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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM FOR STATE-WIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) There is established, within
2 the General Fund, a separate, nonlapsing account to be known as the
3 "Citizens' Election Fund". The fund may contain any moneys required
4 by law to be deposited in the fund. Investment earnings credited to the
5 assets of the fund shall become part of the assets of the fund. The State
6 Treasurer shall administer the fund. Any balance remaining in the
7 fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fund
8 for the next fiscal year. All moneys deposited in the fund shall be used
9 for the purposes of sections 1 and 5 to 24, inclusive, of this act. The
10 State Elections Enforcement Commission may deduct and retain from
11 the moneys in the fund an amount equal to the costs incurred by the
12 commission in administering the provisions of sections 1 and 5 to 24,
13 inclusive, of this act provided said amount shall not exceed one per
14 cent of the moneys deposited in the fund in any fiscal year. Any
15 portion of said one per cent allocation which exceeds said costs
16 incurred by the commission in any fiscal year shall continue to be
17 available for any said costs incurred by the commission in subsequent
18 fiscal years.

19 Sec. 2. Section 12-812 of the general statutes is repealed and the

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

21 (a) The president of the corporation, subject to the direction of the
22 board, shall conduct daily, weekly, multistate, special instant or other
23 lottery games and shall determine the number of times a lottery shall
24 be held each year, the form and price of the tickets and the aggregate
25 amount of prizes, which shall not be less than [forty-five] forty-three
26 and one-half per cent of the sales unless required by the terms of any
27 agreement entered into for the conduct of multistate lottery games.
28 The proceeds of the sale of tickets shall be deposited in the lottery fund
29 of the corporation from which prizes shall be paid, upon vouchers
30 signed by the president, or by either of two persons designated and
31 authorized by him, in such numbers and amounts as the president
32 determines. The corporation may limit its liability in games with fixed
33 payouts and may cause a cessation of sales of tickets of certain
34 designation when such liability limit has been reached.

35 (b) The president, subject to the direction of the board, may enter
36 into agreements for the sale of product advertising on lottery tickets,
37 play slips and other lottery media.

38 (c) On a weekly basis, the president shall estimate, and certify to the
39 State Treasurer, that portion of the balance in the lottery fund which
40 exceeds the current needs of the corporation for the payment of prizes,
41 the payment of current operating expenses and funding of approved
42 reserves of the corporation. The corporation shall transfer the amount
43 so certified from the lottery fund of the corporation to the General
44 Fund, upon notification of receipt of such certification by the
45 Treasurer.

46 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) For the fiscal year ending June
47 30, 2006, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Connecticut Lottery
48 Corporation shall transfer one and one-half per cent of the revenue
49 received from the sale of lottery tickets during such year to the
50 Citizens' Election Fund established in section 1 of this act. Said
51 corporation shall make such transfers by reducing the percentage of

52 the revenue received from the sale of lottery tickets that the
53 corporation awards in lottery game prizes during such years by one
54 and one-half per cent of the revenue that the corporation received from
55 the sale of lottery tickets during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

56 Sec. 4. Subsection (e) of section 9-333j of the general statutes is
57 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
58 *1, 2005*):

59 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter, [to the
60 contrary,] in the event of a surplus the campaign treasurer of a
61 candidate committee or of a political committee, other than a political
62 committee formed for ongoing political activities or an exploratory
63 committee, shall distribute or expend such surplus [within] not later
64 than ninety days after a primary which results in the defeat of the
65 candidate, an election or referendum not held in November or by
66 January thirty-first following an election or referendum held in
67 November, in the following manner:

68 (A) Such committees may distribute their surplus to a party
69 committee, or a political committee organized for ongoing political
70 activities, return such surplus to all contributors to the committee on a
71 prorated basis of contribution, distribute all or any part of such surplus
72 to the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 1 of this act or
73 distribute such surplus to any charitable organization which is a tax-
74 exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
75 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
76 of the United States, as from time to time amended, provided (i) no
77 candidate committee may distribute such surplus to a committee
78 which has been established to finance future political campaigns of the
79 candidate, and (ii) a candidate committee which received moneys from
80 the Citizens' Election Fund shall distribute such surplus to such fund;

81 (B) Each such political committee established by an organization
82 which received its funds from the organization's treasury shall return
83 its surplus to its sponsoring organization;

84 (C) (i) Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote the
85 success or defeat of any referendum question, which does not receive
86 contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall distribute
87 its surplus to a party committee, to a political committee organized for
88 ongoing political activities, to a national committee of a political party,
89 to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of contribution,
90 to state or municipal governments or agencies or to any organization
91 which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the
92 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
93 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
94 amended, [(ii) each] (ii) Each political committee formed solely to aid
95 or promote the success or defeat of any referendum question, which
96 receives contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall
97 distribute its surplus to all contributors to the committee on a prorated
98 basis of contribution, to state or municipal governments or agencies, or
99 to any organization which is tax-exempt under said provisions of the
100 Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
101 subsection, a committee formed for a single referendum shall not be
102 required to expend its surplus within ninety days after the referendum
103 and may continue in existence if a substantially similar referendum
104 question on the same issue will be submitted to the electorate within
105 six months after the first referendum. If two or more substantially
106 similar referenda on the same issue are submitted to the electorate,
107 each no more than six months apart, the committee shall expend such
108 surplus within ninety days following the date of the last such
109 referendum;

110 (D) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee of a
111 candidate who is elected to office may, upon the authorization of such
112 candidate, expend surplus campaign funds to pay for the cost of
113 clerical, secretarial or other office expenses necessarily incurred by
114 such candidate in preparation for taking office; except such surplus
115 shall not be distributed for the personal benefit of any individual or to
116 any organization; and

117 (E) The campaign treasurer of a candidate committee, or of a

118 political committee, other than a political committee formed for
119 ongoing political activities or an exploratory committee, shall, prior to
120 the dissolution of such committee, either (i) distribute any equipment
121 purchased, including but not limited to computer equipment, to any
122 recipient as set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or (ii) sell
123 any equipment purchased, including but not limited to computer
124 equipment, to any person for fair market value and then distribute the
125 proceeds of such sale to any recipient as set forth in said subparagraph
126 (A).

127 (2) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter, [to the
128 contrary,] the campaign treasurer of the candidate committee of a
129 candidate who has withdrawn from a primary or election may, prior to
130 the primary or election, distribute its surplus to any organization
131 which is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
132 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
133 of the United States, as from time to time amended, or return such
134 surplus to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of
135 contribution.

136 (3) [Within] Not later than seven days after such distribution or
137 [within] not later than seven days after all funds have been expended
138 in accordance with subparagraph (D) of subdivision (1) of this
139 subsection, the campaign treasurer shall file a supplemental statement,
140 sworn under penalty of false statement, with the proper authority,
141 identifying all further contributions received since the previous
142 statement and explaining how any surplus has been distributed or
143 expended in accordance with this section. No surplus may be
144 distributed or expended until after the election, primary or
145 referendum.

146 (4) In the event of a deficit the campaign treasurer shall file a
147 supplemental statement ninety days after an election, primary or
148 referendum not held in November or on the seventh calendar day in
149 February, or the next business day if such day is a Saturday, Sunday or
150 legal holiday, after an election or referendum held in November, with

151 the proper authority and, thereafter, on the seventh day of each month
152 following if on the last day of the previous month there was an
153 increase or decrease in the deficit in excess of five hundred dollars
154 from that reported on the last statement filed. The campaign treasurer
155 shall file such supplemental statements as required until the deficit is
156 eliminated. If any such committee does not have a surplus or a deficit,
157 the statement required to be filed [within] not later than forty-five days
158 following any election or referendum not held in November or on the
159 seventh calendar day in January, or the next business day if such day is
160 a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, following an election or
161 referendum held in November, or [within] not later than thirty days
162 following any primary shall be the last required statement.

163 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to primary and*
164 *general election campaigns for elections in 2008, and thereafter*) As used in
165 sections 1 and 5 to 8, inclusive, of this act:

166 (1) "Commission" means the State Elections Enforcement
167 Commission.

168 (2) "Convention" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372
169 of the general statutes.

170 (3) "Eligible petitioning party candidate" means a candidate for
171 election to an office pursuant to part III C of chapter 153 of the general
172 statutes whose nominating petition has been approved by the
173 Secretary of the State pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-453o of the
174 general statutes.

175 (4) "Fund" means the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 1
176 of this act.

177 (5) "General election period" means the period beginning on the
178 date that a candidate files either a committee statement under
179 subsection (a) of section 9-333f of the general statutes or a certification
180 under subsection (b) of said section 9-333f, and ending on the day the
181 campaign treasurer files the final statement for the election campaign

182 pursuant to section 9-333j of the general statutes, provided, the election
183 period shall not include the primary period in the case of a candidate
184 who qualifies under section 9-400 of the general statutes to be a
185 candidate in a primary held for nomination to an office pursuant to
186 section 9-423 of the general statutes.

187 (6) "Major party" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372
188 of the general statutes.

189 (7) "Minor party" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372
190 of the general statutes.

191 (8) "Primary period" means the period (A) beginning (i) in the case
192 of a candidate for nomination by a political party to the district office
193 of state senator or state representative, on the day following the close
194 of the district convention held for the purpose of nominating such
195 party's candidate for such office, or (ii) in the case of a candidate for
196 nomination by a political party to the municipal office of state senator
197 or state representative, on the day following the making of the party's
198 endorsement of a candidate for such office, and (B) ending on the day
199 that a primary is held for nomination to an office pursuant to section 9-
200 423 of the general statutes.

201 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to primary and*
202 *general election campaigns for elections in 2008, and thereafter*) (a) There is
203 established a program of voluntary campaign expenditure limits for
204 major party, minor party and eligible petitioning party candidates for
205 nomination or election to the office of state senator or state
206 representative in 2008, and thereafter. Any such candidate who agrees
207 to limit the amount of expenditures made or incurred by the candidate
208 committee for such candidate during the general election period and,
209 in the event of a primary, during the primary period, shall be eligible
210 to receive moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund, in accordance with
211 section 8 of this act, if a candidate for election to the same office in said
212 year does not agree to said limits and exceeds either the general
213 election period limit or, in the event of a primary, the primary period

214 limit.

215 (b) (1) For a candidate for election to the office of state senator in
216 2008, the voluntary general election period expenditure limits shall be
217 one hundred fifty thousand dollars and the voluntary primary period
218 expenditure limits shall be fifty thousand dollars.

219 (2) For a candidate for election to the office of state representative in
220 2008, the voluntary general election period expenditure limits shall be
221 twenty-five thousand dollars and the voluntary primary period
222 expenditure limits shall be fifteen thousand dollars.

223 (c) For elections held in 2010, and biennially thereafter, the
224 expenditure limits in subsection (b) of this section shall be adjusted by
225 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
226 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
227 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
228 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
229 the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on December
230 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
231 to be made.

232 (d) No candidate whose primary period expenditures are less than
233 the primary period expenditure limit may apply the difference
234 between such limit and such expenditures to the general election
235 expenditure limit.

236 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to primary and*
237 *general election campaigns for elections in 2008, and thereafter*) Each
238 candidate for nomination or election to the office of state
239 representative or state senator in 2008, or thereafter, shall file an
240 affidavit with the State Elections Enforcement Commission at the same
241 time that the candidate files either a committee statement under
242 subsection (a) of section 9-333f of the general statutes or a certification
243 under subsection (b) of said section 9-333f. The affidavit shall include a
244 written certification that the candidate either intends to abide by the
245 applicable expenditure limits under subsection (b) or (c) of section 6 of

246 this act or does not intend to abide by said limits. If the candidate
247 intends to abide by said limits, the affidavit shall also include written
248 certifications (1) that the campaign treasurer of the candidate
249 committee for said candidate shall expend any moneys received from
250 the Citizens' Election Fund in accordance with the provisions of
251 subsection (g) of section 9-333i of the general statutes and guidelines
252 adopted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission under
253 subsection (e) of section 14 of this act, (2) that the candidate shall repay
254 to the fund any such moneys that are not expended in accordance with
255 subsection (g) of said section 9-333i and said guidelines, and (3) stating
256 the candidate's status as a major party, minor party or petitioning
257 candidate and, in the case of a major party or minor party candidate,
258 the name of such party. No candidate who changes such status or
259 becomes a candidate of a different party during a campaign shall be
260 eligible to receive a grant from the fund during the campaigns for
261 which the affidavit is filed. A candidate who so certifies the candidate's
262 intent to abide by said limits shall be referred to in section 8 of this act
263 as a "participating candidate" and a candidate who so certifies the
264 candidate's intent to not abide by said limits shall be referred to in
265 section 8 of this act as a "nonparticipating candidate". The commission
266 shall prepare a list of the participating candidates and a list of the
267 nonparticipating candidates and shall make such lists available for
268 public inspection.

269 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to primary and*
270 *general election campaigns for elections in 2008, and thereafter*) (a) The
271 campaign treasurer of the candidate committee for each candidate for
272 the office of state representative or state senator shall file campaign
273 finance statements with the office of the Secretary of the State (1)
274 according to the same schedule as required of a campaign treasurer of
275 a candidate committee under section 9-333j of the general statutes until
276 receiving contributions and receipts totaling seventy-five per cent of
277 (A) the general election period expenditure limit in subsection (b) or (c)
278 of section 6 of this act for the office to which the candidate is seeking
279 election, or (B) the primary period expenditure limit in said subsection

280 (b) or (c) if a primary is being held for nomination to said office, and
281 (2) then, notwithstanding said schedule in said section 9-333j, on the
282 second Thursday of each month between the beginning of the fourth
283 month preceding the day of the election for said office and the
284 beginning of the sixth week preceding the election and then on each
285 Thursday until the day of the election. Said statements shall be
286 prepared in the same manner as statements required under section 9-
287 333j of the general statutes.

288 (b) (1) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall review all
289 statements filed by campaign treasurers under subsection (a) of this
290 section and under section 9-333j of the general statutes.

291 (2) If a primary is being held for nomination to an office and the
292 commission determines that (A) the candidate committee for a
293 nonparticipating candidate has made or incurred campaign
294 expenditures during the primary period that exceed the applicable
295 primary period expenditure limit under subsection (b) or (c) of section
296 6 of this act, and (B) the candidate committee for one or more
297 participating candidates for the same office has not made or incurred
298 such excess campaign expenditures during the primary period and has
299 received contributions and receipts totaling, in the case of a candidate
300 for nomination to the office of state senator, at least twenty-five
301 thousand dollars, or in the case of a candidate for nomination to the
302 office of state representative, at least five thousand dollars, subject to
303 adjustment under subsection (d) of this section, the commission shall
304 notify the State Comptroller that the candidate committee for each said
305 participating candidate shall be entitled to payment in the amount of
306 the nonparticipating candidate's excess expenditures, up to a
307 maximum of one hundred per cent of such expenditure limit. Not later
308 than two business days following notification by the commission, the
309 State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for
310 payment of said amount to each said participating candidate.

311 (3) If the commission determines that (A) the candidate committee
312 for a nonparticipating candidate has made or incurred campaign

313 expenditures during the general election period that exceed the
314 applicable election period expenditure limit under subsection (b) or (c)
315 of section 6 of this act, and (B) the candidate committee for one or more
316 participating candidates for the same office has not made or incurred
317 such excess campaign expenditures during the general election period
318 and has received contributions and receipts totaling, in the case of a
319 candidate for election to the office of state senator, at least seventy-five
320 thousand dollars, or in the case of a candidate for nomination to the
321 office of state representative, at least eight thousand dollars, subject to
322 adjustment under subsection (d) of this section, the commission shall
323 notify the State Comptroller that the candidate committee for each said
324 participating candidate shall be entitled to payment in the amount of
325 the nonparticipating candidate's excess expenditures, up to a
326 maximum of one hundred per cent of such expenditure limit. Not later
327 than two business days following notification by the commission, the
328 State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for
329 payment of said amount to each said participating candidate.

330 (c) (1) Upon the receipt of a report under subsection (e) of section 9-
331 333n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, that an
332 independent expenditure has been made or obligated to be made
333 during the primary period, with the intent to promote the defeat of a
334 participating candidate who has received contributions and receipts
335 totaling, in the case of a candidate for nomination to the office of state
336 senator, at least twenty-five thousand dollars, or in the case of a
337 candidate for nomination to the office of state representative, at least
338 five thousand dollars, subject to adjustment under subsection (d) of
339 this section, the commission shall immediately notify such
340 participating candidate that the candidate may exceed the expenditure
341 limit for the primary period, as set forth in subsection (b) or (c) of
342 section 6 of this act, by the amount of the independent expenditure.

343 (2) Upon the receipt of a report under subsection (e) of section 9-
344 333n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, that an
345 independent expenditure has been made or obligated to be made
346 during the general election period, with the intent to promote the

347 defeat of a participating candidate who has received contributions and
348 receipts totaling, in the case of a candidate for nomination to the office
349 of state senator, at least seventy-five thousand dollars, or in the case of
350 a candidate for nomination to the office of state representative, at least
351 eight thousand dollars, subject to adjustment under subsection (d) of
352 this section, the commission shall immediately notify such
353 participating candidate that the candidate may exceed the expenditure
354 limit for the general election period, as set forth in subsection (b) or (c)
355 of section 6 of this act, by the amount of the independent expenditure.

356 (d) For elections held in 2010, and biennially thereafter, the total
357 contributions and receipts required for participating candidates to
358 qualify for a payment under subsection (b) of this section or an
359 authorization under subsection (c) of this section to exceed a primary
360 period or general election period expenditure limit shall be adjusted by
361 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
362 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
363 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
364 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
365 the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on December
366 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
367 to be made.

368 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
369 *2010, and thereafter*) As used in sections 1 and 9 to 24, inclusive, of this
370 act:

371 (1) "Commission" means the State Elections Enforcement
372 Commission.

373 (2) "Convention" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372
374 of the general statutes.

375 (3) "Depository account" means the single checking account at the
376 depository institution designated as the depository for the candidate
377 committee's moneys in accordance with the provisions of subsection
378 (a) of section 9-333f of the general statutes.

379 (4) "Eligible petitioning party candidate" means a candidate for
380 election to an office pursuant to part III C of chapter 153 of the general
381 statutes whose nominating petition has been approved by the
382 Secretary of the State pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-453o of the
383 general statutes.

384 (5) "Fund" means the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 1
385 of this act.

386 (6) "General election campaign" means (A) in the case of a candidate
387 nominated at a primary, the period beginning on the day following the
388 primary and ending on the date the campaign treasurer files the final
389 statement for such campaign pursuant to section 9-333j of the general
390 statutes, as amended by this act, or (B) in the case of a candidate
391 nominated without a primary, the period beginning on the day
392 following the day on which the candidate is nominated and ending on
393 the date the campaign treasurer files the final statement for such
394 campaign pursuant to section 9-333j of the general statutes, as
395 amended by this act.

396 (7) "Major party" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372
397 of the general statutes.

398 (8) "Minor party" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372
399 of the general statutes.

400 (9) "Primary campaign" means the period beginning on the day
401 following the close of a convention and ending on the day of a primary
402 held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for an office.

403 (10) "Qualified candidate committee" means a candidate committee
404 (A) established to aid or promote the success of any candidate for
405 nomination or election to a state office, and (B) approved by the
406 commission to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund under
407 section 12 of this act.

408 (11) "State office" means the office of Governor, Lieutenant

409 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
410 Secretary of the State.

411 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
412 *2010, and thereafter*) (a) There is established a Citizens' Election
413 Program under which (1) the candidate committee of a major party or
414 minor party candidate for nomination to the office of Governor,
415 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary
416 of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may receive a
417 grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the candidate's primary
418 campaign for said nomination, and (2) the candidate committee of a
419 candidate who is nominated by a major party or a minor party, or the
420 candidate committee of an eligible petitioning party candidate, for
421 election to the office of Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
422 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may
423 receive a grant from the fund for the candidate's general election
424 campaign for said office.

425 (b) Any such candidate committee is eligible to receive such grants
426 for a primary campaign, if applicable, and a general election campaign
427 if (1) the candidate certifies as a participating candidate under section
428 11 of this act, (2) the candidate's candidate committee receives the
429 required amount of qualifying contributions under section 12 of this
430 act, (3) the candidate's candidate committee returns all contributions
431 that do not meet the criteria for qualifying contributions under section
432 12 of this act, (4) the candidate's exploratory committee, if any, returns
433 all contributions that do not meet the criteria for qualifying
434 contributions to a candidate committee under section 12 of this act, (5)
435 the candidate agrees to limit the campaign expenditures of the
436 candidate's candidate committee in accordance with the provisions of
437 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section, and (6) the candidate
438 submits an application and the commission approves the application
439 in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of this act.

440 (c) (1) A candidate participating in the Citizens' Election Program
441 shall limit the campaign expenditures of the candidate's candidate

442 committee (A) before a primary campaign and a general election
443 campaign, to the amount of qualifying contributions permitted in
444 section 12 of this act, (B) for a primary campaign, to the sum of the
445 amount of qualifying contributions permitted in section 12 of this act
446 that have not been spent before the primary campaign, the amount of
447 the grant for the primary campaign authorized under section 13 of this
448 act and the total amount of contributions permitted in section 9-333s of
449 the general statutes from the state central committee for the party in
450 which the candidate is enrolled and all town committees, and (C) for a
451 general election campaign, to the sum of the amount of qualifying
452 contributions permitted in section 12 of this act that have not been
453 spent before the general election campaign, any unexpended funds
454 from any grant for a primary campaign, the amount of the grant for
455 the general election campaign authorized under section 13 of this act
456 and the total amount of contributions permitted in section 9-333s of the
457 general statutes from the state central committee for the party in which
458 the candidate is enrolled and all town committees, which party
459 contributions have not been spent before the general election
460 campaign.

461 (2) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that any expenditure by
462 a party committee for the benefit of the candidate committee of a
463 candidate shall be counted toward the applicable expenditure limit for
464 such candidate committee under this subsection, except for any
465 expenditures by a party committee that benefits all candidates
466 nominated by the party. The State Elections Enforcement Commission
467 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
468 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the purposes of this subdivision.

469 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
470 *2010, and thereafter*) (a) Each candidate for nomination or election to a
471 state office in 2010, or thereafter, shall file an affidavit with the State
472 Elections Enforcement Commission, at the same time that the
473 candidate files either a committee statement under subsection (a) of
474 section 9-333f of the general statutes or a certification under subsection
475 (b) of said section 9-333f. The affidavit shall include a written

476 certification that the candidate either intends to abide by the
477 expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election Program set forth in
478 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 10 of this act, or does not
479 intend to abide by said limits. If the candidate intends to abide by said
480 limits, the affidavit shall also include written certifications (1) that the
481 campaign treasurer of the candidate committee for said candidate shall
482 expend any moneys received from the Citizens' Election Fund in
483 accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of section 9-333i of the
484 general statutes and guidelines adopted by the State Elections
485 Enforcement Commission under subsection (e) of section 14 of this act,
486 (2) that the candidate shall repay to the fund any such moneys that are
487 not expended in accordance with subsection (g) of said section 9-333i
488 and said guidelines, and (3) stating the candidate's status as a major
489 party, minor party or petitioning candidate and, in the case of a major
490 party or minor party candidate, the name of such party. No candidate
491 who changes such status or becomes a candidate of a different party
492 during a campaign shall be eligible to receive a grant under the
493 Citizens' Election Program during the campaigns for which the
494 affidavit is filed.

495 (b) A candidate who so certifies the candidate's intent to abide by
496 the expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election Program set forth in
497 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 10 of this act shall be
498 referred to in sections 9 to 24, inclusive, of this act as a "participating
499 candidate" and a candidate who so certifies the candidate's intent to
500 not abide by said limits shall be referred to in sections 9 to 24,
501 inclusive, of this act as a "nonparticipating candidate". The commission
502 shall prepare a list of the participating candidates and a list of the
503 nonparticipating candidates and shall make such lists available for
504 public inspection.

505 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
506 *2010, and thereafter*) (a) The amount of qualifying contributions which
507 the candidate committee of a candidate shall be required to receive in
508 order to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be:

509 (1) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
510 of Governor, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount
511 of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, of which two hundred twenty-
512 five thousand dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in
513 the state, provided (A) the candidate committee shall return the
514 portion of any contribution or contributions from an individual other
515 than such candidate that exceeds one hundred dollars, and such excess
516 portion shall not be considered in calculating such amounts, and (B) all
517 contributions received by an exploratory committee that meet the
518 criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this
519 section shall be considered in calculating such amounts; and

520 (2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
521 of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
522 Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in
523 the aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which sixty-
524 seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by
525 individuals residing in the state, provided (A) the candidate committee
526 shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from an
527 individual other than such candidate that exceeds one hundred
528 dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating
529 such amounts, and (B) all contributions received by an exploratory
530 committee that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to
531 candidate committees under this section shall be considered in
532 calculating such amounts.

533 (b) After a candidate committee receives the applicable aggregate
534 amount of qualifying contributions under subsection (a) of this section,
535 the candidate committee shall return any additional contributions that
536 it receives.

537 (c) Each individual who makes a contribution to a candidate
538 committee established to aid or promote the success of a participating
539 candidate for nomination or election to a state office shall include with
540 the contribution a certification that (1) neither the individual nor any
541 member of the immediate family of the individual is a lobbyist, and (2)

542 neither the individual, any member of the immediate family of the
543 individual nor an associated business of the individual or any such
544 immediate family member has a contract with the state. A contribution
545 from (A) a lobbyist or a member of the immediate family of a lobbyist,
546 or (B) an individual who has a contract with the state, any member of
547 the immediate family of such individual, or an associated business of
548 such individual or any such immediate family member shall not be
549 deemed to be a qualifying contribution under subsection (a) of this
550 section and shall be returned by the candidate committee. As used in
551 this subsection, "immediate family" means any spouse or child of an
552 individual or any dependent relatives who reside in the individual's
553 household.

554 (d) Each individual who makes a contribution to a candidate
555 committee established to aid or promote the success of a participating
556 candidate for nomination or election to a state office shall include the
557 individual's name and address with the contribution. A contribution
558 (1) from an individual that does not include such information, or (2)
559 from an individual who does not reside in the state, in excess of the
560 applicable limit on contributions from nonresidents in subsection (a) of
561 this section, shall not be deemed to be a qualifying contribution under
562 subsection (a) of this section and shall be returned by the candidate
563 committee.

564 Sec. 13. (NEW) *(Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
565 *2010, and thereafter)* (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a
566 major party or minor party candidate for the office of Governor who
567 has a primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a
568 grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the primary campaign in the
569 amount of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided,
570 in the case of a primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall
571 be adjusted under subsection (c) of this section.

572 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party or minor
573 party candidate for the office of Governor who is nominated shall be
574 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election

575 campaign in the amount of three million dollars, provided (A) in the
576 case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be
577 adjusted under subsection (c) of this section, and (B) if a candidate is
578 nominated at a primary and does not expend the entire grant from the
579 fund for the primary campaign, the amount of the grant for the general
580 election campaign shall be reduced by the amount of such unexpended
581 primary grant funds.

582 (3) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
583 party candidate for the office of Governor shall be eligible to receive a
584 grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of
585 three million dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2014,
586 or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (c) of this
587 section.

588 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party or minor
589 party candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
590 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer
591 who has a primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to
592 receive a grant from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount
593 of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of
594 a primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
595 under subsection (c) of this section.

596 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
597 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
598 Treasurer who is nominated shall be eligible to receive a grant from
599 the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of five
600 hundred thousand dollars, provided (A) in the case of an election held
601 in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
602 (c) of this section, and (B) if a candidate is nominated at a primary and
603 does not expend the entire grant from the fund for the primary
604 campaign, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign
605 shall be reduced by the amount of such unexpended primary grant
606 funds.

607 (3) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
608 party candidate for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller,
609 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a
610 grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of
611 five hundred thousand dollars, provided in the case of an election held
612 in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
613 (c) of this section.

614 (c) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the
615 grants in subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be adjusted by the
616 State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
617 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
618 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
619 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
620 the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December
621 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
622 to be made.

623 (d) No grant under this section may be applied to a deficit incurred
624 by a candidate committee.

625 Sec. 14. (NEW) *(Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
626 *2010, and thereafter)* (a) (1) A candidate for nomination to the office of
627 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
628 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may
629 apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from
630 the fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a primary campaign,
631 after the close of the state convention of the candidate's party that is
632 called for the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for the
633 office that the candidate is seeking, if a primary is required under
634 chapter 153 of the general statutes, and (A) said party endorses the
635 candidate for the office that the candidate is seeking, (B) the candidate
636 receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates
637 present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or
638 proposed endorsement of a candidate for the office the candidate is
639 seeking, or (C) the candidate circulates a petition and obtains the

640 required number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination
641 for said office pursuant to section 9-400 of the general statutes.

642 (2) A candidate for election to the office of Governor, Attorney
643 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in
644 2010, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections Enforcement
645 Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens' Election
646 Program for a general election campaign, (A) after the close of the state
647 convention of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of
648 choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is
649 seeking, if (i) said party endorses said candidate for the office that the
650 candidate is seeking and no other candidate of said party files a
651 certificate of candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance
652 with the provisions of section 9-400 of the general statutes, (ii) the
653 candidate receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the
654 convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on
655 the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for the office
656 the candidate is seeking, no other candidate for said office at such
657 convention either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of
658 said votes for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement
659 with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of
660 section 9-388 of the general statutes or a certificate of candidacy with
661 the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section
662 9-400 of the general statutes, and no other candidate for said office
663 circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for
664 filing a candidacy for nomination for said office pursuant to section 9-
665 400 of the general statutes, or (iii) the candidate circulates a petition
666 and obtains the required number of signatures for filing a candidacy
667 for nomination for said office pursuant to section 9-400 of the general
668 statutes and no other candidate for said office at such convention
669 either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of said votes
670 for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with the
671 Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-388
672 of the general statutes or a certificate of candidacy with the Secretary
673 of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400 of the

674 general statutes, (B) after any primary held by such party for
675 nomination for said office, if the Secretary of the State declares that the
676 candidate is the party nominee in accordance with the provisions of
677 section 9-440 of the general statutes, or (C) in the case of a petitioning
678 party candidate, after approval by the Secretary of the State of such
679 candidate's nominating petition pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-
680 453o of the general statutes.

681 (b) The application shall include a written certification that:

682 (1) The candidate committee has received the required amount of
683 qualifying contributions;

684 (2) The candidate committee has repaid all moneys borrowed on
685 behalf of the campaign, as required by subsection (b) of section 18 of
686 this act;

687 (3) The candidate committee has returned any contribution from an
688 individual who does not include the individual's name and address
689 with the contribution;

690 (4) The candidate committee and exploratory committee have
691 returned all contributions or portions of contributions that do not meet
692 the criteria for qualifying contributions under section 12 of this act;

693 (5) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee shall comply
694 with the provisions of sections 1 and 9 to 24, inclusive, of this act;

695 (6) All moneys received from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be
696 deposited upon receipt into the depository account of the candidate
697 committee;

698 (7) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee shall expend
699 all moneys received from the fund in accordance with the provisions of
700 subsection (g) of section 9-333i of the general statutes and guidelines
701 adopted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission under
702 subsection (e) of this section; and

703 (8) If the candidate withdraws from the campaign, becomes
704 ineligible or dies during the campaign, the candidate committee of the
705 candidate shall return to the commission, for deposit in the fund, all
706 moneys received from the fund pursuant to sections 1 and 9 to 24,
707 inclusive, of this act which said candidate committee has not spent as
708 of the date of such occurrence.

709 (c) The application shall be accompanied by a cumulative itemized
710 accounting of all funds received, expenditures made and expenses
711 incurred but not yet paid by the candidate committee as of three days
712 before the date that the application is signed. Such accounting shall be
713 sworn to under penalty of false statement by the campaign treasurer of
714 the candidate committee. The commission shall prescribe the form of
715 the application and the cumulative itemized accounting, after
716 consulting with the Secretary of the State. The form for such
717 accounting shall conform to the requirements of section 9-333j of the
718 general statutes, as amended by this act. Both the candidate and the
719 campaign treasurer of the candidate committee shall sign the
720 application.

721 (d) Not later than three business days following receipt of any such
722 application, the commission shall review the application, determine
723 whether the candidate committee for the applicant (1) has received the
724 required qualifying contributions, (2) in the case of an application for a
725 grant from the fund for a primary campaign, the applicant has met the
726 applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying
727 for such moneys and complied with the provisions of subsections (b)
728 and (c) of this section, and at least either one other participating
729 candidate for nomination in the primary, from the same party and for
730 the same office as the applicant, has also received the required
731 qualifying contributions or at least one nonparticipating candidate for
732 nomination in the primary, from the same party and for the same
733 office as the applicant, has received an amount of contributions equal
734 to the amount of such qualifying contributions, and (3) in the case of
735 an application for a grant from the fund for a general election
736 campaign, the applicant has met the applicable condition under

737 subsection (a) of this section for applying for such moneys and
738 complied with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this
739 subsection. If the commission approves an application, the commission
740 shall determine the amount of the grant payable to the candidate
741 committee for the applicant, from the fund, and notify the State
742 Comptroller and the candidate of such candidate committee, of such
743 amount. Not later than two business days following notification by the
744 commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State
745 Treasurer for payment of such amount to the qualified candidate
746 committee from the fund.

747 (e) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall establish
748 guidelines on permissible expenditures under subsection (g) of section
749 9-333i of the general statutes for qualified candidate committees
750 receiving grants from the fund under sections 9 to 24, inclusive, of this
751 act.

752 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
753 *2010, and thereafter*) Following the initial deposit of moneys from the
754 Citizens' Election Fund into the depository account of a qualified
755 candidate committee, no contribution, loan, amount of the candidate's
756 own moneys or any other moneys received by the candidate or the
757 campaign treasurer on behalf of the committee shall be deposited into
758 said depository account, except (1) grants from the fund, and (2) any
759 additional moneys from the fund as provided in sections 20 and 21 of
760 this act.

761 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
762 *2010, and thereafter*) A qualified candidate committee that received
763 moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund for a primary campaign and
764 whose candidate is the party nominee shall receive moneys from the
765 fund for a general election campaign. Upon receiving verification from
766 the Secretary of the State of the declaration by the Secretary of the State
767 in accordance with the provisions of section 9-440 of the general
768 statutes of the results of the votes cast at the primary, the State
769 Elections Enforcement Commission shall notify the State Comptroller

770 of the amount payable to such qualified candidate committee. Not
771 later than two business days following notification by the commission,
772 the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for
773 payment of the general election campaign grant to said committee
774 from said fund.

775 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
776 *2010, and thereafter*) (a) For purposes of this section, expenditures made
777 to aid or promote the success of both a candidate for nomination or
778 election to the office of Governor and a candidate for nomination or
779 election to the office of Lieutenant Governor jointly, shall be
780 considered expenditures made to aid or promote the success of a
781 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor. The
782 party-endorsed candidate for nomination or election to the office of
783 Lieutenant Governor and the party-endorsed candidate for nomination
784 or election to the office of Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or
785 promoting the success of both candidates jointly upon the earliest of
786 the following: (1) The primary, whether held for the office of Governor,
787 the office of Lieutenant Governor, or both; (2) if no primary is held for
788 the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the convention; or (3) a
789 declaration by the party-endorsed candidates that they shall campaign
790 jointly. Any other candidate for nomination or election to the office of
791 Lieutenant Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or promoting the
792 success of such candidacy for the office of Lieutenant Governor and
793 the success of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
794 Governor jointly upon a declaration by the candidates that they shall
795 campaign jointly.

796 (b) The candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success
797 of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
798 Governor, the candidate of which campaigns jointly with a candidate
799 for nomination or election to the office of Governor, shall be dissolved
800 as of the applicable date set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Not
801 later than fifteen days after the applicable date set forth in subsection
802 (a) of this section, the campaign treasurer of the candidate committee
803 formed to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination

804 or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall file a statement
805 with the proper authority under section 9-333e of the general statutes,
806 as amended by this act, identifying all contributions received or
807 expenditures made by the committee since the previous statement and
808 the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be. Not later than thirty
809 days after the applicable date set forth in subsection (a) of this section,
810 (1) the campaign treasurer of a qualified candidate committee formed
811 to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination or
812 election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall distribute any
813 surplus to the fund, and (2) the campaign treasurer of a nonqualified
814 candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success of said
815 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
816 Governor shall distribute such surplus in accordance with the
817 provisions of subsection (e) of section 9-333j of the general statutes, as
818 amended by this act.

819 Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
820 *2010, and thereafter*) (a) A qualified candidate committee may borrow
821 moneys on behalf of a campaign for a primary or a general election
822 from one or more financial institutions, as defined in section 36a-41 of
823 the general statutes, in an aggregate amount not to exceed one
824 thousand dollars. The amount borrowed shall not constitute a
825 qualifying contribution. No individual, political committee or party
826 committee, except the candidate or, in a general election, the state
827 central committee of a political party, shall endorse or guarantee such
828 a loan in an aggregate amount in excess of five hundred dollars. An
829 endorsement or guarantee of such a loan shall constitute a contribution
830 by such individual or committee for so long as the loan is outstanding.
831 The amount endorsed or guaranteed by such individual or committee
832 shall cease to constitute a contribution upon repayment of the amount
833 endorsed or guaranteed.

834 (b) All such loans shall be repaid in full prior to the date a candidate
835 committee applies for the moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund
836 pursuant to section 14 of this act. A candidate who fails to repay such
837 loans or fails to certify such repayment to the State Elections

838 Enforcement Commission shall not be eligible to receive and shall not
839 receive moneys from the fund.

840 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
841 *2010, and thereafter*) (a) A qualified candidate committee that receives a
842 grant from the Citizens' Election Fund pursuant to section 14 of this act
843 and makes expenditures in excess of the sum of an expenditure limit
844 set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 10 of this act and
845 the amount of any additional moneys the candidate committee
846 receives from the fund under section 20 or 21 of this act, (1) shall repay
847 to the fund the full amount of such grant and moneys, (2) shall not
848 receive any additional moneys from the fund for the remainder of the
849 election cycle, (3) shall be subject to civil penalties under section 9-7b
850 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (4) shall be deemed
851 to be a nonparticipating candidate for the purposes of sections 1 and 9
852 to 24, inclusive, of this act.

853 (b) A candidate whose candidate committee fails to return any
854 surplus grant funds to the fund not later than ninety days after a
855 primary or an election, whichever is applicable shall be subject to the
856 penalties for larceny under sections 53a-122 to 53a-125b, inclusive, of
857 the general statutes depending on the amount involved.

858 Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
859 *2010, and thereafter*) (a) Additional moneys from the Citizens' Election
860 Fund shall be paid to a qualified candidate committee that received
861 moneys from the fund if the committee of an opposing candidate
862 makes expenditures in excess of an expenditure limit set forth in
863 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 10 of this act. Such
864 additional moneys from the fund shall be paid to a qualified candidate
865 committee that received moneys from the fund (1) regardless of
866 whether the candidate committee that makes expenditures in excess of
867 the applicable expenditure limit has received moneys from the fund,
868 (2) in an amount equal to the greatest amount of expenditures in excess
869 of the applicable expenditure limit that the committee of an opposing
870 candidate has made, but not more than one hundred per cent of the

871 amount of moneys that the qualified candidate committee has received
872 from the fund for the primary campaign or general election campaign
873 for which such excess expenditures are made, and (3) immediately
874 following the State Elections Enforcement Commission's verification
875 that the committee of an opposing candidate has made expenditures in
876 excess of the applicable expenditure limit.

877 (b) If a nonparticipating candidate makes or incurs the obligation to
878 make an excess expenditure more than twenty days before the day of a
879 primary or election, the candidate shall file a declaration of excess
880 expenditures not later than forty-eight hours after making or incurring
881 the expenditure. If a nonparticipating candidate makes or incurs the
882 obligation to make an excess expenditure twenty days or less before
883 the day of a primary or election, the candidate shall file a declaration of
884 excess expenditures not later than twenty-four hours after making or
885 incurring the expenditure. The commission may determine whether
886 any expenditure by a nonparticipating candidate shall be deemed an
887 excess expenditure.

888 Sec. 21. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
889 *2010, and thereafter*) Upon the receipt of a report under subsection (e) of
890 section 9-333n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, that an
891 independent expenditure has been made or obligated to be made, with
892 the intent to promote the defeat of a candidate whose candidate
893 committee has received a grant under the Citizens' Election Program,
894 the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall immediately notify
895 the State Comptroller that additional money, equal to the amount of
896 the independent expenditure, shall be paid to said candidate
897 committee. Not later than two business days following notification by
898 the commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State
899 Treasurer for payment of such amount to said candidate committee
900 from the Citizens' Election Fund. The provisions of this section shall be
901 subject to the following:

902 (1) The maximum aggregate amount of funding that the qualified
903 candidate committee of a participating candidate shall receive to

904 match the independent expenditures made or obligated to be made on
905 behalf of an opposing participating candidate shall not be greater than
906 one hundred per cent of the total moneys that said candidate
907 committee has received from the fund for the primary campaign or
908 general election campaign for which such independent expenditures
909 are made or obligated to be made.

910 (2) The maximum aggregate amount of funding that the qualified
911 candidate committee of a participating candidate shall receive to
912 match the independent expenditures and the excess expenditures of a
913 nonparticipating candidate shall not be greater than two hundred per
914 cent of the total moneys that said candidate committee has received
915 from the fund for the primary campaign or general election campaign
916 for which such independent expenditures and excess expenditures are
917 made or obligated to be made.

918 (3) The additional moneys under this section to match independent
919 expenditures shall be granted to the qualified candidate committee of a
920 participating candidate opposed by a nonparticipating candidate only
921 if the nonparticipating candidate's campaign expenditures, combined
922 with the amount of the independent expenditures, exceed the
923 applicable permitted expenditure amount for the participating
924 candidate, during the primary campaign or the general election
925 campaign.

926 (4) If a participating candidate receives additional moneys under
927 this section to match independent expenditures made during a
928 primary campaign and such candidate does not spend all of such
929 additional moneys during such campaign, the candidate may carry
930 over the moneys to the general election campaign. In such case, the
931 general election grant shall be reduced by the amount of such moneys
932 carried over.

933 Sec. 22. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
934 *2010, and thereafter*) The campaign treasurer for each candidate for
935 election to state office in 2010, or thereafter shall file campaign finance

936 statements with the office of the Secretary of the State (1) according to
937 the same schedules as required of a campaign treasurer of a candidate
938 committee under section 9-333j of the general statutes, as amended by
939 this act, until receiving contributions, receipts and grants totaling
940 seventy-five per cent of the applicable expenditure limit for a general
941 election campaign, as set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of
942 section 10 of this act, and (2) then, notwithstanding said schedule in
943 section 9-333j of the general statutes, as amended by this act, on the
944 second Thursday of each month between the beginning of the fourth
945 month preceding the day of the election for said office and the
946 beginning of the sixth week preceding the election and then on each
947 Thursday until the day of the election. Said statements shall be
948 prepared in the same manner as statements required under section 9-
949 333j of the general statutes, as amended by this act. If a campaign
950 treasurer fails to file any statement required by this section (A) within
951 the time required, or (B) with both the Secretary of the State and the
952 State Elections Enforcement Commission, such campaign treasurer
953 shall be subject to a civil penalty imposed by the commission, of not
954 more than one thousand dollars for each such failure under
955 subparagraph (A) or (B) of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section.

956 Sec. 23. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
957 *2010, and thereafter*) The Secretary of the State shall provide to each
958 committee whose candidate has filed an affidavit under subsection (a)
959 of section 11 of this act certifying that the candidate intends to abide by
960 the applicable expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election Program,
961 a copy of the voter registration list for the state, which is generated
962 from the state-wide centralized voter registration system established
963 pursuant to the plan authorized under section 1 of special act 91-45
964 and completed pursuant to section 9-50b of the general statutes. The
965 Secretary shall provide the copy in electronic format, free of charge.

966 Sec. 24. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in*
967 *2008, and thereafter*) (a) Not later than June 1, 2006, and annually
968 thereafter, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall issue a
969 report on the status of the Citizens' Election Fund during the previous

970 calendar year. Such report shall include the amount of moneys
971 deposited in the fund, the sources of moneys received by category, the
972 number of contributions, the number of contributors, the amount of
973 moneys expended by category, the recipients of moneys distributed
974 from the fund and an accounting of the costs incurred by the
975 commission in administering the provisions of sections 1 and 5 to 24,
976 inclusive, of this act.

977 (b) Not later than January first in any year in which a state election
978 is to be held, the commission shall determine whether the amount of
979 moneys in the fund is sufficient to carry out the purposes of sections 1
980 and 5 to 24, inclusive, of this act. If the commission determines that
981 such amount is not sufficient to carry out such purposes, the
982 commission shall, not later than three days after such later
983 determination, (1) determine the percentage of the fund's obligations
984 that can be met for such election, (2) recalculate the amount of each
985 payment that a candidate committee is entitled to receive under
986 section 8 of this act and that a qualified candidate committee is entitled
987 to receive under section 14 of this act by multiplying such percentage
988 by the amount that such committees would have been entitled to
989 receive under sections 1 and 5 to 24, inclusive, of this act if there were a
990 sufficient amount of moneys in the fund, and (3) notify each such
991 committee of such insufficiency, percentage and applicable
992 recalculation. After a candidate committee under section 8 of this act or
993 a qualified candidate committee under section 14 of this act first
994 receives any such recalculated payment, the committee may resume
995 accepting contributions and making expenditures from such
996 contributions, up to the highest amount of expenditures made by a
997 nonparticipating candidate for the same nomination or primary. The
998 commission shall also issue a report on said determination.

999 (c) The commission shall establish a reserve account in the fund. The
1000 first twenty-five thousand dollars deposited in the fund during any
1001 year shall be placed in said account. The commission shall use moneys
1002 in the reserve account only during the seven days preceding a primary
1003 or an election for payments to candidates (1) whose payments were

1004 reduced under subsection (b) of this section, or (2) who are entitled to
1005 funding to match, during said seven-day period, independent
1006 expenditures pursuant to section 21 of this act.

1007 Sec. 25. Section 9-333a of the general statutes, is repealed and the
1008 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

1009 As used in this chapter and sections 5 to 24, inclusive, of this act:

1010 (1) "Committee" means a party committee, political committee or a
1011 candidate committee organized, as the case may be, for a single
1012 primary, election or referendum, or for ongoing political activities, to
1013 aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any one or
1014 more candidates for public office or the position of town committee
1015 member or any referendum question.

1016 (2) "Party committee" means a state central committee or a town
1017 committee. "Party committee" does not mean a party-affiliated or
1018 district, ward or borough committee which receives all of its funds
1019 from the state central committee of its party or from a single town
1020 committee with the same party affiliation. Any such committee so
1021 funded shall be construed to be a part of its state central or town
1022 committee for purposes of this chapter and sections 5 to 24, inclusive,
1023 of this act.

1024 (3) "Political committee" means (A) a committee organized by a
1025 business entity or organization, (B) persons other than individuals, or
1026 two or more individuals organized or acting jointly conducting their
1027 activities in or outside the state, (C) a committee established by a
1028 candidate to determine the particular public office to which [he] such
1029 candidate shall seek nomination or election, and referred to in this
1030 chapter as an exploratory committee, or (D) a committee established by
1031 or on behalf of a slate of candidates in a primary for the office of justice
1032 of the peace, but does not mean a candidate committee or a party
1033 committee.

1034 (4) "Candidate committee" means any committee designated by a

1035 single candidate, or established with the consent, authorization or
1036 cooperation of a candidate, for the purpose of a single primary or
1037 election and to aid or promote [his] such candidate's candidacy alone
1038 for a particular public office or the position of town committee
1039 member, but does not mean a political committee or a party
1040 committee.

1041 (5) "National committee" means the organization which according to
1042 the bylaws of a political party is responsible for the day-to-day
1043 operation of the party at the national level.

1044 (6) "Organization" means all labor organizations, (A) as defined in
1045 the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as from
1046 time to time amended, or (B) as defined in subdivision (9) of section
1047 31-101, employee organizations as defined in subsection (d) of section
1048 5-270 and subdivision (6) of section 7-467, bargaining representative
1049 organizations for teachers, any local, state or national organization, to
1050 which a labor organization pays membership or per capita fees, based
1051 upon its affiliation or membership, and trade or professional
1052 associations which receive their funds exclusively from membership
1053 dues, whether organized in or outside of this state, but does not mean
1054 a candidate committee, party committee or a political committee.

1055 (7) "Business entity" means the following, whether organized in or
1056 outside of this state: Stock corporations, banks, insurance companies,
1057 business associations, bankers associations, insurance associations,
1058 trade or professional associations which receive funds from
1059 membership dues and other sources, partnerships, joint ventures,
1060 private foundations, as defined in Section 509 of the Internal Revenue
1061 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
1062 of the United States, as from time to time amended; trusts or estates;
1063 corporations organized under sections 38a-175 to 38a-192, inclusive,
1064 38a-199 to 38a-209, inclusive, and 38a-214 to 38a-225, inclusive, and
1065 chapters 594 to 597, inclusive; cooperatives, and any other association,
1066 organization or entity which is engaged in the operation of a business
1067 or profit-making activity; but does not include professional service

1068 corporations organized under chapter 594a and owned by a single
1069 individual, nonstock corporations which are not engaged in business
1070 or profit-making activity, organizations, as defined in subdivision (6)
1071 of this section, candidate committees, party committees and political
1072 committees as defined in this section. For purposes of this chapter,
1073 corporations which are component members of a controlled group of
1074 corporations, as those terms are defined in Section 1563 of the Internal
1075 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
1076 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, shall
1077 be deemed to be one corporation.

1078 (8) "Individual" means a human being, a sole proprietorship, or a
1079 professional service corporation organized under chapter 594a and
1080 owned by a single human being.

1081 (9) "Person" means an individual, committee, firm, partnership,
1082 organization, association, syndicate, company trust, corporation,
1083 limited liability company or any other legal entity of any kind but does
1084 not mean the state or any political or administrative subdivision of the
1085 state.

1086 (10) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for
1087 election or election to public office whether or not such individual is
1088 elected, and for the purposes of this chapter and sections 5 to 24,
1089 inclusive, of this act an individual shall be deemed to seek nomination
1090 for election or election if [he] such individual has (A) been endorsed by
1091 a party or become eligible for a position on the ballot at an election or
1092 primary, or (B) solicited or received contributions, made expenditures
1093 or given [his] such individual's consent to any other person to solicit or
1094 receive contributions or make expenditures with the intent to bring
1095 about [his] such individual's nomination for election or election to any
1096 such office. "Candidate" also means a slate of candidates which is to
1097 appear on the ballot in a primary for the office of justice of the peace.
1098 For the purposes of sections 9-333 to 9-333l, inclusive, as amended by
1099 this act, and section 9-333w, "candidate" also means an individual who
1100 is a candidate in a primary for town committee members.

1101 (11) "Campaign treasurer" means the individual appointed by a
1102 candidate or by the [chairman] chairperson of a party committee or a
1103 political committee to receive and disburse funds on behalf of the
1104 candidate or committee.

1105 (12) "Deputy campaign treasurer" means the individual appointed
1106 by the candidate or by the [chairman] chairperson of a committee to
1107 serve in the capacity of the campaign treasurer if the campaign
1108 treasurer is unable to perform [his] the campaign treasurer's duties.

1109 (13) "Solicitor" means an individual appointed by a campaign
1110 treasurer of a committee to receive, but not to disburse, funds on
1111 behalf of the committee.

1112 (14) "Referendum question" means a question to be voted upon at
1113 any election or referendum, including a proposed constitutional
1114 amendment.

1115 (15) "Lobbyist" means a lobbyist as defined in subsection (l) of
1116 section 1-91.

1117 (16) "Business with which he is associated" means any business in
1118 which the contributor is a director, officer, owner, limited or general
1119 partner or holder of stock constituting five per cent or more of the total
1120 outstanding stock of any class. Officer refers only to the president,
1121 executive or senior vice-president or treasurer of such business.

1122 (17) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure that is made
1123 without the consent, knowing participation, or consultation of, a
1124 candidate or agent of the candidate committee. "Independent
1125 expenditure" does not include an expenditure (A) if there is any
1126 coordination or direction with respect to the expenditure between the
1127 candidate or the treasurer, deputy treasurer or [chairman] chairperson
1128 of [his] such candidate committee and the person making the
1129 expenditure, or (B) if, during the same election cycle, the individual
1130 making the expenditure serves or has served as the treasurer, deputy
1131 treasurer or [chairman] chairperson of the candidate committee.

1132 (18) "Federal account" means a depository account that is subject to
1133 the disclosure and contribution limits provided under the Federal
1134 Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended from time to time.

1135 (19) "Public funds" means funds belonging to, or under the control
1136 of, the state or a political subdivision of the state.

1137 Sec. 26. Section 9-333b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1138 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2007*):

1139 (a) As used in this chapter and sections 5 to 24, inclusive, of this act,
1140 "contribution" means:

1141 (1) Any gift, subscription, loan, advance, payment or deposit of
1142 money or anything of value, made for the purpose of influencing the
1143 nomination for election, or election, of any person or for the purpose of
1144 aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any referendum question
1145 or on behalf of any political party;

1146 (2) A written contract, promise or agreement to make a contribution
1147 for any such purpose;

1148 (3) The payment by any person, other than a candidate or campaign
1149 treasurer, of compensation for the personal services of any other
1150 person which are rendered without charge to a committee or candidate
1151 for any such purpose;

1152 (4) An expenditure when made by a person with the cooperation of,
1153 or in consultation with, any candidate, candidate committee or
1154 candidate's agent or which is made in concert with, or at the request or
1155 suggestion of, any candidate, candidate committee or candidate's
1156 agent; or

1157 (5) Funds received by a committee which are transferred from
1158 another committee or other source for any such purpose.

1159 (b) As used in this chapter and sections 5 to 24, inclusive, of this act,
1160 "contribution" does not mean:

1161 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a
1162 national or state bank;

1163 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or
1164 association to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
1165 administrative personnel, or their families;

1166 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns
1167 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,
1168 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their
1169 families;

1170 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
1171 their time;

1172 (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,
1173 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a
1174 candidate or on behalf of a state central or town committee, in
1175 rendering voluntary personal services for candidate or party-related
1176 activities at the individual's residence, to the extent that the cumulative
1177 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by the individual
1178 on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed two hundred dollars
1179 with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central
1180 and town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in any
1181 calendar year;

1182 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use in a candidate's campaign or
1183 for use by a state central or town committee at a discount, if the charge
1184 is not less than the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative
1185 value of the discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate does
1186 not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to any single election,
1187 and on behalf of all state central and town committees does not exceed
1188 four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

1189 (7) Any unreimbursed payment for travel expenses made by an
1190 individual who on the individual's own behalf volunteers the
1191 individual's personal services to any single candidate to the extent the

1192 cumulative value does not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to
1193 any single election, and on behalf of all state central or town
1194 committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

1195 (8) The payment, by a party committee, political committee or an
1196 individual, of the costs of preparation, display, mailing or other
1197 distribution incurred by the committee or individual with respect to
1198 any printed slate card, sample ballot or other printed list containing
1199 the names of three or more candidates;

1200 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual
1201 to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction,
1202 or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to
1203 the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not
1204 exceed fifty dollars;

1205 (10) (A) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies
1206 the purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair, provided the
1207 cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed (i) two hundred
1208 fifty dollars from any single candidate or the candidate's committee
1209 with respect to any single election campaign or two hundred fifty
1210 dollars from any single party committee or other political committee in
1211 any calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity that is not a
1212 client lobbyist and does not employ a lobbyist; (ii) one hundred dollars
1213 from any single candidate or the candidate's committee with respect to
1214 any single election campaign or one hundred dollars from any single
1215 party committee or other political committee in any calendar year if
1216 the purchaser is a business entity that is either a client lobbyist or
1217 employs a lobbyist; or (iii) fifty dollars for purchases by any other
1218 person;

1219 (B) The exclusion under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall
1220 not apply to (i) the purchase of advertising space by a communicator
1221 lobbyist, (ii) in the case of a business entity or person that has a
1222 contract with the state valued at two hundred fifty thousand dollars or
1223 more, the purchase of advertising space by such business entity or

1224 person from a candidate for the office of Governor or Lieutenant
1225 Governor or said candidate's committee, (iii) in the case of a business
1226 entity or person that has a contract with the office of the Attorney
1227 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer
1228 valued at two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more, the purchase of
1229 advertising space by such business entity or person from a candidate
1230 for said office or said candidate's committee, and (iv) in the case of a
1231 business entity or person that has a contract with the General
1232 Assembly valued at two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more, the
1233 purchase of advertising space by such business entity or person from a
1234 candidate for the office of state senator or state representative or said
1235 candidate's committee;

1236 (C) As used in this subdivision, "client lobbyist" and "communicator
1237 lobbyist" have the same meanings as provided in section 1-91;

1238 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's
1239 candidate committee;

1240 (12) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a
1241 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to
1242 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed one
1243 hundred dollars;

1244 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a
1245 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications
1246 service for a committee, provided the security deposit is refunded to
1247 the individual;

1248 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
1249 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
1250 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
1251 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major
1252 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to
1253 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such
1254 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a
1255 political party; or

1256 (15) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an
1257 individual at a town fair, county fair or similar mass gathering held
1258 within the state, to the extent that the cumulative payment made by
1259 any one individual for such items does not exceed fifty dollars.

1260 Sec. 27. Subsection (a) of section 9-333e of the general statutes, is
1261 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1262 *1, 2005*):

1263 (a) Statements filed by party committees, political committees
1264 formed to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum
1265 question proposing a constitutional convention, constitutional
1266 amendment or revision of the Constitution, individual lobbyists, and
1267 those political committees and candidate committees formed to aid or
1268 promote the success or defeat of any candidate for the office of
1269 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,
1270 Comptroller, Attorney General, judge of probate and members of the
1271 General Assembly, shall be filed with the office of the Secretary of the
1272 State. On and after January 1, 2008, a copy of each statement filed by a
1273 candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success of any
1274 candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of
1275 the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney General, state
1276 senator or state representative shall be filed at the same time with the
1277 State Elections Enforcement Commission. A copy of each statement
1278 filed by a town committee shall be filed at the same time with the town
1279 clerk of the municipality in which the committee is situated. A political
1280 committee formed for a slate of candidates in a primary for the office
1281 of justice of the peace shall file statements with both the Secretary of
1282 the State and the town clerk of the municipality in which the primary
1283 is to be held.

1284 Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 9-333m of the general statutes is
1285 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1286 *1, 2005*):

1287 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to, for

1288 the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a
1289 candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's
1290 campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign
1291 for election, to the office of (1) Governor, in excess of two thousand
1292 five hundred dollars for a primary or an election held in 2006, and in
1293 excess of one thousand five hundred dollars for a primary and an
1294 election held in 2010, or thereafter; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary
1295 of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney General, in
1296 excess of one thousand five hundred dollars for a primary or an
1297 election held in 2006, and in excess of one thousand dollars for a
1298 primary and an election held in 2010, or thereafter; (3) chief executive
1299 officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4)
1300 state senator or probate judge, in excess of five hundred dollars; or (5)
1301 state representative or any other office of a municipality not
1302 [previously] specifically included in this subsection, in excess of two
1303 hundred fifty dollars. [The] Except for contributions to, or for the
1304 benefit of, a candidate's campaign for election in 2010, or thereafter to
1305 the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,
1306 State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney General, the limits
1307 imposed by this subsection shall be applied separately to primaries
1308 and elections.

1309 Sec. 29. Subsection (e) of section 9-333n of the general statutes is
1310 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1311 *1, 2005*):

1312 (e) (1) Any individual acting alone may, independent of any
1313 candidate, agent of the candidate, or committee, make unlimited
1314 expenditures to promote the success or defeat of any candidate's
1315 campaign for election, or nomination at a primary, to any office or
1316 position. [, provided] Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
1317 subsection, any individual who makes an independent expenditure or
1318 expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars to promote the success
1319 or defeat of any candidate's campaign for election, or nomination at a
1320 primary, to any such office or position shall file statements according
1321 to the same schedule and in the same manner as is required of a

1322 campaign treasurer of a candidate committee under section 9-333j, as
1323 amended by this act.

1324 (2) Any person who makes or obligates to make an independent
1325 expenditure, as defined in section 9-333a, as amended by this act,
1326 intended to promote the success or defeat of a candidate for (A) the
1327 office of state senator or state representative, which exceeds one
1328 thousand dollars, in the aggregate, during a primary period or a
1329 general election period, as defined in section 5 of this act, on or after
1330 January 1, 2008, or (B) the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1331 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney
1332 General, during a primary campaign or a general election campaign, as
1333 defined in section 9 of this act, on or after January 1, 2010, shall file a
1334 report of such independent expenditure to the State Elections
1335 Enforcement Commission. The report shall be in the same form as
1336 statements filed under section 9-333j, as amended by this act. If the
1337 person makes or obligates to make such independent expenditure
1338 more than twenty days before the day of a primary or election, the
1339 person shall file such report not later than forty-eight hours after such
1340 payment or obligation. If the person makes or obligates to make such
1341 independent expenditure twenty days or less before the day of a
1342 primary or election, the person shall file such report not later than
1343 twenty-four hours after such payment or obligation. The report shall
1344 be filed under penalty of false statement.

1345 (3) The independent expenditure report in subdivision (2) of this
1346 subsection shall include a statement (A) identifying the candidate for
1347 whom the independent expenditure is intended to promote the success
1348 or defeat, and (B) affirming that the expenditure is totally independent
1349 and involves no cooperation or coordination with or direction from a
1350 candidate or a political party.

1351 (4) Any person may file a complaint with the commission upon the
1352 belief that (A) any such independent expenditure report or statement
1353 is false, or (B) any person who is required to file an independent
1354 expenditure report under subdivision (2) of this subsection has failed

1355 to do so. The commission shall make a prompt determination on such
1356 a complaint.

1357 Sec. 30. Section 9-333n of the general statutes is amended by adding
1358 subsections (g) and (h) as follows (*Effective January 1, 2007*):

1359 (NEW) (g) No lobbyist shall make a contribution or contributions to,
1360 or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for nomination at a
1361 primary or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1362 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, state
1363 senator, or state representative, in excess of one hundred dollars.

1364 (NEW) (h) (1) No executive head of a state agency in the executive
1365 branch, executive head of a quasi-public agency, deputy of any such
1366 executive head, or other full-time official or employee of any such state
1367 agency or quasi-public agency who is appointed by the Governor shall
1368 make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
1369 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the
1370 office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, in excess of one hundred
1371 dollars. As used in this section, "quasi-public agency" has the same
1372 meaning as provided in section 1-120.

1373 (2) No official or employee of the office of the Attorney General,
1374 State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer shall make
1375 a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's
1376 campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the office in which
1377 such official or employee serves, in excess of one hundred dollars.

1378 (3) No member of a caucus staff for a major party in the Senate or
1379 House of Representatives shall make a contribution or contributions to,
1380 or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for nomination at a
1381 primary or election to the office of state senator or state representative,
1382 in excess of one hundred dollars.

1383 Sec. 31. Subsection (d) of section 9-333o of the general statutes is
1384 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1385 *1, 2005*):

1386 (d) A political committee organized by a business entity shall not
1387 make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of any
1388 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any candidate's
1389 campaign for election to the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of five
1390 thousand dollars for a primary or an election held in 2006, and in
1391 excess of three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars for a primary and
1392 an election held in 2010, or thereafter; (2) Lieutenant Governor,
1393 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney
1394 General, in excess of three thousand dollars for a primary or an
1395 election held in 2006, and in excess of two thousand two hundred fifty
1396 dollars for a primary and an election held in 2010, or thereafter; (3)
1397 [state senator,] probate judge or chief executive officer of a town, city
1398 or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state senator, in
1399 excess of one thousand dollars for a primary or an election held in
1400 2006, and in excess of seven hundred fifty dollars for a primary and an
1401 election held in 2008, or thereafter; (5) state representative, in excess of
1402 five hundred dollars for a primary or an election held in 2006, and in
1403 excess of three hundred seventy-five dollars for a primary and an
1404 election held in 2008, or thereafter; or [(5)] (6) any other office of a
1405 municipality not included in subdivision (3) of this subsection, in
1406 excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory committee, in
1407 excess of two hundred fifty dollars. [The] Except for contributions to,
1408 or for the benefit of, a candidate's campaign for election in 2010, or
1409 thereafter to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of
1410 the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney General, the
1411 limits imposed by this subsection shall apply separately to primaries
1412 and elections and contributions by any such committee to candidates
1413 designated in this subsection shall not exceed one hundred thousand
1414 dollars in the aggregate for any single election and primary
1415 preliminary thereto. Contributions to such committees shall also be
1416 subject to the provisions of section 9-333t, as amended by this act, in
1417 the case of committees formed for ongoing political activity or section
1418 9-333u, as amended by this act, in the case of committees formed for a
1419 single election or primary.

1420 Sec. 32. Section 9-333q of the general statutes is repealed and the
1421 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2005*):

1422 (a) No political committee established by an organization shall
1423 make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
1424 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or for election to the
1425 office of: (1) Governor, in excess of two thousand five hundred dollars
1426 for a primary or an election held in 2006, and in excess of three
1427 thousand seven hundred fifty dollars for a primary and an election
1428 held in 2010, or thereafter; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the
1429 State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess
1430 of one thousand five hundred dollars for a primary or an election held
1431 in 2006, and in excess of two thousand two hundred fifty dollars for a
1432 primary and an election held in 2010, or thereafter; (3) chief executive
1433 officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4)
1434 [state senator or] probate judge, in excess of five hundred dollars; [or]
1435 (5) state senator, in excess of five hundred dollars for a primary or an
1436 election held in 2006, and in excess of seven hundred fifty dollars for a
1437 primary and an election held in 2008, or thereafter; (6) state
1438 representative, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars for a primary or
1439 an election held in 2006, and in excess of three hundred seventy-five
1440 dollars for a primary and an election held in 2008, or thereafter; or (7)
1441 any other office of a municipality not [previously] specifically included
1442 in this subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars.

1443 (b) No such committee shall make a contribution or contributions to,
1444 or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee, in excess of two
1445 hundred fifty dollars. Any such committee may make unlimited
1446 contributions to a political committee formed solely to aid or promote
1447 the success or defeat of a referendum question.

1448 (c) [The] Except for contributions to, or for the benefit of, a
1449 candidate's campaign for election in 2010, or thereafter to the office of
1450 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,
1451 State Comptroller or Attorney General, the limits imposed by
1452 subsection (a) of this section shall apply separately to primaries and

1453 elections and no such committee shall make contributions to the
1454 candidates designated in this section which in the aggregate exceed
1455 fifty thousand dollars for any single election and primary preliminary
1456 thereto.

1457 (d) No political committee established by an organization shall
1458 make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of, (1)
1459 the state central committee of a political party, in excess of five
1460 thousand dollars; (2) a town committee, in excess of one thousand
1461 dollars; or (3) any political committee, other than an exploratory
1462 committee or a committee formed solely to aid or promote the success
1463 or defeat of a referendum question, in excess of two thousand dollars.

1464 (e) No political committee established by an organization shall make
1465 contributions to the committees designated in subsection (d) of this
1466 section, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars in any
1467 one calendar year. Contributions to a political committee established
1468 by an organization shall also be subject to the provisions of section 9-
1469 333t, as amended by this act, in the case of a committee formed for
1470 ongoing political activity or section 9-333u, as amended by this act, in
1471 the case of a committee formed for a single election or primary.

1472 Sec. 33. Section 9-333s of the general statutes is repealed and the
1473 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

1474 (a) A party committee may make unlimited contributions to, or for
1475 the benefit of, any of the following: (1) Another party committee; (2) a
1476 candidate committee, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of
1477 this section; (3) a national committee of a political party; (4) a
1478 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office; or (5) a
1479 political committee. A party committee may also make contributions to
1480 a charitable organization which is a tax-exempt organization under
1481 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time
1482 amended, or make memorial contributions. A town committee may
1483 also contribute to a scholarship awarded by a high school on the basis
1484 of objective criteria.

1485 (b) (1) On and after January 1, 2007, no state central committee shall
1486 make a contribution or contributions in excess of (A) fifty thousand
1487 dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or promote the
1488 success of one candidate for nomination at a primary or election to the
1489 office of Governor, or (B) ten thousand dollars to a candidate
1490 committee established to aid or promote the success of one candidate
1491 for nomination at a primary or election to the office of Lieutenant
1492 Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or
1493 Attorney General.

1494 (2) On and after January 1, 2007, no state central committee shall
1495 make a contribution or contributions in excess of (A) five thousand
1496 dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or promote the
1497 success of one candidate for nomination at a primary or election to the
1498 office of state senator, or (B) two thousand five hundred dollars to a
1499 candidate committee established to aid or promote the success of one
1500 candidate for nomination at a primary or election to the office of state
1501 representative.

1502 (3) On and after January 1, 2007, no town committee shall make a
1503 contribution or contributions in excess of (A) one thousand dollars to a
1504 candidate committee established to aid or promote the success of one
1505 candidate for nomination at a primary or election to the office of
1506 Governor, or (B) five hundred dollars to a candidate committee
1507 established to aid or promote the success of one candidate for
1508 nomination at a primary or election to the office of Lieutenant
1509 Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or
1510 Attorney General.

1511 (4) The limits imposed by this subsection shall not apply separately
1512 to primaries and elections.

1513 (c) (1) On and after January 1, 2007, no candidate committee of a
1514 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor shall
1515 receive more than seventy-five thousand dollars in total contributions
1516 from town committees.

1517 (2) On and after January 1, 2007, no candidate committee of a
1518 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
1519 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
1520 Secretary of the State shall receive more than twenty thousand dollars
1521 in total contributions from town committees.

1522 (3) The limits imposed by this subsection shall not apply separately
1523 to primaries and elections.

1524 ~~[(b)]~~ (d) A party committee may receive contributions from a federal
1525 account of a national committee of a political party, but may not
1526 receive contributions from any other account of a national committee
1527 of a political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or
1528 out-of-state office, for use in the election of candidates subject to the
1529 provisions of this chapter.

1530 Sec. 34. Section 9-333t of the general statutes is repealed and the
1531 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

1532 (a) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
1533 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party
1534 committee; any national committee of a political party; a candidate
1535 committee, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section; or a
1536 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office. No such
1537 political committee shall make a contribution or contributions in excess
1538 of two thousand dollars to another political committee in any calendar
1539 year except that a political committee organized by a business entity
1540 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, another
1541 political committee organized by a business entity. No political
1542 committee organized for ongoing political activities shall make a
1543 contribution in excess of two hundred fifty dollars to an exploratory
1544 committee. If such an ongoing committee is established by an
1545 organization or a business entity, its contributions shall be subject to
1546 the limits imposed by sections 9-333o to 9-333q, inclusive. A political
1547 committee organized for ongoing political activities may make
1548 contributions to a charitable organization which is a tax-exempt

1549 organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as
1550 from time to time amended, or make memorial contributions.

1551 (b) No political committee organized for ongoing political activities
1552 shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
1553 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the
1554 office of (1) Governor, in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; (2)
1555 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
1556 Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of seventy-five thousand
1557 dollars; or (3) state senator or state representative, in excess of thirty
1558 per cent of the applicable primary period or general election period
1559 expenditure limits under subsection (b) or (c) of section 6 of this act.
1560 The limits imposed under subdivision (1) and (2) of this subsection
1561 shall not apply separately to primaries and elections.

1562 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) A political committee organized for ongoing political
1563 activities may receive contributions from the federal account of a
1564 national committee of a political party, but may not receive
1565 contributions from any other account of a national committee of a
1566 political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-
1567 state office.

1568 Sec. 35. Subsection (b) of section 9-333y of the general statutes is
1569 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1570 *January 1, 2005*):

1571 (b) If any campaign treasurer or lobbyist fails to file the statements
1572 required by section 9-333j, as amended by this act, or subsection (g) of
1573 section 9-333l, as the case may be, within the time required, [he] the
1574 campaign treasurer or lobbyist shall pay a late filing fee of fifty-five
1575 dollars. In the case of a statement that is required to be filed with the
1576 Secretary of the State, the secretary shall, within ten days after the
1577 filing deadline, notify by certified mail, return receipt requested, the
1578 person required to file that, if such statement is not filed within
1579 twenty-one days after the deadline, the person is in violation of said
1580 section or subsection. If the person does not file such statement within

1581 twenty-one days after the deadline, the secretary shall notify the State
1582 Elections Enforcement Commission within twenty-eight days after the
1583 deadline. In the case of a copy of a statement that is required to be filed
1584 with the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the commission
1585 shall, not later than ten days after the filing deadline, notify, by
1586 certified mail, return receipt requested, the person required to file that
1587 if such statement is not filed not later than twenty-one days after the
1588 deadline the person is in violation of section 9-333j, as amended by this
1589 act. In the case of a statement that is required to be filed with a town
1590 clerk, the town clerk shall forthwith after the filing deadline notify by
1591 certified mail, return receipt requested, the person required to file that,
1592 if such statement is not filed within seven days after receiving such
1593 notice, the town clerk shall notify the State Elections Enforcement
1594 Commission that the person is in violation of said section or
1595 subsection. The penalty for any violation of said section or subsection
1596 shall be a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment
1597 for not more than one year or both.

1598 Sec. 36. Section 9-7b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1599 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2005*):

1600 (a) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall have the
1601 following duties and powers:

1602 (1) To make investigations on its own initiative or with respect to
1603 statements filed with the commission by the Secretary of the State or
1604 any town clerk, or upon written complaint under oath by any
1605 individual, with respect to alleged violations of any provision of the
1606 general statutes and sections 5 to 24, inclusive, of this act, relating to
1607 any election or referendum, any primary held pursuant to section 9-
1608 423, 9-425 or 9-464 or any primary held pursuant to a special act, and
1609 to hold hearings when the commission deems necessary to investigate
1610 violations of any provisions of the general statutes or sections 5 to 24,
1611 inclusive, of this act, relating to any such election, primary or
1612 referendum, and for the purpose of such hearings the commission may
1613 administer oaths, examine witnesses and receive oral and

1614 documentary evidence, and shall have the power to subpoena
1615 witnesses under procedural rules the commission shall adopt, to
1616 compel their attendance and to require the production for examination
1617 of any books and papers which the commission deems relevant to any
1618 matter under investigation or in question. In connection with its
1619 investigation of any alleged violation of any provision of chapter 145,
1620 or of any provision of section 9-359 or section 9-359a, the commission
1621 shall also have the power to subpoena any municipal clerk and to
1622 require the production for examination of any absentee ballot, inner
1623 and outer envelope from which any such ballot has been removed,
1624 depository envelope containing any such ballot or inner or outer
1625 envelope as provided in sections 9-150a and 9-150b and any other
1626 record, form or document as provided in section 9-150b, in connection
1627 with the election, primary or referendum to which the investigation
1628 relates. In case of a refusal to comply with any subpoena issued
1629 pursuant to this subsection or to testify with respect to any matter
1630 upon which that person may be lawfully interrogated, the superior
1631 court for the judicial district of Hartford, on application of the
1632 commission, may issue an order requiring such person to comply with
1633 such subpoena and to testify; failure to obey any such order of the
1634 court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof. In any
1635 matter under investigation which concerns the operation or inspection
1636 of or outcome recorded on any voting machine, the commission may
1637 issue an order to the municipal clerk to impound such machine until
1638 the investigation is completed;

1639 (2) To levy a civil penalty not to exceed (A) two thousand dollars
1640 per offense against any person the commission finds to be in violation
1641 of any provision of chapter 145, part V of chapter 146, part I of chapter
1642 147, chapter 148, section 9-12, subsection (a) of section 9-17, section 9-
1643 19b, 9-19e, 9-19g, 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, 9-21, 9-23a, 9-23g, 9-23h, 9-23j to 9-
1644 23o, inclusive, 9-23r, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, 9-35c, 9-40a, 9-42, 9-
1645 43, 9-50a, 9-56, 9-59, 9-168d, 9-170, 9-171, 9-172, 9-232i to 9-232o,
1646 inclusive, 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, 9-409, 9-410, 9-412, 9-436, 9-436a,
1647 9-453e to 9-453h, inclusive, 9-453k or 9-453o, or (B) two thousand

1648 dollars per offense or twice the amount of any improper payment or
1649 contribution, whichever is greater, against any person the commission
1650 finds to be in violation of any provision of chapter 150 or sections 5 to
1651 24, inclusive, of this act. The commission may levy a civil penalty
1652 against any person under subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision
1653 only after giving the person an opportunity to be heard at a hearing
1654 conducted in accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive. In the
1655 case of failure to pay any such penalty levied pursuant to this
1656 subsection within thirty days of written notice sent by certified or
1657 registered mail to such person, the superior court for the judicial
1658 district of Hartford, on application of the commission, may issue an
1659 order requiring such person to pay the penalty imposed and such
1660 court costs, state marshal's fees and attorney's fees incurred by the
1661 commission as the court may determine. Any civil penalties paid,
1662 collected or recovered under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision for a
1663 violation of any provision of chapter 150 applying to the office of the
1664 Treasurer shall be deposited on a pro rata basis in any trust funds, as
1665 defined in section 3-13c, affected by such violation;

1666 (3) (A) To issue an order requiring any person the commission finds
1667 to have received any contribution or payment which is prohibited by
1668 any of the provisions of chapter 150, after an opportunity to be heard
1669 at a hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-
1670 176e to 4-184, inclusive, to return such contribution or payment to the
1671 donor or payor, or to remit such contribution or payment to the state
1672 for deposit in the General Fund, whichever is deemed necessary to
1673 effectuate the purposes of chapter 150;

1674 (B) To issue an order when the commission finds that an intentional
1675 violation of any provision of chapter 150 has been committed, after an
1676 opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in accordance with
1677 sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, which order may contain one or
1678 more of the following sanctions: (i) Removal of a campaign treasurer,
1679 deputy campaign treasurer or solicitor; (ii) prohibition on serving as a
1680 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or solicitor, for a
1681 period not to exceed four years; and (iii) in the case of a party

1682 committee or a political committee, suspension of all political
1683 activities, including, but not limited to, the receipt of contributions and
1684 the making of expenditures, provided the commission may not order
1685 such a suspension unless the commission has previously ordered the
1686 removal of the campaign treasurer and notifies the officers of the
1687 committee that the commission is considering such suspension;

1688 (C) To issue an order revoking any person's eligibility to be
1689 appointed or serve as an election, primary or referendum official or
1690 unofficial checker or in any capacity at the polls on the day of an
1691 election, primary or referendum, when the commission finds such
1692 person has intentionally violated any provision of the general statutes
1693 relating to the conduct of an election, primary or referendum, after an
1694 opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in accordance with
1695 sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive;

1696 (D) To issue an order to enforce the provisions of the Help America
1697 Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time, as the
1698 commission deems appropriate;

1699 (4) To issue an order to a candidate committee that receives moneys
1700 from the Citizens' Election Fund pursuant to sections 1 and 5 to 24,
1701 inclusive, of this act, to comply with the provisions of sections 1 and 5
1702 to 24, inclusive, of this act after an opportunity to be heard at a hearing
1703 conducted in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-176e to 4-
1704 184, inclusive;

1705 [(4)] (5) To inspect or audit at any reasonable time and upon
1706 reasonable notice the accounts or records of any campaign treasurer or
1707 principal campaign treasurer, as required by chapter 150 and to audit
1708 any such election, primary or referendum held within the state;
1709 provided, (A) (i) not later than two months preceding the day of an
1710 election at which a candidate is seeking election, the commission shall
1711 complete any audit it has initiated in the absence of a complaint that
1712 involves a committee of the same candidate from a previous election,
1713 and (ii) during the two-month period preceding the day of an election

1714 at which a candidate is seeking election, the commission shall not
1715 initiate an audit in the absence of a complaint that involves a
1716 committee of the same candidate from a previous election, and (B) the
1717 commission shall not audit any caucus, as defined in subdivision (1) of
1718 section 9-372;

1719 [(5)] (6) To attempt to secure voluntary compliance, by informal
1720 methods of conference, conciliation and persuasion, with any
1721 provision of chapters 149 to 153, inclusive, or any other provision of
1722 the general statutes relating to any such election, primary or
1723 referendum;

1724 [(6)] (7) To consult with the Secretary of the State, the Chief State's
1725 Attorney or the Attorney General on any matter which the commission
1726 deems appropriate;

1727 [(7)] (8) To refer to the Chief State's Attorney evidence bearing upon
1728 violation of any provision of chapters 149 to 153, inclusive, or any
1729 other provision of the general statutes pertaining to or relating to any
1730 such election, primary or referendum;

1731 [(8)] (9) To refer to the Attorney General evidence for injunctive
1732 relief and any other ancillary equitable relief in the circumstances of
1733 subdivision [(7)] (8) of this subsection. Nothing in this subdivision
1734 shall preclude a person who claims that he is aggrieved by a violation
1735 of any provision of chapter 152 or any other provision of the general
1736 statutes relating to referenda from pursuing injunctive and any other
1737 ancillary equitable relief directly from the Superior Court by the filing
1738 of a complaint;

1739 [(9)] (10) To refer to the Attorney General evidence pertaining to any
1740 ruling which the commission finds to be in error made by election
1741 officials in connection with any election, primary or referendum. Those
1742 remedies and procedures available to parties claiming to be aggrieved
1743 under the provisions of sections 9-323, 9-324, 9-328 and 9-329a shall
1744 apply to any complaint brought by the Attorney General as a result of
1745 the provisions of this subdivision;

1746 [(10)] (11) To consult with the United States Department of Justice
1747 and the United States Attorney for Connecticut on any investigation
1748 pertaining to a violation of this section, section 9-12, subsection (a) of
1749 section 9-17 or section 9-19b, 9-19e, 9-19g, 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, 9-21, 9-23a,
1750 9-23g, 9-23h, 9-23j to 9-23o, inclusive, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, 9-
1751 35c, 9-40a, 9-42, 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56 or 9-59 and to refer to said department
1752 and attorney evidence bearing upon any such violation for prosecution
1753 under the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
1754 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time;

1755 [(11)] (12) To inspect reports filed with the Secretary of the State and
1756 with town clerks pursuant to chapter 150 and refer to the Chief State's
1757 Attorney evidence bearing upon any violation of law therein if such
1758 violation was committed knowingly and wilfully;

1759 [(12)] (13) To intervene in any action brought pursuant to the
1760 provisions of sections 9-323, 9-324, 9-328 and 9-329a upon application
1761 to the court in which such action is brought when in the opinion of the
1762 court it is necessary to preserve evidence of possible criminal violation
1763 of the election laws;

1764 [(13)] (14) To adopt and publish regulations pursuant to chapter 54
1765 to carry out the provisions of section 9-7a, this section and chapter 150;
1766 to issue upon request and publish advisory opinions in the
1767 Connecticut Law Journal upon the requirements of chapter 150, and to
1768 make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning
1769 suggested revisions of the election laws;

1770 [(14)] (15) To the extent that the Elections Enforcement Commission
1771 is involved in the investigation of alleged or suspected criminal
1772 violations of any provision of the general statutes pertaining to or
1773 relating to any such election, primary or referendum and is engaged in
1774 such investigation for the purpose of presenting evidence to the Chief
1775 State's Attorney, the Elections Enforcement Commission shall be
1776 deemed a law enforcement agency for purposes of subdivision (3) of
1777 subsection (b) of section 1-210, provided nothing in this section shall be

1778 construed to exempt the Elections Enforcement Commission in any
1779 other respect from the requirements of the Freedom of Information
1780 Act, as defined in section 1-200;

1781 [(15)] (16) To enter into such contractual agreements as may be
1782 necessary for the discharge of its duties, within the limits of its
1783 appropriated funds and in accordance with established procedures;

1784 [(16)] (17) To provide the Secretary of the State with notice and
1785 copies of all decisions rendered by the commission in contested cases,
1786 advisory opinions and declaratory judgments, at the time such
1787 decisions, judgments and opinions are made or issued;

1788 [(17)] (18) To receive and determine complaints filed under the Help
1789 America Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time, by any
1790 person who believes there is a violation of any provision of Title III of
1791 P.L. 107-252, as amended. Any complaint filed under this subdivision
1792 shall be in writing, notarized and signed and sworn by the person
1793 filing the complaint. At the request of the complainant, there shall be a
1794 hearing on the record, conducted in accordance with sections 4-167e to
1795 4-184, inclusive. The commission shall make a final determination with
1796 respect to a complaint prior to the expiration of the ninety-day period
1797 beginning on the date the complaint is filed, unless the complainant
1798 consents to a longer period for making such determination. If the
1799 commission fails to meet the applicable deadline under this
1800 subdivision with respect to a complaint, the commission shall resolve
1801 the complaint within sixty days after the expiration of such ninety-day
1802 period under an alternative dispute resolution procedure established
1803 by the commission.

1804 (b) In the case of a refusal to comply with an order of the
1805 commission issued pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this
1806 section, the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford, on
1807 application of the commission, may issue a further order to comply.
1808 Failure to obey such further order may be punished by the court as a
1809 contempt thereof.

1810 Sec. 37. Section 9-324 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1811 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2007*):

1812 Any elector or candidate who claims that [he] such elector or
1813 candidate is aggrieved by any ruling of any election official in
1814 connection with any election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1815 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, State
1816 Comptroller or judge of probate, held in [his] such elector's or
1817 candidate's town, or that there has been a mistake in the count of the
1818 votes cast at such election for candidates for said offices or any of
1819 them, at any voting district in [his] such elector's or candidate's town,
1820 or any candidate for such an office who claims that [he] such candidate
1821 is aggrieved by a violation of any provision of [sections] section 9-355,
1822 9-357 to 9-361, inclusive, 9-364, 9-364a or 9-365 in the casting of
1823 absentee ballots at such election or any candidate for the office of
1824 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,
1825 Attorney General or State Comptroller, who claims that such candidate
1826 is aggrieved by a violation of any provision of sections and sections 9
1827 to 24, inclusive, of this act, may bring [his] such elector's or candidate's
1828 complaint to any judge of the Superior Court, in which [he] such
1829 elector or candidate shall set out the claimed errors of such election
1830 official, the claimed errors in the count or the claimed violations of said
1831 sections. In any action brought pursuant to the provisions of this
1832 section, the complainant shall send a copy of the complaint by first-
1833 class mail, or deliver a copy of the complaint by hand, to the State
1834 Elections Enforcement Commission. If such complaint is made prior to
1835 such election, such judge shall proceed expeditiously to render
1836 judgment on the complaint and shall cause notice of the hearing to be
1837 given to the Secretary of the State and the State Elections Enforcement
1838 Commission. If such complaint is made subsequent to the election, it
1839 shall be brought [within] not later than fourteen days of the election
1840 and such judge shall forthwith order a hearing to be had upon such
1841 complaint, upon a day not more than five nor less than three days
1842 from the making of such order, and shall cause notice of not less than
1843 three nor more than five days to be given to any candidate or

1844 candidates whose election may be affected by the decision upon such
1845 hearing, to such election official, the Secretary of the State, the State
1846 Elections Enforcement Commission and to any other party or parties
1847 whom such judge deems proper parties thereto, of the time and place
1848 for the hearing upon such complaint. Such judge shall, on the day
1849 fixed for such hearing and without unnecessary delay, proceed to hear
1850 the parties. If sufficient reason is shown, [he] such judge may order
1851 any voting machines to be unlocked or any ballot boxes to be opened
1852 and a recount of the votes cast, including absentee ballots, to be made.
1853 Such judge shall thereupon, in case [he] such judge finds any error in
1854 the rulings of the election official, any mistake in the count of the votes
1855 or any violation of said sections, certify the result of [his] such judge's
1856 finding or decision to the Secretary of the State before the fifteenth day
1857 of the next succeeding December. Such judge may order a new election
1858 or a change in the existing election schedule. Such certificate of such
1859 judge of [his] such judge's finding or decision shall be final and
1860 conclusive upon all questions relating to errors in the rulings of such
1861 election officials, to the correctness of such count, and, for the purposes
1862 of this section only, such claimed violations, and shall operate to
1863 correct the returns of the moderators or presiding officers, so as to
1864 conform to such finding or decision, unless the same is appealed from
1865 as provided in section 9-325.

1866 Sec. 38. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) (1) No candidate for the
1867 office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall solicit contributions,
1868 on behalf of a candidate committee established by a candidate for
1869 nomination or election to any public office or on behalf of any political
1870 committee or party committee, or accept contributions (A) from any
1871 individual who (i) is an officer, director, owner, limited or general
1872 partner or holder of stock constituting five per cent or more of the total
1873 outstanding stock of any class of a business which has a contract with
1874 the state valued at two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more, and (ii)
1875 has substantial policy or decision-making authority related to the
1876 administration of said contract, or (B) from a political committee
1877 established by such business.

1878 (2) No such individual from such business and no political
1879 committee established by such business shall make a contribution to
1880 any candidate committee established by a candidate for the office of
1881 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, during the term of such contract. If
1882 any such individual or political committee makes such a contribution,
1883 the business shall be prohibited from being awarded a state contract,
1884 or an extension or an amendment to a state contract, for one year after
1885 the election for which such contribution is made.

1886 (b) (1) No candidate for the office of Attorney General, State
1887 Comptroller or Secretary of the State shall solicit contributions, on
1888 behalf of a candidate committee established by a candidate for
1889 nomination or election to any public office or on behalf of any political
1890 committee or party committee, or accept contributions (A) from any
1891 individual who (i) is an officer, director, owner, limited or general
1892 partner or holder of stock constituting five per cent or more of the total
1893 outstanding stock of any class of a business which has a contract with
1894 such official's office valued at two hundred fifty thousand dollars or
1895 more, and (ii) has substantial policy or decision-making authority
1896 related to the administration of said contract, or (B) from a political
1897 committee established by such business.

1898 (2) No such individual from such business and no political
1899 committee established by such business shall make a contribution to
1900 any candidate committee established by a candidate for the office with
1901 which the business has a contract, during the term of such contract. If
1902 any such individual or political committee makes such a contribution,
1903 the business shall be prohibited from being awarded a contract from
1904 such office, or an extension or an amendment to such a contract, for
1905 one year after the election for which such contribution is made.

1906 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall also apply to the State
1907 Treasurer to the extent such provisions are not inconsistent with the
1908 provisions of subsection (f) of section 9-333n of the general statutes, as
1909 amended by this act.

1910 (c) (1) No candidate for the office of state senator or state
 1911 representative shall solicit contributions, on behalf of a candidate
 1912 committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to any
 1913 public office or on behalf of any political committee or party
 1914 committee, or accept contributions (A) from any individual who (i) is
 1915 an officer, director, owner, limited or general partner or holder of stock
 1916 constituting five per cent or more of the total outstanding stock of any
 1917 class of a business which has a contract with the General Assembly
 1918 valued at two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more, and (ii) has
 1919 substantial policy or decision-making authority related to the
 1920 administration of said contract, or (B) from a political committee
 1921 established by such business.

1922 (2) No such individual from such business and no political
 1923 committee established by such business shall make a contribution to
 1924 any candidate committee established by a candidate for the office of
 1925 state senator or state representative, during the term of such contract.
 1926 If any such individual or political committee makes such a
 1927 contribution, the business shall be prohibited from being awarded a
 1928 contract by the General Assembly, or an extension or an amendment to
 1929 such a contract, for one year after the election for which such
 1930 contribution is made.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	12-812
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	9-333j(e)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to primary and general election campaigns for elections in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section

Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to primary and general election campaigns for elections in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to primary and general election campaigns for elections in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to primary and general election campaigns for elections in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section

Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2010, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2005, and applicable to elections held in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	9-333a
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