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To: House Bill No. 5168

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**"AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH
PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC FINANCING OF CAMPAIGNS FOR
ELECTION TO MUNICIPAL OFFICES."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) (a) Notwithstanding the
4 provisions of section 7-192a of the general statutes, the city of New
5 Haven may, by ordinance, establish (1) a voluntary two-year pilot
6 program for the public financing of campaigns of candidates for
7 election to the offices of chief executive officer of the municipality,
8 municipal clerk, and member of the legislative body of the
9 municipality, who agree to limit campaign fund-raising and
10 expenditures, and (2) a commission to administer and enforce such
11 program. The municipality shall pay the costs of administering and
12 enforcing such program. Any such ordinance shall be subject to the

13 provisions of chapter 150 of the general statutes and shall not contain
14 provisions that are less restrictive than the provisions of said chapter
15 150. A candidate for any such office who decides not to participate in
16 such program shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 150. Any
17 such public financing shall not be deemed to be public funds for the
18 purposes of subsection (d) of section 9-333l of the general statutes, as
19 amended.

20 (b) If the city of New Haven establishes a pilot program under
21 subsection (a) of this section, said city shall submit a report on the
22 program to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
23 having cognizance of matters relating to elections, not later than
24 January 1, 2007."