratory committee. If
118 such an ongoing committee is established by an organization or a
119 business entity, its contributions shall be subject to the limits imposed
120 by sections 9-333o to 9-333q, inclusive. A political committee organized
121 for ongoing political activities may make contributions to a charitable
122 organization which is a tax-exempt organization under Section
123 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended,
124 or make memorial contributions.

125 (b) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
126 may receive contributions from the federal account of a national
127 committee of a political party, but may not receive contributions from
128 any other account of a national committee of a political party or from a
129 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office.

130 Sec. 42. Section 9-333u of the general statutes is repealed and the
131 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

132 (a) A political committee established for a single primary or election
133 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party
134 committee, [or a candidate committee,] but no such political committee
135 shall make contributions to a national committee, or a committee of a
136 candidate for federal or out-of-state office. No such political committee
137 shall make a contribution or contributions to a candidate committee. If
138 such a political committee is established by an organization or a
139 business entity, its contributions shall also be subject to the limitations
140 imposed by sections 9-333o to 9-333q, inclusive. No political committee
141 formed for a single election or primary shall, with respect to such
142 election or primary make a contribution or contributions in excess of
143 two thousand dollars to another political committee, provided no such

144 political committee shall make a contribution [in excess of two
145 hundred fifty dollars] to an exploratory committee.

146 (b) A political committee established for a single primary or election
147 shall not receive contributions from a committee of a candidate for
148 federal or out-of-state office or from a national committee."

149 In line 1782 after "34", insert ", inclusive," and strike the first "and"
150 and after "36" insert "and 39 to 42, inclusive,"