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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 20 File No. 29 Cal. No. 84

**"AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION DAY VOTER
REGISTRATION."**

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

3 "Section 1. Section 9-333o of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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 thousand] two thousand five hundred 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 thousand] five hundred 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 organized by a business
64 entity shall make contributions to the committees designated in this
65 subsection, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars in
66 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. 2. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 9-333q of the general

82 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
83 (*Effective from passage*):

84 (c) The limits imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall apply
85 separately to primaries and elections and no such committee shall
86 make contributions to the candidates designated in this section which
87 in the aggregate exceed [~~fifty~~] fifteen thousand dollars for any single
88 election and primary preliminary thereto.

89 (d) No political committee established by an organization shall
90 make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of, (1)
91 the state central committee of a political party, in excess of five
92 thousand dollars; (2) a town committee, in excess of one thousand
93 dollars; or (3) any political committee, other than an exploratory
94 committee or a committee formed solely to aid or promote the success
95 or defeat of a referendum question, in excess of [~~two~~] one thousand
96 dollars.

97 Sec. 3. Section 9-333t of the general statutes is repealed and the
98 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

99 (a) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
100 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party
101 committee; any national committee of a political party; [a candidate
102 committee;] or a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state
103 office. No such political committee shall make a contribution or
104 contributions in excess of [~~two~~] one thousand dollars to another
105 political committee in any calendar year. [except that a political
106 committee organized by a business entity may make unlimited
107 contributions to, or for the benefit of, another political committee
108 organized by a business entity.] No political committee organized for
109 ongoing political activities shall make a contribution in excess of two
110 hundred fifty dollars to an exploratory committee. If such an ongoing
111 committee is established by an organization or a business entity, its
112 contributions shall be subject to the limits imposed by sections 9-333o
113 to 9-333q, inclusive. A political committee organized for ongoing

114 political activities may make contributions to a charitable organization
115 which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the
116 Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended, or make
117 memorial contributions.

118 (b) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
119 shall not make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of
120 any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any
121 candidate's campaign for election to the office of: (1) Governor, in
122 excess of two thousand five hundred dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor,
123 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in
124 excess of one thousand five hundred dollars; (3) chief executive officer
125 of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state
126 senator or probate judge, in excess of five hundred dollars; (5) state
127 representative, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or (6) any other
128 office of a municipality not included in subdivision (3) of this
129 subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory
130 committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed
131 by this subsection shall apply separately to primaries and elections and
132 contributions by any such committee to candidates designated in this
133 subsection shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars in the aggregate
134 for any single election and primary preliminary thereto.

135 (c) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
136 may make unlimited contributions to a political committee formed
137 solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum
138 question. No political committee organized for ongoing political
139 activities shall make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for
140 the benefit of, (1) the state central committee of a political party, in
141 excess of five thousand dollars, or (2) a town committee, in excess of
142 one thousand dollars. No political committee organized for ongoing
143 political activities shall make contributions to political committees and
144 party committees, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand
145 dollars in any one calendar year.

146 [(b)] (d) A political committee organized for ongoing political

147 activities may receive contributions from the federal account of a
148 national committee of a political party, but may not receive
149 contributions from any other account of a national committee of a
150 political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-
151 state office.

152 Sec. 4. Section 9-333u of the general statutes is repealed and the
153 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

154 (a) A political committee established for a single primary or election
155 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party
156 committee, [or a candidate committee,] but no such political committee
157 shall make contributions to a national committee, or a committee of a
158 candidate for federal or out-of-state office. If such a political committee
159 is established by an organization or a business entity, its contributions
160 shall also be subject to the limitations imposed by sections 9-333o to 9-
161 333q, inclusive. No political committee formed for a single election or
162 primary shall, with respect to such election or primary make a
163 contribution or contributions in excess of [two] one thousand dollars to
164 another political committee, provided no such political committee
165 shall make a contribution in excess of two hundred fifty dollars to an
166 exploratory committee.

167 (b) A political committee established for a single primary or election
168 shall not make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of
169 any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any
170 candidate's campaign for election to the office of: (1) Governor, in
171 excess of two thousand five hundred dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor,
172 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in
173 excess of one thousand five hundred dollars; (3) chief executive officer
174 of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state
175 senator or probate judge, in excess of five hundred dollars; (5) state
176 representative, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or (6) any other
177 office of a municipality not included in subdivision (3) of this
178 subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory
179 committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed

180 by this subsection shall apply separately to primaries and elections and
181 contributions by any such committee to candidates designated in this
182 subsection shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars in the aggregate
183 for any single election and primary preliminary thereto.

184 (c) A political committee established for a single primary or election
185 may make unlimited contributions to a political committee formed
186 solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum
187 question. No political committee established for a single primary or
188 election shall make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the
189 benefit of, (1) the state central committee of a political party, in excess
190 of five thousand dollars, or (2) a town committee, in excess of one
191 thousand dollars. No political committee established for a single
192 primary or election shall make contributions to political committees
193 and party committees, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand
194 dollars in any one calendar year.

195 [(b)] (d) A political committee established for a single primary or
196 election shall not receive contributions from a committee of a
197 candidate for federal or out-of-state office or from a national
198 committee.

199 Sec. 5. Section 9-333s of the general statutes is repealed and the
200 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

201 (a) A party committee may make unlimited contributions to, or for
202 the benefit of, any of the following: (1) Another party committee; (2) [a
203 candidate committee; (3)] a national committee of a political party; [(4)]
204 or (3) a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office. [; or
205 (5) a political committee.] A party committee may also make
206 contributions to a charitable organization which is a tax-exempt
207 organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as
208 from time to time amended, or make memorial contributions.

209 (b) A party committee shall not make a contribution or
210 contributions to or for the benefit of any candidate's campaign for
211 nomination at a primary or any candidate's campaign for election to

212 the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of two thousand five hundred
213 dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer,
214 Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of one thousand five
215 hundred dollars; (3) chief executive officer of a town, city or borough,
216 in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state senator or probate judge, in
217 excess of five hundred dollars; (5) state representative, in excess of two
218 hundred fifty dollars; or (6) any other office of a municipality not
219 included in subdivision (3) of this subsection, in excess of two hundred
220 fifty dollars; or an exploratory committee, in excess of two hundred
221 fifty dollars. The limits imposed by this subsection shall apply
222 separately to primaries and elections and contributions by any such
223 committee to candidates designated in this subsection shall not exceed
224 fifteen thousand dollars in the aggregate for any single election and
225 primary preliminary thereto.

226 (c) No party committee shall make a contribution or contributions in
227 excess of one thousand dollars to a political committee, in any calendar
228 year, provided a party committee may make unlimited contributions
229 to a political committee formed solely to aid or promote the success or
230 defeat of a referendum question. No party committee shall make
231 contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of, (1) the
232 state central committee of a political party, in excess of five thousand
233 dollars, or (2) a town committee, in excess of one thousand dollars. No
234 party committee shall make contributions to the committees
235 designated in this subsection, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen
236 thousand dollars in any one calendar year.

237 [(b)] (d) A party committee may receive contributions from a federal
238 account of a national committee of a political party, but may not
239 receive contributions from any other account of a national committee
240 of a political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or
241 out-of-state office, for use in the election of candidates subject to the
242 provisions of this chapter."

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>