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Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING COMPREHENSIVE REFORM OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-333b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (b) As used in this chapter, "contribution" does not mean:

5 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a
6 national or state bank;

7 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or
8 association to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
9 administrative personnel, or their families;

10 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns
11 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,
12 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their
13 families;

14 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
15 their time;

16 (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,
17 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a
18 candidate or on behalf of a state central or town committee, in
19 rendering voluntary personal services for candidate or party-related
20 activities at the individual's residence, to the extent that the cumulative
21 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by the individual
22 on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed two hundred dollars
23 with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central
24 and town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in any
25 calendar year;

26 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use in a candidate's campaign or
27 for use by a state central or town committee at a discount, if the charge
28 is not less than the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative
29 value of the discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate does
30 not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to any single election,
31 and on behalf of all state central and town committees does not exceed
32 four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

33 (7) Any unreimbursed payment for travel expenses made by an
34 individual who on the individual's own behalf volunteers the
35 individual's personal services to any single candidate to the extent the
36 cumulative value does not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to
37 any single election, and on behalf of all state central or town
38 committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

39 (8) The payment, by a party committee, political committee or an
40 individual, of the costs of preparation, display, mailing or other
41 distribution incurred by the committee or individual with respect to
42 any printed slate card, sample ballot or other printed list containing
43 the names of three or more candidates;

44 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual

45 to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction,
46 or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to
47 the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not
48 exceed fifty dollars;

49 (10) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
50 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair, provided the
51 cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed (A) two hundred
52 fifty dollars from any single candidate or the candidate's committee
53 with respect to any single election campaign or two hundred fifty
54 dollars from any single party committee or other political committee in
55 any calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity [or] that is not a
56 lobbyist, (B) one hundred dollars from any single candidate or the
57 candidate's committee with respect to any single election campaign or
58 one hundred dollars from any single party committee or other political
59 committee in any calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity
60 that is a lobbyist, or (C) fifty dollars for purchases by any other person;

61 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's
62 candidate committee;

63 (12) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a
64 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to
65 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed one
66 hundred dollars;

67 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a
68 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications
69 service for a committee, provided the security deposit is refunded to
70 the individual;

71 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
72 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
73 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
74 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major
75 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to

76 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such
77 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a
78 political party; or

79 (15) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an
80 individual at a town fair, county fair or similar mass gathering held
81 within the state, to the extent that the cumulative payment made by
82 any one individual for such items does not exceed fifty dollars.

83 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 9-333h of the general statutes is
84 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
85 *1, 2005*):

86 (a) The campaign treasurer of each committee shall be responsible
87 for (1) depositing, receiving and reporting all contributions and other
88 funds in the manner specified in section 9-333j, (2) making and
89 reporting expenditures, (3) reporting expenses incurred but not yet
90 paid, (4) filing the statements required under section 9-333j, and (5)
91 keeping internal records of each entry made on such statements. The
92 campaign treasurer of each committee shall deposit contributions in
93 the committee's designated depository within fourteen days after
94 receiving them. The campaign treasurer of each political committee or
95 party committee which makes a contribution [of goods] to another
96 committee shall send written notice to the campaign treasurer of the
97 recipient committee before the close of the reporting period during
98 which the contribution was made. The notice shall be signed by the
99 campaign treasurer of the committee making the contribution and
100 shall include the full name of such committee, the date on which the
101 contribution was made, a complete description of the contribution and
102 the value of the contribution. Any dispute concerning the information
103 contained in such notice shall be resolved by the campaign treasurer of
104 the recipient committee. Such resolution shall not impair in any way
105 the authority of the State Elections Enforcement Commission under
106 section 9-7b. The campaign treasurer of the recipient committee shall
107 preserve each such notice received for the period prescribed by
108 subsection (f) of section 9-333i.

109 Sec. 3. Section 9-333m of the general statutes is repealed and the
110 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

111 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to, for
112 the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a
113 candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's
114 campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign
115 for election, to the office of (1) Governor, in excess of [two] one
116 thousand [five hundred] dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of
117 the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of [one
118 thousand five] seven hundred fifty dollars; (3) chief executive officer of
119 a town, city or borough, in excess of [one thousand] five hundred
120 dollars; (4) state senator or probate judge, in excess of five hundred
121 dollars; or (5) state representative or any other office of a municipality
122 not previously included in this subsection, in excess of two hundred
123 fifty dollars. The limits imposed by this subsection shall be applied
124 separately to primaries and elections.

125 (b) No lobbyist, spouse of a lobbyist or dependent child of a lobbyist
126 who is sixteen years of age or older and residing in the lobbyist's
127 household, shall:

128 (1) Make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
129 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the
130 office of (1) Governor, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; (2)
131 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,
132 Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of two hundred dollars; (3)
133 state senator, in excess of one hundred fifty dollars; or (4) state
134 representative, in excess of one hundred dollars;

135 (2) Make a contribution or contributions in any one calendar year in
136 excess of one thousand dollars to a state central committee, in excess of
137 two hundred dollars to a town committee and in excess of two
138 hundred fifty dollars to a political committee; or

139 (3) Solicit contributions to or for the benefit of any candidate for the

140 office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State
141 Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, state senator or state
142 representative or any political committee established, maintained or
143 controlled by any such candidate, any person holding such office or
144 any agent of such candidate or office holder.

145 [(b)] (c) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to,
146 or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee or a political committee
147 formed by a slate of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of
148 the peace, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars.

149 [(c)] (d) No individual shall make contributions to [such candidates
150 or committees] candidate committees, exploratory committees or
151 political committees described in subsection (c) of this section which in
152 the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars for any single election
153 and primary preliminary thereto.

154 [(d)] (e) No individual shall make a contribution to any candidate or
155 committee, other than a contribution in kind, in excess of one hundred
156 dollars except by personal check or credit card of that individual.

157 [(e)] (f) No individual who is less than sixteen years of age shall
158 make a contribution or contributions, in excess of thirty dollars to, for
159 the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of: (1) A
160 candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's
161 campaign for nomination at a primary to any office; (2) a candidate or
162 a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for
163 election to any office; (3) an exploratory committee; (4) any other
164 political committee in any calendar year; or (5) a party committee in
165 any calendar year. Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (2) of
166 section 9-7b, any individual who is less than sixteen years of age who
167 violates any provision of this subsection shall not be subject to the
168 provisions of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b.

169 Sec. 4. Section 9-333n of the general statutes is repealed and the
170 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

171 (a) [No] Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of section 9-
172 333n, as amended by this act, no individual shall make a contribution
173 or contributions in any one calendar year in excess of five thousand
174 dollars to the state central committee of any party, or for the benefit of
175 such committee pursuant to its authorization or request; or one
176 thousand dollars to a town committee of any political party, or for the
177 benefit of such committee pursuant to its authorization or request; or
178 one thousand dollars to a political committee other than (1) a political
179 committee formed solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a
180 referendum question, (2) an exploratory committee, (3) a political
181 committee established by an organization, or for the benefit of such
182 committee pursuant to its authorization or request, or (4) a political
183 committee formed by a slate of candidates in a primary for the office of
184 justice of the peace of the same town.

185 (b) No individual shall make a contribution to a political committee
186 established by an organization which receives its funds from the
187 organization's treasury. With respect to a political committee
188 established by an organization which has complied with the provisions
189 of subsection (b) or (c) of section 9-333p, and has elected to receive
190 contributions, no individual other than a member of the organization
191 may make contributions to the committee, in which case the individual
192 may contribute not more than five hundred dollars in any one calendar
193 year to such committee or for the benefit of such committee pursuant
194 to its authorization or request.

195 [(c) In no event may any individual make contributions to a
196 candidate committee and a political committee formed solely to
197 support one candidate other than an exploratory committee or for the
198 benefit of a candidate committee and a political committee formed
199 solely to support one candidate pursuant to the authorization or
200 request of any such committee, in an amount which in the aggregate is
201 in excess of the maximum amount which may be contributed to the
202 candidate.]

203 (c) No individual shall make a contribution to a candidate's

204 campaign for nomination or election to any public office unless the
205 contribution is made directly to the candidate's candidate or
206 exploratory committee or to a solicitor appointed by the campaign
207 treasurer of such candidate or exploratory committee. A political
208 committee or party committee shall not accept a contribution from an
209 individual to a candidate's campaign for nomination or election to any
210 public office. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a
211 contribution made to benefit a slate of candidates whose campaigns
212 are funded solely by a party committee or a political committee formed
213 for a single primary or election as permitted by subsection (b) of
214 section 9-333f.

215 (d) Any individual may make unlimited contributions or
216 expenditures to aid or promote the success or defeat of any
217 referendum question, provided any individual who makes an
218 expenditure or expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars to
219 promote the success or defeat of any referendum question shall file
220 statements according to the same schedule and in the same manner as
221 is required of a campaign treasurer of a political committee under
222 section 9-333j.

223 (e) Any individual acting alone may, independent of any candidate,
224 agent of the candidate, or committee, make unlimited expenditures to
225 promote the success or defeat of any candidate's campaign for election,
226 or nomination at a primary, to any office or position, provided any
227 individual who makes an independent expenditure or expenditures in
228 excess of one thousand dollars to promote the success or defeat of any
229 candidate's campaign for election, or nomination at a primary, to any
230 such office or position shall file statements according to the same
231 schedule and in the same manner as is required of a campaign
232 treasurer of a candidate committee under section 9-333j.

233 (f) (1) As used in this subsection and subsection (f) of section 9-333j,
234 (A) "investment services" means investment legal services, investment
235 banking services, investment advisory services, underwriting services,
236 financial advisory services or brokerage firm services, and (B)

237 "principal of an investment services firm" means (i) an individual who
238 is a director of or has an ownership interest in an investment services
239 firm to which the State Treasurer pays compensation, expenses or fees
240 or issues a contract, except for an individual who owns less than five
241 per cent of the shares of an investment services firm which is a
242 publicly traded corporation, (ii) an individual who is employed by
243 such an investment services firm as president, treasurer, or executive
244 or senior vice president, (iii) an employee of such an investment
245 services firm who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with
246 respect to any investment services provided to the State Treasurer, (iv)
247 the spouse or a dependent child of an individual described in this
248 subparagraph, or (v) a political committee established by or on behalf
249 of an individual described in this subparagraph.

250 (2) No principal of an investment services firm shall make a
251 contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of, an exploratory
252 committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for
253 nomination or election to the office of State Treasurer during the term
254 of office of the State Treasurer who pays compensation, expenses or
255 fees or issues a contract to such firm.

256 (3) Neither the State Treasurer, the Deputy State Treasurer, any
257 unclassified employee of the office of the State Treasurer acting on
258 behalf of the State Treasurer or Deputy State Treasurer, any candidate
259 for the office of State Treasurer, any member of the Investment
260 Advisory Council established under section 3-13b nor any agent of any
261 such candidate may solicit contributions on behalf of an exploratory
262 committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for
263 nomination or election to any public office, a political committee or a
264 party committee, from a principal of an investment services firm,
265 except that the prohibition in this subsection shall not apply to an
266 incumbent State Treasurer who establishes an exploratory committee
267 or candidate committee for any public office other than State
268 Treasurer.

269 (4) No member of the Investment Advisory Council appointed

270 under section 3-13b shall make a contribution to, or solicit
271 contributions on behalf of, an exploratory committee or candidate
272 committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the
273 office of State Treasurer.

274 (5) The provisions of this subsection shall not restrict an individual
275 from establishing an exploratory or candidate committee for the
276 individual's own campaign or from soliciting contributions for such
277 committees from persons not prohibited from making contributions
278 under this subsection.

279 (6) The State Treasurer shall keep a list of investment services firms
280 described in this subsection. Said list shall be subject to disclosure
281 under the Freedom of Information Act and shall be available to the
282 State Elections Enforcement Commission. Each investment services
283 contract issued by the State Treasurer shall include the provisions of
284 subdivisions (1) to (5), inclusive, of this subsection as conditions of the
285 contract. Each such investment services firm shall maintain a list of the
286 principals of the investment services firm and shall provide such list to
287 the State Elections Enforcement Commission, upon request of the
288 commission.

289 (g) (1) As used in this subsection, "state officer" means the Governor,
290 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,
291 Comptroller or Attorney General.

292 (2) If a state officer awards a contract or contracts which, separately
293 or in the aggregate, have a value of fifty thousand dollars or more to a
294 business, (A) no individual who is an owner, partner, director or
295 officer of said business, or a manager of said business who has
296 substantial policy or decision-making authority concerning the
297 administration of the contract, and no spouse or dependent children
298 residing in the household of such individual, shall make contributions
299 totaling more than one hundred dollars to, or for the benefit of, said
300 state officer's campaign for nomination at a primary or reelection to the
301 same office or election to any other public office, and an exploratory

302 committee formed by said state officer, and (B) said state officer and
303 the officer's committee or agent shall not solicit contributions, on
304 behalf of the candidate or exploratory committee established by said
305 state officer or the candidate or exploratory committee established by
306 any other candidate for nomination or election to any other public
307 office or on behalf of any political committee or party committee, that
308 otherwise has the authority to contribute to the candidate, from (i) any
309 individual who is an owner, officer, director, partner or such a
310 manager of said business, (ii) the spouse of any such individual or a
311 dependent child of any such individual who resides in the individual's
312 household, (iii) a political committee established by said business, or
313 (iv) any individual who is an owner, officer, director or partner of a
314 subcontractor of said business or a manager of said subcontractor who
315 has substantial policy or decision-making authority concerning the
316 administration of the subcontract.

317 (3) Each state officer shall keep a list of (A) businesses to which the
318 state officer has awarded a contract or contracts of fifty thousand
319 dollars or more, and (B) all subcontractors under said contracts. Said
320 list shall be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act
321 and shall be available to the State Elections Enforcement Commission.
322 Each contract issued by a state officer shall include the provisions of
323 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of this subsection as a condition of
324 the contract. Each business to which a state officer has awarded a
325 contract or contracts of fifty thousand dollars or more and each
326 subcontractor under said contract shall maintain a list of such business'
327 or subcontractor's owners, partners, directors, officers and managers
328 with substantial policy or decision-making authority related to the
329 administration of such contracts and shall provide upon request, such
330 list to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, upon request of
331 the commission.

332 (4) For purposes of this subsection, (A) a contract awarded by a
333 department head in the executive branch of state government who is
334 appointed by the Governor shall be deemed to have been awarded by

335 the Governor, and (B) a contract awarded by a board, commission,
336 council or other multi-member authority, for which a majority of the
337 members are appointed by a single state officer, shall be deemed to
338 have been awarded by said state officer.

339 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 9-333j of the general statutes is
340 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
341 *January 1, 2006*):

342 (c) (1) Each statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this
343 section shall include, but not be limited to: (A) An itemized accounting
344 of each contribution, if any, including the full name and complete
345 address of each contributor and the amount of the contribution; (B) in
346 the case of anonymous contributions, the total amount received and
347 the denomination of the bills; (C) an itemized accounting of each
348 expenditure, if any, including the full name and complete address of
349 each payee, including secondary payees whenever the primary or
350 principal payee is known to include charges which the primary payee
351 has already paid or will pay directly to another person, vendor or
352 entity, the amount and the purpose of the expenditure, the candidate
353 supported or opposed by the expenditure, whether the expenditure is
354 made independently of the candidate supported or is an in-kind
355 contribution to the candidate, and a statement of the balance on hand
356 or deficit, as the case may be; (D) an itemized accounting of each
357 expense incurred but not paid, provided if the expense is incurred by
358 use of a credit card, the accounting shall include secondary payees,
359 and the amount owed to each such payee; (E) the name and address of
360 any person who is the guarantor of a loan to, or the cosigner of a note
361 with, the candidate on whose behalf the committee was formed, or the
362 campaign treasurer in the case of a party committee or a political
363 committee or who has advanced a security deposit to a telephone
364 company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications service
365 for a committee; (F) for each business entity or person purchasing
366 advertising space in a program for a fund-raising affair, the name and
367 address of the business entity or the name and address of the person,

368 and the amount and aggregate amounts of such purchases; (G) for
369 each individual who contributes in excess of one hundred dollars, [but
370 not more than one thousand dollars,] in the aggregate, [to the extent
371 known,] the principal occupation of such individual and the name of
372 the individual's employer, if any, [; (H) for each individual who
373 contributes in excess of one thousand dollars in the aggregate, the
374 principal occupation of such individual, the name of the individual's
375 employer, if any,] and a statement indicating whether the individual or
376 a business with which he is associated has a contract with the state
377 which is valued at more than [five] fifty thousand dollars; [(I)] (H) for
378 each itemized contribution made by a lobbyist, the spouse of a lobbyist
379 or any dependent child of a lobbyist who resides in the lobbyist's
380 household, a statement to that effect; and [(J)] (I) for each individual
381 who contributes in excess of four hundred dollars in the aggregate to
382 or for the benefit of any candidate's campaign for nomination at a
383 primary or election to the office of chief executive officer of a town, city
384 or borough, a statement indicating whether the individual or a
385 business with which he is associated has a contract with said
386 municipality that is valued at more than five thousand dollars. Each
387 campaign treasurer shall include in such statement (i) an itemized
388 accounting of the receipts and expenditures relative to any testimonial
389 affair held under the provisions of section 9-333k or any other fund-
390 raising affair, which is referred to in subsection (b) of section 9-333b,
391 and (ii) the date, location and a description of the affair.

392 (2) Each contributor described in subparagraph (G), (H), or (I) [or
393 (J)] of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall, at the time the
394 contributor makes such a contribution, provide the information which
395 the campaign treasurer is required to include under said subparagraph
396 in the statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this section.
397 [Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b, any
398 contributor described in subparagraph (G) of subdivision (1) of this
399 subsection who does not provide such information at the time the
400 contributor makes such a contribution and any treasurer shall not be
401 subject to the provisions of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b.] If a

402 campaign treasurer receives a contribution from an individual which
403 separately, or in the aggregate, is in excess of one [thousand] hundred
404 dollars and the contributor has not provided the information required
405 by [said] subparagraph [(H)] (G) of subdivision (1) of this subsection or
406 if a campaign treasurer receives a contribution from an individual to or
407 for the benefit of any candidate's campaign for nomination at a
408 primary or election to the office of chief executive officer of a town, city
409 or borough, which separately, or in the aggregate, is in excess of four
410 hundred dollars and the contributor has not provided the information
411 required by said subparagraph [(J)] (I) of subdivision (1) of this
412 subsection, the campaign treasurer: (i) Within three business days after
413 receiving the contribution, shall send a request for such information to
414 the contributor by certified mail, return receipt requested; (ii) shall not
415 deposit the contribution until the campaign treasurer obtains such
416 information from the contributor, notwithstanding the provisions of
417 section 9-333h; and (iii) shall return the contribution to the contributor
418 if the contributor does not provide the required information within
419 fourteen days after the treasurer's written request or the end of the
420 reporting period in which the contribution was received, whichever is
421 later. Any failure of a contributor to provide the information which the
422 campaign treasurer is required to include under [said] subparagraph
423 [(G) or (I)] (H) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, which results in
424 noncompliance by the campaign treasurer with the provisions of [said]
425 subparagraph [(G) or (I)] (H) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall
426 be a complete defense to any action against the campaign treasurer for
427 failure to disclose such information.

428 (3) Contributions from a single individual to a campaign treasurer
429 in the aggregate totaling thirty dollars or less need not be individually
430 identified in the statement, but a sum representing the total amount of
431 all such contributions made by all such individuals during the period
432 to be covered by such statement shall be a separate entry, identified
433 only by the words "total contributions from small contributors".

434 (4) Statements filed in accordance with this section shall remain

435 public records of the state for five years from the date such statements
436 are filed.

437 Sec. 6. Section 9-333o of the general statutes is repealed and the
438 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

439 (a) No business entity shall make any contributions or expenditures
440 to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for election to any
441 public office or position subject to this chapter or for nomination at a
442 primary for any such office or position, or to promote the defeat of any
443 candidate for any such office or position, or to promote the success or
444 defeat of any political party, except as provided in subsection (b) of
445 this section.

446 (b) A business entity may make reasonable and necessary transfers
447 or disbursements to or for the benefit of a political committee
448 established by such business entity, for the administration of, or
449 solicitation of contributions to, such political committee. Nonmonetary
450 contributions by a business entity which are incidental in nature and
451 are directly attributable to the administration of such political
452 committee shall be exempt from the reporting requirements of this
453 chapter.

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

457 (d) A political committee organized by a business entity shall not
458 make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of any
459 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any candidate's
460 campaign for election to the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of [five]
461 two thousand five hundred dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary
462 of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of
463 [three] one thousand five hundred dollars; (3) state senator, probate
464 judge or chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of
465 [one thousand] seven hundred fifty dollars; (4) state representative, in

466 excess of [five] four hundred dollars; or (5) any other office of a
467 municipality not included in subdivision (3) of this subsection, in
468 excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory committee, in
469 excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed by this
470 subsection shall apply separately to primaries and elections and
471 contributions by any such committee to candidates designated in this
472 subsection shall not exceed [one hundred] fifty thousand dollars in the
473 aggregate for any single election and primary preliminary thereto.
474 Contributions to such committees shall also be subject to the
475 provisions of section 9-333t in the case of committees formed for
476 ongoing political activity or section 9-333u in the case of committees
477 formed for a single election or primary.

478 (e) A political committee organized by a business entity may make
479 unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, another political
480 committee organized by a business entity or to a party committee. No
481 political committee organized by a business entity shall make a
482 contribution to an exploratory committee in excess of two hundred
483 fifty dollars. No such political committee shall make a contribution or
484 contributions in excess of two thousand dollars to any other kind of
485 political committee, in any one calendar year if organized for ongoing
486 political activities, or if formed for a single primary, election or
487 referendum, with respect to such primary, election or referendum.

488 (f) As used in this subsection, "investment services" means
489 investment legal services, investment banking services, investment
490 advisory services, underwriting services, financial advisory services or
491 brokerage firm services. No political committee established by a firm
492 which provides investment services and to which the State Treasurer
493 pays compensation, expenses or fees or issues a contract shall make a
494 contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of, an exploratory
495 committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for
496 nomination or election to the office of State Treasurer during the term
497 of office of the State Treasurer who does business with such firm.

498 Sec. 7. Section 9-333q of the general statutes is repealed and the

499 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

500 (a) No political committee established by an organization shall
501 make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
502 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or for election to the
503 office of: (1) Governor, in excess of two thousand five hundred dollars;
504 (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller
505 or Attorney General, in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars;
506 (3) chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of [one
507 thousand] seven hundred fifty dollars; (4) state senator or probate
508 judge, in excess of [five] seven hundred fifty dollars; [or] (5) state
509 representative, in excess of four hundred dollars; or (6) any other office
510 of a municipality not previously included in this subsection, in excess
511 of two hundred fifty dollars.

512 (b) No such committee shall make a contribution or contributions to,
513 or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee, in excess of two
514 hundred fifty dollars. Any such committee may make unlimited
515 contributions to a political committee formed solely to aid or promote
516 the success or defeat of a referendum question.

517 (c) The limits imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall apply
518 separately to primaries and elections and no such committee shall
519 make contributions to the candidates designated in this section which
520 in the aggregate exceed fifty thousand dollars for any single election
521 and primary preliminary thereto.

522 (d) No political committee established by an organization shall
523 make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of, (1)
524 the state central committee of a political party, in excess of five
525 thousand dollars; (2) a town committee, in excess of one thousand
526 dollars; or (3) any political committee, other than an exploratory
527 committee or a committee formed solely to aid or promote the success
528 or defeat of a referendum question, in excess of two thousand dollars.

529 [(e) No political committee established by an organization shall

530 make contributions to the committees designated in subsection (d) of
531 this section, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars in
532 any one calendar year.]

533 (e) Contributions to a political committee established by an
534 organization shall also be subject to the provisions of section 9-333t, as
535 amended by this act, in the case of a committee formed for ongoing
536 political activity or section 9-333u, as amended by this act, in the case
537 of a committee formed for a single election or primary.

538 Sec. 8. Section 9-333t of the general statutes is repealed and the
539 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

540 (a) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
541 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party
542 committee; any national committee of a political party; [a candidate
543 committee;] or a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state
544 office. No such political committee shall make a contribution or
545 contributions in excess of two thousand dollars to another political
546 committee in any calendar year except that a political committee
547 organized by a business entity may make unlimited contributions to,
548 or for the benefit of, another political committee organized by a
549 business entity. No political committee organized for ongoing political
550 activities shall make a contribution in excess of two hundred fifty
551 dollars to an exploratory committee. If such an ongoing committee is
552 established by an organization or a business entity, its contributions
553 shall be subject to the limits imposed by sections 9-333o to 9-333q,
554 inclusive. A political committee organized for ongoing political
555 activities may make contributions to a charitable organization which is
556 a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
557 Revenue Code, as from time to time amended, or make memorial
558 contributions.

559 (b) No political committee organized for ongoing political activities
560 shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
561 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the

562 office of (1) Governor, in excess of five thousand dollars; (2) Lieutenant
563 Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, Comptroller or
564 Attorney General, in excess of three thousand dollars; (3) chief
565 executive officer of a town, city or borough, state senator or probate
566 judge, in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars; or (4) state
567 representative or any other office of a municipality not previously
568 included in this subsection, in excess of eight hundred dollars. The
569 limits imposed under this subsection shall apply separately to
570 primaries and elections. No such committee shall make contributions
571 to the candidates described in this section which in the aggregate
572 exceed fifty thousand dollars for any single election and primary
573 before such election.

574 [(b)] (c) A political committee organized for ongoing political
575 activities may receive contributions from the federal account of a
576 national committee of a political party, but may not receive
577 contributions from any other account of a national committee of a
578 political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-
579 state office.

580 (d) No elected public official, agent of an elected public official or
581 individual acting in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion
582 of, any such public official or agent shall establish, maintain, direct or
583 control more than one political committee organized for ongoing
584 political activities or organized for a single election or primary.

585 Sec. 9. Section 9-333u of the general statutes is repealed and the
586 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

587 (a) A political committee established for a single primary or election
588 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party
589 committee, [or a candidate committee,] but no such political committee
590 shall make contributions to a national committee, or a committee of a
591 candidate for federal or out-of-state office. If such a political committee
592 is established by an organization or a business entity, its contributions
593 shall also be subject to the limitations imposed by sections 9-333o to 9-

594 333q, inclusive. No political committee formed for a single election or
595 primary shall, with respect to such election or primary make a
596 contribution or contributions in excess of two thousand dollars to
597 another political committee, provided no such political committee
598 shall make a contribution in excess of two hundred fifty dollars to an
599 exploratory committee.

600 (b) No political committee established for a single primary or
601 election shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit
602 of, any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or for
603 election to the office of (1) Governor, in excess of five thousand dollars;
604 (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,
605 Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of three thousand dollars;
606 (3) chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, state senator or
607 probate judge, in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars; or (4)
608 state representative or any other office of a municipality not previously
609 included in this subsection, in excess of eight hundred dollars. The
610 limits imposed under this subsection shall apply separately to
611 primaries and elections. No such committee shall make contributions
612 to the candidates described in this section which in the aggregate
613 exceed fifty thousand dollars for any single election and primary
614 before such election.

615 [(b)] (c) A political committee established for a single primary or
616 election shall not receive contributions from a committee of a
617 candidate for federal or out-of-state office or from a national
618 committee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2005	9-333b(b)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2005	9-333h(a)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2005	9-333m
Sec. 4	July 1, 2005	9-333n
Sec. 5	January 1, 2006	9-333j(c)
Sec. 6	July 1, 2005	9-333o

Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	9-333q
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	9-333t
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	9-333u

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for comprehensive reform of the existing campaign finance laws to reduce undue influence of lobbyists and state contractors in the financing of state and General Assembly campaigns, and to make elections for such offices more competitive. This bill cures existing voids in contribution limits for political committees and ensures that these limits may not be circumvented by establishment of multiple political committees by the same individual. The bill also makes the limits on contributions to business and labor union political committees similar, and provides greater transparency of the sources of campaign contributions.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]