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**"AN ACT AMENDING CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS CONCERNING DELEGATES TO A UNITED STATES SENATORIAL OR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION, REGISTRATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, JOINT CAMPAIGN FUND-RAISING EVENTS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES MADE BY ONE CANDIDATE COMMITTEE FOR ANOTHER CANDIDATE COMMITTEE."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-333o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

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 two thousand five hundred] ~~thousand~~ dollars; (2) Lieutenant  
28 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney  
29 General, in excess of [~~three thousand~~] one thousand five hundred  
30 ~~dollars~~; (3) chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess  
31 of one thousand dollars; (4) state senator [,] or probate judge, [or chief  
32 executive officer of a town, city or borough,] in excess of [~~one~~  
33 five hundred] ~~thousand~~ dollars; [(4)] (5) state representative, in excess  
34 of [~~five hundred~~] two hundred fifty dollars; or [(5)] (6) any other office  
35 of a municipality not included in subdivision (3) of this subsection, in  
36 excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory committee, in  
37 excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed by this  
38 subsection shall apply separately to primaries and elections and  
39 contributions by any such committee to candidates designated in this  
40 subsection shall not exceed [~~one hundred~~] fifteen thousand dollars in  
41 the aggregate for any single election and primary preliminary thereto.  
42 Contributions to such committees shall also be subject to the  
43 provisions of section 9-333t, as amended by this act, in the case of  
44 committees formed for ongoing political activity or section 9-333u in  
45 the case of committees formed for a single election or primary.

46 (e) [A political committee organized by a business entity may make  
47 unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, another political  
48 committee organized by a business entity or to a party committee.] No  
49 political committee organized by a business entity shall make a  
50 contribution to an exploratory committee in excess of two hundred  
51 fifty dollars. No such political committee shall make a contribution or  
52 contributions in excess of [two] one thousand dollars to any other  
53 [kind of] political committee, in any one calendar year if organized for  
54 ongoing political activities, or if formed for a single primary [,] or  
55 election, [or referendum,] with respect to such primary [,] or election,  
56 [or referendum] provided a political committee organized by a  
57 business entity may make unlimited contributions to a political  
58 committee formed solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a  
59 referendum question. No political committee organized by a business  
60 entity shall make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the  
61 benefit of, (1) the state central committee of a political party, in excess  
62 of five thousand dollars, or (2) a town committee, in excess of one  
63 thousand dollars. No political committee established by an  
64 organization shall make contributions to the committees designated in  
65 this subsection, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars  
66 in any one calendar year. Contributions to a political committee  
67 organized by a business entity shall also be subject to the provisions of  
68 section 9-333t, as amended by this act, in the case of a committee  
69 formed for ongoing political activity or section 9-333u in the case of a  
70 committee formed for a single election or primary.

71 (f) As used in this subsection, "investment services" means  
72 investment legal services, investment banking services, investment  
73 advisory services, underwriting services, financial advisory services or  
74 brokerage firm services. No political committee established by a firm  
75 which provides investment services and to which the State Treasurer  
76 pays compensation, expenses or fees or issues a contract shall make a  
77 contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of, an exploratory  
78 committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for  
79 nomination or election to the office of State Treasurer during the term

80 of office of the State Treasurer who does business with such firm.

81 Sec. 502. Section 9-333t of the general statutes is repealed and the  
82 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

83 (a) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities  
84 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party  
85 committee; any national committee of a political party; [a candidate  
86 committee;] or a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state  
87 office. No such political committee shall make a contribution or  
88 contributions in excess of [two] one thousand dollars to another  
89 political committee in any calendar year. [except that a political  
90 committee organized by a business entity may make unlimited  
91 contributions to, or for the benefit of, another political committee  
92 organized by a business entity.] No political committee organized for  
93 ongoing political activities shall make a contribution in excess of two  
94 hundred fifty dollars to an exploratory committee. If such an ongoing  
95 committee is established by an organization or a business entity, its  
96 contributions shall be subject to the limits imposed by sections 9-333o  
97 to 9-333q, inclusive. A political committee organized for ongoing  
98 political activities may make contributions to a charitable organization  
99 which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the  
100 Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended, or make  
101 memorial contributions.

102 (b) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities  
103 shall not make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of  
104 any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any  
105 candidate's campaign for election to the office of: (1) Governor, in  
106 excess of two thousand five hundred dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor,  
107 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in  
108 excess of one thousand five hundred dollars; (3) chief executive officer  
109 of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state  
110 senator or probate judge, in excess of five hundred dollars; (5) state  
111 representative, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or (6) any other  
112 office of a municipality not included in subdivision (3) of this

113 subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory  
114 committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed  
115 by this subsection shall apply separately to primaries and elections and  
116 contributions by any such committee to candidates designated in this  
117 subsection shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars in the aggregate  
118 for any single election and primary preliminary thereto.

119 (c) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities  
120 may make unlimited contributions to a political committee formed  
121 solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum  
122 question. No political committee organized for ongoing political  
123 activities shall make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for  
124 the benefit of, (1) the state central committee of a political party, in  
125 excess of five thousand dollars, or (2) a town committee, in excess of  
126 one thousand dollars. No political committee organized for ongoing  
127 political activities shall make contributions to political committees and  
128 party committees, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand  
129 dollars in any one calendar year.

130 [(b)] (d) A political committee organized for ongoing political  
131 activities may receive contributions from the federal account of a  
132 national committee of a political party, but may not receive  
133 contributions from any other account of a national committee of a  
134 political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-  
135 state office.

136 Sec. 503. Section 9-333u of the general statutes is repealed and the  
137 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

138 (a) A political committee established for a single primary or election  
139 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party  
140 committee, [or a candidate committee,] but no such political committee  
141 shall make contributions to a national committee, or a committee of a  
142 candidate for federal or out-of-state office. If such a political committee  
143 is established by an organization or a business entity, its contributions  
144 shall also be subject to the limitations imposed by sections 9-333o to 9-

145 333q, inclusive. No political committee formed for a single election or  
146 primary shall, with respect to such election or primary make a  
147 contribution or contributions in excess of [two] one thousand dollars to  
148 another political committee, provided no such political committee  
149 shall make a contribution in excess of two hundred fifty dollars to an  
150 exploratory committee.

151 (b) A political committee established for a single primary or election  
152 shall not make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of  
153 any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any  
154 candidate's campaign for election to the office of: (1) Governor, in  
155 excess of two thousand five hundred dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor,  
156 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in  
157 excess of one thousand five hundred dollars; (3) chief executive officer  
158 of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state  
159 senator or probate judge, in excess of five hundred dollars; (5) state  
160 representative, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or (6) any other  
161 office of a municipality not included in subdivision (3) of this  
162 subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory  
163 committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed  
164 by this subsection shall apply separately to primaries and elections and  
165 contributions by any such committee to candidates designated in this  
166 subsection shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars in the aggregate  
167 for any single election and primary preliminary thereto.

168 (c) A political committee established for a single primary or election  
169 may make unlimited contributions to a political committee formed  
170 solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum  
171 question. No political committee established for a single primary or  
172 election shall make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the  
173 benefit of, (1) the state central committee of a political party, in excess  
174 of five thousand dollars, or (2) a town committee, in excess of one  
175 thousand dollars. No political committee established for a single  
176 primary or election shall make contributions to political committees  
177 and party committees, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand  
178 dollars in any one calendar year.

179 [(b)] (d) A political committee established for a single primary or  
180 election shall not receive contributions from a committee of a  
181 candidate for federal or out-of-state office or from a national  
182 committee.

183 Sec. 504. Section 9-333s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
184 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

185 (a) A party committee may make unlimited contributions to, or for  
186 the benefit of, any of the following: (1) Another party committee; (2) [a  
187 candidate committee; (3)] a national committee of a political party; [(4)]  
188 or (3) a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office, [; or  
189 (5) a political committee.] A party committee may also make  
190 contributions to a charitable organization which is a tax-exempt  
191 organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as  
192 from time to time amended, or make memorial contributions.

193 (b) A party committee shall not make a contribution or  
194 contributions to or for the benefit of any candidate's campaign for  
195 nomination at a primary or any candidate's campaign for election to  
196 the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of two thousand five hundred  
197 dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer,  
198 Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of one thousand five  
199 hundred dollars; (3) chief executive officer of a town, city or borough,  
200 in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state senator or probate judge, in  
201 excess of five hundred dollars; (5) state representative, in excess of two  
202 hundred fifty dollars; or (6) any other office of a municipality not  
203 included in subdivision (3) of this subsection, in excess of two hundred  
204 fifty dollars; or an exploratory committee, in excess of two hundred  
205 fifty dollars. The limits imposed by this subsection shall apply  
206 separately to primaries and elections and contributions by any such  
207 committee to candidates designated in this subsection shall not exceed  
208 fifteen thousand dollars in the aggregate for any single election and  
209 primary preliminary thereto.

210 (c) No party committee shall make a contribution or contributions in

211 excess of one thousand dollars to a political committee, in any calendar  
212 year, provided a party committee may make unlimited contributions  
213 to a political committee formed solely to aid or promote the success or  
214 defeat of a referendum question. No party committee shall make  
215 contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of, (1) the  
216 state central committee of a political party, in excess of five thousand  
217 dollars, or (2) a town committee, in excess of one thousand dollars. No  
218 party committee shall make contributions to the committees  
219 designated in this subsection, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen  
220 thousand dollars in any one calendar year.

221 [(b)] (d) A party committee may receive contributions from a federal  
222 account of a national committee of a political party, but may not  
223 receive contributions from any other account of a national committee  
224 of a political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or  
225 out-of-state office, for use in the election of candidates subject to the  
226 provisions of this chapter."