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To: House Bill No. 6092

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"AN ACT CONCERNING A VOTER GUIDE FOR STATE ELECTIONS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-333b of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2003*):

6 (b) As used in this chapter, "contribution" does not mean:

7 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a
8 national or state bank;

9 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or
10 association to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
11 administrative personnel, or their families;

12 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns

13 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,
14 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their
15 families;

16 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
17 their time;

18 (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,
19 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a
20 candidate or on behalf of a state central or town committee, in
21 rendering voluntary personal services for candidate or party-related
22 activities at the individual's residence, to the extent that the cumulative
23 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by the individual
24 on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed two hundred dollars
25 with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central
26 and town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in any
27 calendar year;

28 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use in a candidate's campaign or
29 for use by a state central or town committee at a discount, if the charge
30 is not less than the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative
31 value of the discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate does
32 not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to any single election,
33 and on behalf of all state central and town committees does not exceed
34 four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

35 (7) Any unreimbursed payment for travel expenses made by an
36 individual who on the individual's own behalf volunteers the
37 individual's personal services to any single candidate to the extent the
38 cumulative value does not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to
39 any single election, and on behalf of all state central or town
40 committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

41 (8) The payment, by a party committee, political committee or an
42 individual, of the costs of preparation, display, mailing or other
43 distribution incurred by the committee or individual with respect to
44 any printed slate card, sample ballot or other printed list containing

45 the names of three or more candidates;

46 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual
47 to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction,
48 or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to
49 the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not
50 exceed fifty dollars;

51 [(10) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
52 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair, provided the
53 cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty
54 dollars from any single candidate or the candidate's committee with
55 respect to any single election campaign or two hundred fifty dollars
56 from any single party committee or other political committee in any
57 calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for
58 purchases by any other person;]

59 [(11)] (10) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's
60 candidate committee;

61 [(12)] (11) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a
62 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to
63 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed one
64 hundred dollars;

65 [(13)] (12) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a
66 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications
67 service for a committee, provided the security deposit is refunded to
68 the individual;

69 [(14)] (13) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and
70 managerial support, and broadcast time by a community antenna
71 television company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
72 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major
73 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to
74 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such
75 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a

76 political party; or

77 [(15)] (14) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an
78 individual at a town fair, county fair or similar mass gathering held
79 within the state, to the extent that the cumulative payment made by
80 any one individual for such items does not exceed fifty dollars.

81 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 9-333j of the general statutes is
82 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
83 *October 1, 2003*):

84 (c) (1) Each statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this
85 section shall include, but not be limited to: (A) An itemized accounting
86 of each contribution, if any, including the full name and complete
87 address of each contributor and the amount of the contribution; (B) in
88 the case of anonymous contributions, the total amount received and
89 the denomination of the bills; (C) an itemized accounting of each
90 expenditure, if any, including the full name and complete address of
91 each payee, the amount and the purpose of the expenditure, the
92 candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure, whether the
93 expenditure is made independently of the candidate supported or is an
94 in-kind contribution to the candidate, and a statement of the balance
95 on hand or deficit, as the case may be; (D) an itemized accounting of
96 each expense incurred but not paid; (E) the name and address of any
97 person who is the guarantor of a loan to, or the cosigner of a note with,
98 the candidate on whose behalf the committee was formed, or the
99 campaign treasurer in the case of a party committee or a political
100 committee or who has advanced a security deposit to a telephone
101 company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications service
102 for a committee; [(F) for each business entity or person purchasing
103 advertising space in a program for a fund-raising affair, the name and
104 address of the business entity and the name of the chief executive
105 officer of the business entity or the name and address of the person,
106 and the amount and aggregate amounts of such purchases; (G)] (F) for
107 each individual who contributes in excess of one hundred dollars but
108 not more than one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, to the extent

109 known, the principal occupation of such individual and the name of
110 the individual's employer, if any; [(H)] (G) for each individual who
111 contributes in excess of one thousand dollars in the aggregate, the
112 principal occupation of such individual, the name of the individual's
113 employer, if any, and a statement indicating whether the individual or
114 a business with which he is associated has a contract with the state
115 which is valued at more than five thousand dollars; and [(I)] (H) for
116 each itemized contribution made by a lobbyist, the spouse of a lobbyist
117 or any dependent child of a lobbyist who resides in the lobbyist's
118 household, a statement to that effect. Each campaign treasurer shall
119 include in such statement an itemized accounting of the receipts and
120 expenditures relative to any testimonial affair held under the
121 provisions of section 9-333k or any other fund-raising affair.

122 (2) Each contributor described in subparagraph (F), (G) [,] or (H) [or
123 (I)] of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall, at the time he makes such
124 a contribution, provide the information which the campaign treasurer
125 is required to include under said subparagraph in the statement filed
126 under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this section. Notwithstanding any
127 provision of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b, any contributor described
128 in subparagraph [(G)] (F) of subdivision (1) of this subsection who
129 does not provide such information at the time he makes such a
130 contribution and any treasurer shall not be subject to the provisions of
131 subdivision (2) of section 9-7b. If a campaign treasurer receives a
132 contribution from an individual which separately, or in the aggregate,
133 is in excess of one thousand dollars and the contributor has not
134 provided the information required by said subparagraph [(H)] (G), the
135 campaign treasurer: (i) Within three business days after receiving the
136 contribution, shall send a request for such information to the
137 contributor by certified mail, return receipt requested; (ii) shall not
138 deposit the contribution until he obtains such information from the
139 contributor, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-333h; and (iii)
140 shall return the contribution to the contributor if the contributor does
141 not provide the required information within fourteen days after the
142 treasurer's written request or the end of the reporting period in which

143 the contribution was received, whichever is later. Any failure of a
144 contributor to provide the information which the campaign treasurer is
145 required to include under said subparagraph [(G)] (F) or [(I)] (H),
146 which results in noncompliance by the campaign treasurer with the
147 provisions of said subparagraph [(G)] (F) or [(I)] (H), shall be a
148 complete defense to any action against the campaign treasurer for
149 failure to disclose such information.

150 (3) Contributions from a single individual to a campaign treasurer
151 in the aggregate totaling thirty dollars or less need not be individually
152 identified in the statement, but a sum representing the total amount of
153 all such contributions made by all such individuals during the period
154 to be covered by such statement shall be a separate entry, identified
155 only by the words "total contributions from small contributors".

156 (4) Statements filed in accordance with this section shall remain
157 public records of the state for five years from the date such statements
158 are filed.

159 Sec. 3. Subsection (g) of section 9-333l of the general statutes is
160 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
161 *October 1, 2003*):

162 (g) As used in this subsection, "immediate family" means any
163 spouse or dependent child who resides in a lobbyist's household. Each
164 lobbyist who is an individual and, in conjunction with members of his
165 immediate family, makes contributions to or purchases from
166 committees exceeding one thousand dollars in the aggregate during
167 the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 1993, or July first in any
168 year thereafter, shall file a statement, sworn under penalty of false
169 statement, with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
170 provisions of section 9-333e, on the second Thursday in July following
171 the end of such twelve-month period. The statement shall include: (1)
172 The name of each committee to which the lobbyist or a member of his
173 immediate family has made a contribution and the amount and date of
174 each such contribution; and (2) the name of each committee from

175 which the lobbyist or member of his immediate family has purchased
 176 any item of property [or advertising space in a program] in connection
 177 with a fund-raising event which is not considered a contribution under
 178 subsection (b) of section 9-333b and the amount, date and description
 179 of each such purchase. Each lobbyist who is an individual and who, in
 180 conjunction with members of his immediate family, does not make
 181 contributions to or purchases from committees exceeding one
 182 thousand dollars in the aggregate during any such twelve-month
 183 period shall file a statement, sworn under penalty of false statement,
 184 with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of
 185 section 9-333e, on the second Thursday in July, so indicating.

186 Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 1-79 of the general
 187 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
 188 (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

189 (1) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or
 190 a donation or payment as described in subdivision (9) [or (10)] of
 191 subsection (b) of section 9-333b, as amended by this act.

192 Sec. 5. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 1-91 of the general
 193 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
 194 (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

195 (1) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or
 196 a donation or payment described in subdivision (9) [or (10)] of
 197 subsection (b) of section 9-333b, as amended by this act."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
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