General Assembly **Substitute Bill No. 201**

January Session, 2003

AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC FINANCING OF CAMPAIGNS FOR ELECTION TO MUNICIPAL OFFICES.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7-192a of the general statutes and subject to the provisions of chapter 150 of the general statutes, any municipality may, by ordinance, establish (1) a program for the public financing of campaigns for election to the offices of chief executive officer and municipal clerk of the municipality and for election to the legislative body of the municipality, and (2) a commission to administer and enforce such program. Any municipality establishing such a program shall pay the costs of administering and enforcing the program.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	*July 1, 2003*

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

PD *Joint Favorable*