



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6653**

*January Session, 2003*

**AN ACT LIMITING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY POLITICAL COMMITTEES TO CANDIDATES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-333t of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 (a) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities  
4 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party  
5 committee; any national committee of a political party; [a candidate  
6 committee;] or a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state  
7 office.

8 (b) No political committee organized for ongoing political activities  
9 shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit of, or  
10 pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a committee  
11 supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for nomination at a  
12 primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to the office of (1)  
13 Governor, in excess of two thousand five hundred dollars; (2)  
14 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or  
15 Attorney General, in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars; (3)  
16 chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one  
17 thousand dollars; (4) state senator or probate judge, in excess of five  
18 hundred dollars; or (5) state representative or any other office of a  
19 municipality not previously included in this subsection, in excess of

20 two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed by this subsection shall  
21 be applied separately to primaries and elections.

22 (c) No [such] political committee organized for ongoing political  
23 activities shall make a contribution or contributions in excess of two  
24 thousand dollars to another political committee in any calendar year  
25 except that a political committee organized by a business entity may  
26 make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, another political  
27 committee organized by a business entity. No political committee  
28 organized for ongoing political activities shall make a contribution in  
29 excess of two hundred fifty dollars to an exploratory committee. If  
30 such an ongoing committee is established by an organization or a  
31 business entity, its contributions shall be subject to the limits imposed  
32 by sections 9-333o to 9-333q, inclusive.

33 (d) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities  
34 may make contributions to a charitable organization which is a tax-  
35 exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
36 Code, as from time to time amended, or make memorial contributions.

37 [(b)] (e) A political committee organized for ongoing political  
38 activities may receive contributions from the federal account of a  
39 national committee of a political party, but may not receive  
40 contributions from any other account of a national committee of a  
41 political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-  
42 state office.

43 Sec. 2. Section 9-333u of the general statutes is repealed and the  
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

45 (a) A political committee established for a single primary or election  
46 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party  
47 committee. [or a candidate committee, but no such]

48 (b) No political committee established for a single primary or  
49 election shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit of,  
50 or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a

51 committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for  
52 nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to  
53 the office of (1) Governor, in excess of two thousand five hundred  
54 dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer,  
55 Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of one thousand five  
56 hundred dollars; (3) chief executive officer of a town, city or borough,  
57 in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state senator or probate judge, in  
58 excess of five hundred dollars; or (5) state representative or any other  
59 office of a municipality not previously included in this subsection, in  
60 excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed by this  
61 subsection shall be applied separately to primaries and elections.

62 (c) No political committee established for a single primary or  
63 election shall make contributions to a national committee, or a  
64 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office. If such a  
65 political committee is established by an organization or a business  
66 entity, its contributions shall also be subject to the limitations imposed  
67 by sections 9-333o to 9-333q, inclusive. No political committee formed  
68 for a single election or primary shall, with respect to such election or  
69 primary make a contribution or contributions in excess of two  
70 thousand dollars to another political committee, provided no such  
71 political committee shall make a contribution in excess of two hundred  
72 fifty dollars to an exploratory committee.

73 [(b)] (d) A political committee established for a single primary or  
74 election shall not receive contributions from a committee of a  
75 candidate for federal or out-of-state office or from a national  
76 committee.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2003
Sec. 2	July 1, 2003

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*