



# House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5499  
As Amended by House  
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
April 16, 2004

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEADLINE FOR DEPOSITING POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND AUTHORIZING TOWN COMMITTEES TO CONTRIBUTE TO SCHOLARSHIPS.**

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2 section 1 of public act 03-223, is repealed and the following is  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. The campaign treasurer of  
13 each political committee or party committee which makes a  
14 contribution of goods to another committee shall send written notice to

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

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

37 (c) The campaign treasurer of each committee, other than a political  
38 committee established by an organization which receives its funds  
39 from the organization's treasury, may appoint solicitors. If solicitors  
40 are appointed, the campaign treasurer shall receive and report all  
41 contributions made or promised to each solicitor. Each solicitor shall  
42 submit to the campaign treasurer a list of all contributions made or  
43 promised to him. The list shall be complete as of seventy-two hours  
44 immediately preceding midnight of the day preceding the dates on  
45 which the campaign treasurer is required to file a sworn statement as  
46 provided in section 9-333j, as amended. Lists shall be received by the  
47 campaign treasurer not later than twenty-four hours immediately  
48 preceding each required filing date. Each solicitor shall deposit all

49 contributions with the campaign treasurer, within seven days after  
50 receipt. No solicitor shall expend any contributions received by him or  
51 disburse such contributions to any person other than the campaign  
52 treasurer.

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

75 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 9-333s of the general statutes is  
76 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
77 *1, 2004*):

78 (a) A party committee may make unlimited contributions to, or for  
79 the benefit of, any of the following: (1) Another party committee; (2) a  
80 candidate committee; (3) a national committee of a political party; (4) a  
81 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office; or (5) a

82 political committee. A party committee may also make contributions to  
83 a charitable organization which is a tax-exempt organization under  
84 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time  
85 amended, or make memorial contributions. A town committee may  
86 also contribute to a scholarship awarded by a high school on the basis  
87 of objective criteria.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

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:

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**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**

The bill 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.

House “A” allows a town committee to contribute to a scholarship awarded by a high school on the basis of objective criteria and has no fiscal impact to the state.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

HB 5499 (as amended by House "A")\*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEADLINE FOR DEPOSITING 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 law allows party committees, which include town committees, to make contributions to other committees, nonprofit charities, and memorial funds. The bill also permits town committees to contribute to scholarships that high schools award based on objective criteria.

\*House Amendment "A" eliminates a provision requiring a campaign treasurer to deposit a contribution received by a solicitor within 14 days after the solicitor receives it. It adds a provision allowing town committees to make scholarship contributions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 17    Nay 0