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House Bill No. 5499

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. O'ROURKE of the 32nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEADLINE FOR DEPOSITING POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-333h of the general statutes, as amended by
2 section 1 of public act 03-223, is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

4 (a) The campaign treasurer of each committee shall be responsible
5 for (1) depositing, receiving and reporting all contributions and other
6 funds in the manner specified in section 9-333j, as amended, (2)
7 making and reporting expenditures, (3) reporting expenses incurred
8 but not yet paid, (4) filing the statements required under section 9-333j,
9 as amended, and (5) keeping internal records of each entry made on
10 such statements. The campaign treasurer of each committee shall
11 deposit contributions in the committee's designated depository within
12 [seven] fourteen days after receiving them, provided, in the case of a

13 contribution received by a solicitor, the campaign treasurer shall so
14 deposit the contribution within fourteen days after the solicitor
15 receives the contribution. The campaign treasurer of each political
16 committee or party committee which makes a contribution of goods to
17 another committee shall send written notice to the campaign treasurer
18 of the recipient committee before the close of the reporting period
19 during which the contribution was made. The notice shall be signed by
20 the campaign treasurer of the committee making the contribution and
21 shall include the full name of such committee, the date on which the
22 contribution was made, a complete description of the contribution and
23 the value of the contribution. Any dispute concerning the information
24 contained in such notice shall be resolved by the campaign treasurer of
25 the recipient committee. Such resolution shall not impair in any way
26 the authority of the State Elections Enforcement Commission under
27 section 9-7b, as amended. The campaign treasurer of the recipient
28 committee shall preserve each such notice received for the period
29 prescribed by subsection (f) of section 9-333i, as amended.

30 (b) A contribution in the form of a check drawn on a joint bank
31 account shall, for the purpose of allocation, be deemed to be a
32 contribution made by the individual who signed the check. If a check
33 is signed by more than one individual, the total amount of the check
34 shall be divided equally among the cosigners for the purpose of
35 allocation. If a committee receives an anonymous contribution of more
36 than fifteen dollars the campaign treasurer shall immediately remit the
37 contribution to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall deposit
38 the contribution in the General Fund.

39 (c) The campaign treasurer of each committee, other than a political
40 committee established by an organization which receives its funds
41 from the organization's treasury, may appoint solicitors. If solicitors
42 are appointed, the campaign treasurer shall receive and report all
43 contributions made or promised to each solicitor. Each solicitor shall
44 submit to the campaign treasurer a list of all contributions made or
45 promised to him. The list shall be complete as of seventy-two hours
46 immediately preceding midnight of the day preceding the dates on

47 which the campaign treasurer is required to file a sworn statement as
 48 provided in section 9-333j, as amended. Lists shall be received by the
 49 campaign treasurer not later than twenty-four hours immediately
 50 preceding each required filing date. Each solicitor shall deposit all
 51 contributions with the campaign treasurer, within seven days after
 52 receipt. No solicitor shall expend any contributions received by him or
 53 disburse such contributions to any person other than the campaign
 54 treasurer.

55 (d) No person shall act as a campaign treasurer or deputy campaign
 56 treasurer unless the person is an elector of this state, and a statement,
 57 signed by the chairman in the case of a party committee or political
 58 committee or by the candidate in the case of a candidate committee,
 59 designating the person as campaign treasurer or deputy campaign
 60 treasurer, has been filed in accordance with section 9-333e, as
 61 amended. In the case of a political committee, the filing of a statement
 62 of organization by the chairman of the committee, in accordance with
 63 the provisions of section 9-333g, shall constitute compliance with the
 64 filing requirements of this section. No provision of this subsection shall
 65 prevent the campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or solicitor
 66 of any committee from being the campaign treasurer, deputy
 67 campaign treasurer or solicitor of any other committee or prevent any
 68 committee from having more than one solicitor, but no candidate shall
 69 have more than one campaign treasurer. A candidate shall not serve as
 70 the candidate's own campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer,
 71 except that a candidate who is exempt from forming a candidate
 72 committee under subsection (b) of section 9-333f, as amended, and has
 73 filed a certification that the candidate is financing the candidate's
 74 campaign from the candidate's own personal funds or is not receiving
 75 or expending in excess of one thousand dollars may perform the duties
 76 of a campaign treasurer for the candidate's own campaign.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2004

GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Elect. Enforcement Com.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which increases from 7 to 14 days the amount of time a campaign treasurer has after receiving a contribution to deposit it in the committee’s designated depository, has no fiscal impact to the state.

OLR Bill Analysis

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POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS****SUMMARY:**

This bill increases, from seven to 14 days, the amount of time a campaign treasurer has after receiving a contribution to deposit it in his committee's designated depository. The bill also requires him to deposit a contribution received by a solicitor within 14 days after the solicitor receives it. By law, a solicitor is a person whom a campaign treasurer appoints to receive, but not spend, contributions on the committee's behalf.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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