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Amendment

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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 Section 9-333o of the general statutes is repealed and the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 January 1, 2005, and*
5 *applicable to primaries and elections held on or after said date*):

6 (a) No business entity shall make any contributions or expenditures
7 to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for election to any
8 public office or position subject to this chapter or for nomination at a
9 primary for any such office or position, or to promote the defeat of any
10 candidate for any such office or position, or to promote the success or
11 defeat of any political party, except as provided in subsection (b) of
12 this section.

13 (b) A business entity may make reasonable and necessary transfers
14 or disbursements to or for the benefit of a political committee

15 established by such business entity, for the administration of, or
16 solicitation of contributions to, such political committee. Nonmonetary
17 contributions by a business entity which are incidental in nature and
18 are directly attributable to the administration of such political
19 committee shall be exempt from the reporting requirements of this
20 chapter.

21 (c) The provisions of this section shall not preclude a business entity
22 from making contributions or expenditures to promote the success or
23 defeat of a referendum question.

24 (d) A political committee organized by a business entity shall not
25 make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of any
26 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any candidate's
27 campaign for election to the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of [five
28 thousand] two thousand five hundred dollars; (2) Lieutenant
29 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney
30 General, in excess of [three thousand] one thousand five hundred
31 dollars; (3) chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess
32 of one thousand dollars; (4) state senator [,] or probate judge, [or chief
33 executive officer of a town, city or borough,] in excess of [one
34 thousand] five hundred dollars; [(4)] (5) state representative, in excess
35 of [five hundred] two hundred fifty dollars; or [(5)] (6) any other office
36 of a municipality not included in subdivision (3) of this subsection, in
37 excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory committee, in
38 excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed by this
39 subsection shall apply separately to primaries and elections and
40 contributions by any such committee to candidates designated in this
41 subsection shall not exceed [one hundred] fifteen thousand dollars in
42 the aggregate for any single election and primary preliminary thereto.
43 Contributions to such committees shall also be subject to the
44 provisions of section 9-333t, as amended by this act, in the case of
45 committees formed for ongoing political activity or section 9-333u in
46 the case of committees formed for a single election or primary.

47 (e) [A political committee organized by a business entity may make

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

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

82 Sec. 2. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 9-333q of the general
83 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
84 (*Effective January 1, 2005, and applicable to primaries and elections held on*
85 *or after said date*):

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

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

99 Sec. 3. Section 9-333t of the general statutes is repealed and the
100 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2005, and*
101 *applicable to primaries and elections held on or after said date*):

102 (a) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
103 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party
104 committee; any national committee of a political party; [a candidate
105 committee;] or a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state
106 office. No such political committee shall make a contribution or
107 contributions in excess of [two] one thousand dollars to another
108 political committee in any calendar year. [except that a political
109 committee organized by a business entity may make unlimited
110 contributions to, or for the benefit of, another political committee
111 organized by a business entity.] No political committee organized for
112 ongoing political activities shall make a contribution in excess of two
113 hundred fifty dollars to an exploratory committee. If such an ongoing

114 committee is established by an organization or a business entity, its
115 contributions shall be subject to the limits imposed by sections 9-333o
116 to 9-333q, inclusive. A political committee organized for ongoing
117 political activities may make contributions to a charitable organization
118 which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the
119 Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended, or make
120 memorial contributions.

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

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

148 dollars in any one calendar year.

149 [(b)] (d) A political committee organized for ongoing political
150 activities may receive contributions from the federal account of a
151 national committee of a political party, but may not receive
152 contributions from any other account of a national committee of a
153 political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-
154 state office.

155 Sec. 4. Section 9-333u of the general statutes is repealed and the
156 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2005, and*
157 *applicable to primaries and elections held on or after said date*):

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

171 (b) A political committee established for a single primary or election
172 shall not make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of
173 any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any
174 candidate's campaign for election to the office of: (1) Governor, in
175 excess of two thousand five hundred dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor,
176 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in
177 excess of one thousand five hundred dollars; (3) chief executive officer
178 of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state
179 senator or probate judge, in excess of five hundred dollars; (5) state

180 representative, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or (6) any other
181 office of a municipality not included in subdivision (3) of this
182 subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory
183 committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed
184 by this subsection shall apply separately to primaries and elections and
185 contributions by any such committee to candidates designated in this
186 subsection shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars in the aggregate
187 for any single election and primary preliminary thereto.

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

199 [(b)] (d) A political committee established for a single primary or
200 election shall not receive contributions from a committee of a
201 candidate for federal or out-of-state office or from a national
202 committee.

203 Sec. 5. Section 9-333s of the general statutes is repealed and the
204 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2005, and*
205 *applicable to primaries and elections held on or after said date*):

206 (a) A party committee may make unlimited contributions to, or for
207 the benefit of, any of the following: (1) Another party committee; (2) [a
208 candidate committee; (3)] a national committee of a political party; [(4)]
209 or (3) a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office. [; or
210 (5) a political committee.] A party committee may also make
211 contributions to a charitable organization which is a tax-exempt

212 organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as
213 from time to time amended, or make memorial contributions.

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

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

242 [(b)] (d) A party committee may receive contributions from a federal
243 account of a national committee of a political party, but may not
244 receive contributions from any other account of a national committee

245 of a political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or
 246 out-of-state office, for use in the election of candidates subject to the
 247 provisions of this chapter."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2005, and applicable to primaries and elections held on or after said date</i>
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2005, and applicable to primaries and elections held on or after said date</i>
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2005, and applicable to primaries and elections held on or after said date</i>
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2005, and applicable to primaries and elections held on or after said date</i>
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2005, and applicable to primaries and elections held on or after said date</i>