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

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

3 "Section 1. Section 9-333a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

5 As used in this chapter:

6 (1) "Committee" means a party committee, political committee or a
7 candidate committee organized, as the case may be, for a single
8 primary, election or referendum, or for ongoing political activities, to
9 aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any one or
10 more candidates for public office or the position of town committee
11 member or any referendum question.

12 (2) "Party committee" means a state central committee or a town
13 committee. "Party committee" does not mean a party-affiliated or
14 district, ward or borough committee which receives all of its funds
15 from the state central committee of its party or from a single town
16 committee with the same party affiliation. Any such committee so
17 funded shall be construed to be a part of its state central or town
18 committee for purposes of this chapter.

19 (3) "Political committee" means (A) a committee organized by a
20 business entity or organization, (B) persons other than individuals, or
21 two or more individuals organized or acting jointly conducting their
22 activities in or outside the state, (C) a committee established by a
23 candidate to determine the particular public office to which [he] such
24 candidate shall seek nomination or election, and referred to in this
25 chapter as an exploratory committee, [or] (D) a committee established
26 by or on behalf of a slate of candidates in a primary for the office of
27 justice of the peace, but does not mean a candidate committee or a

28 party committee, or (E) a legislative caucus committee.

29 (4) "Candidate committee" means any committee designated by a
30 single candidate, or established with the consent, authorization or
31 cooperation of a candidate, for the purpose of a single primary or
32 election and to aid or promote [his] such candidate's candidacy alone
33 for a particular public office or the position of town committee
34 member, but does not mean a political committee or a party
35 committee.

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

39 (6) "Organization" means all labor organizations, (A) as defined in
40 the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as from
41 time to time amended, or (B) as defined in subdivision (9) of section
42 31-101, employee organizations as defined in subsection (d) of section
43 5-270 and subdivision (6) of section 7-467, bargaining representative
44 organizations for teachers, any local, state or national organization, to
45 which a labor organization pays membership or per capita fees, based
46 upon its affiliation or membership, and trade or professional
47 associations which receive their funds exclusively from membership
48 dues, whether organized in or outside of this state, but does not mean
49 a candidate committee, party committee or a political committee.

50 (7) "Business entity" means the following, whether organized in or
51 outside of this state: Stock corporations, banks, insurance companies,
52 business associations, bankers associations, insurance associations,
53 trade or professional associations which receive funds from
54 membership dues and other sources, partnerships, joint ventures,
55 private foundations, as defined in Section 509 of the Internal Revenue
56 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
57 of the United States, as from time to time amended; trusts or estates;
58 corporations organized under sections 38a-175 to 38a-192, inclusive,
59 38a-199 to 38a-209, inclusive, and 38a-214 to 38a-225, inclusive, and

60 chapters 594 to 597, inclusive; cooperatives, and any other association,
61 organization or entity which is engaged in the operation of a business
62 or profit-making activity; but does not include professional service
63 corporations organized under chapter 594a and owned by a single
64 individual, nonstock corporations which are not engaged in business
65 or profit-making activity, organizations, as defined in subdivision (6)
66 of this section, candidate committees, party committees and political
67 committees as defined in this section. For purposes of this chapter,
68 corporations which are component members of a controlled group of
69 corporations, as those terms are defined in Section 1563 of the Internal
70 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
71 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, shall
72 be deemed to be one corporation.

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

76 (9) "Person" means an individual, committee, firm, partnership,
77 organization, association, syndicate, company trust, corporation,
78 limited liability company or any other legal entity of any kind but does
79 not mean the state or any political or administrative subdivision of the
80 state.

81 (10) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for
82 election or election to public office whether or not such individual is
83 elected, and for the purposes of this chapter an individual shall be
84 deemed to seek nomination for election or election if [he] such
85 individual has (A) been endorsed by a party or become eligible for a
86 position on the ballot at an election or primary, or (B) solicited or
87 received contributions, made expenditures or given [his] such
88 individual's consent to any other person to solicit or receive
89 contributions or make expenditures with the intent to bring about [his]
90 such individual's nomination for election or election to any such office.
91 "Candidate" also means a slate of candidates which is to appear on the
92 ballot in a primary for the office of justice of the peace. For the

93 purposes of sections 9-333 to 9-333l, inclusive, as amended by this act,
94 and section 9-333w, "candidate" also means an individual who is a
95 candidate in a primary for town committee members.

96 (11) "Campaign treasurer" means the individual appointed by a
97 candidate or by the [chairman] chairperson of a party committee or a
98 political committee to receive and disburse funds on behalf of the
99 candidate or committee.

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

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

107 (14) "Referendum question" means a question to be voted upon at
108 any election or referendum, including a proposed constitutional
109 amendment.

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

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

117 (17) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure that is made
118 without the consent, knowing participation, or consultation of, a
119 candidate or agent of the candidate committee. "Independent
120 expenditure" does not include an expenditure (A) if there is any
121 coordination or direction with respect to the expenditure between the
122 candidate or the treasurer, deputy treasurer or [chairman] chairperson

123 of [his] such candidate committee and the person making the
124 expenditure, or (B) if, during the same election cycle, the individual
125 making the expenditure serves or has served as the treasurer, deputy
126 treasurer or [chairman] chairperson of the candidate committee.

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

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

132 (20) "Legislative caucus committee" means a committee designated
133 by the majority of the members of a political party who are also state
134 representatives or state senators, which designation is certified by the
135 chairperson of the committee on the registration filed with the State
136 Elections Enforcement Commission. The committee shall be identified
137 by the house of the General Assembly in which such legislators serve
138 and the political party to which they belong.

139 (21) "Immediate family" means any spouse of an individual or any
140 dependent child of an individual who resides in the individual's
141 household.

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

144 (a) As used in this chapter, "contribution" means:

145 (1) Any gift, subscription, loan, advance, payment or deposit of
146 money or anything of value, made for the purpose of influencing the
147 nomination for election, or election, of any person or for the purpose of
148 aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any referendum question
149 or on behalf of any political party;

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

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

156 (4) An expenditure when made by a person with the cooperation of,
157 or in consultation with, any candidate, candidate committee or
158 candidate's agent or which is made in concert with, or at the request or
159 suggestion of, any candidate, candidate committee or candidate's
160 agent; or

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

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

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

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

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

173 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
174 their time;

175 (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,
176 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a
177 candidate or on behalf of a state central or town committee, in
178 rendering voluntary personal services for candidate or party-related
179 activities at the individual's residence, to the extent that the cumulative
180 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by the individual
181 on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed two hundred dollars

182 with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central
183 and town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in any
184 calendar year;

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

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

198 (8) The payment, by a party committee, political committee or an
199 individual, of the costs of preparation, display, mailing or other
200 distribution incurred by the committee or individual with respect to
201 any printed slate card, sample ballot or other printed list containing
202 the names of three or more candidates;

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

208 [(10) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
209 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair, provided the
210 cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty
211 dollars from any single candidate or the candidate's committee with
212 respect to any single election campaign or two hundred fifty dollars
213 from any single party committee or other political committee in any

214 calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for
215 purchases by any other person;]

216 [(11)] (10) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's
217 candidate committee;

218 [(12)] (11) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a
219 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to
220 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed one
221 hundred dollars;

222 [(13)] (12) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a
223 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications
224 service for a committee, provided the security deposit is refunded to
225 the individual;

226 [(14)] (13) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and
227 managerial support, and broadcast time by a community antenna
228 television company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
229 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major
230 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to
231 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such
232 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a
233 political party; or

234 [(15)] (14) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an
235 individual at a town fair, county fair or similar mass gathering held
236 within the state, to the extent that the cumulative payment made by
237 any one individual for such items does not exceed fifty dollars.

238 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 9-333k of the general statutes is
239 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
240 *1, 2005*):

241 (a) The [chairman] chairperson of each party committee shall
242 designate a campaign treasurer and may designate a deputy campaign
243 treasurer, or in the case of a state central committee, not more than two

244 deputy campaign treasurers. The campaign treasurer and any deputy
245 campaign treasurers so designated shall sign a statement accepting the
246 designation, which shall be filed with the proper authority with the
247 statement of designation required under subdivision (1) of subsection
248 (a) of section 9-333d. No state central committee or town committee
249 shall establish a committee other than a single party committee for
250 purposes of this chapter. The members of the same political party in a
251 house of the General Assembly may establish not more than two
252 legislative caucus committees. A party committee or a political
253 committee organized for ongoing political activities shall form no
254 other political committees, except that two or more such committees
255 may join to form a political committee for the purpose of a single fund-
256 raising event.

257 Sec. 4. Subsection (g) of section 9-333l of the general statutes is
258 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
259 *1, 2005*):

260 (g) [As used in this subsection, "immediate family" means any
261 spouse or dependent child who resides in a lobbyist's household.] Each
262 lobbyist who is an individual and, in conjunction with members of his
263 immediate family, makes contributions to or purchases from
264 committees exceeding one thousand dollars in the aggregate during
265 the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 1993, or July first in any
266 year thereafter, shall file a statement, sworn under penalty of false
267 statement, with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
268 provisions of section 9-333e, as amended by this act, on the second
269 Thursday in July following the end of such twelve-month period. The
270 statement shall include: (1) The name of each committee to which the
271 lobbyist or a member of his immediate family has made a contribution
272 and the amount and date of each such contribution; and (2) the name
273 of each committee from which the lobbyist or member of his
274 immediate family has purchased any item of property [or advertising
275 space in a program] in connection with a fund-raising event which is
276 not considered a contribution under subsection (b) of section 9-333b, as
277 amended by this act, and the amount, date and description of each

278 such purchase. Each lobbyist who is an individual and who, in
279 conjunction with members of his immediate family, does not make
280 contributions to or purchases from committees exceeding one
281 thousand dollars in the aggregate during any such twelve-month
282 period shall file a statement, sworn under penalty of false statement,
283 with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of
284 section 9-333e, as amended by this act, on the second Thursday in July,
285 so indicating.

286 Sec. 5. Section 9-333l of the general statutes is amended by adding
287 subsections (h), (i) and (j) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

288 (NEW) (h) (1) No lobbyist, immediate family member of a lobbyist,
289 agent of a lobbyist, or political committee established or controlled by
290 a lobbyist or any such immediate family member or agent shall (A)
291 solicit a contribution on behalf of a candidate committee or an
292 exploratory committee established by a candidate for any public office,
293 (B) participate in any fund-raising activities for any such candidate
294 committee or exploratory committee, including, but not limited to,
295 forwarding tickets to potential contributors, (C) serve as chairperson,
296 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or any other officer of
297 any such candidate committee or exploratory committee or any
298 political committee, or (D) establish a political committee for the sole
299 purpose of soliciting or receiving contributions for any such candidate
300 committee or exploratory committee.

301 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not
302 prohibit a lobbyist, immediate family member of a lobbyist, agent of a
303 lobbyist, or political committee established or controlled by a lobbyist
304 or any such immediate family member or agent from (A) making a
305 contribution that is otherwise permitted under this chapter, (B)
306 informing any person of a position taken by a candidate for public
307 office or a public official, or (C) notifying any person of the campaign
308 activities of any candidate for public office.

309 (3) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not

310 apply to the campaign of a lobbyist, immediate family member of a
311 lobbyist or agent of a lobbyist who is a candidate for public office.

312 (4) Any person who violates any provision of this subsection shall
313 be subject to a civil penalty, imposed by the State Elections
314 Enforcement Commission, of not more than five thousand dollars or
315 twice the amount of any contribution solicited in violation of this
316 subsection, whichever is greater.

317 (5) As used in this subsection, "agent" means any person acting at
318 the direction of an individual.

319 (NEW) (i) No lobbyist, immediate family member of a lobbyist, or
320 political committee established or controlled by a lobbyist or an
321 immediate family member of a lobbyist shall make a contribution or
322 contributions to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for
323 nomination at a primary or election to any public office.

324 (NEW) (j) During the thirty days before a primary and the sixty
325 days before an election, no political committee or person shall make an
326 expenditure that (1) refers to a clearly identified candidate for public
327 office and promotes the success or defeat of said candidate, or (2)
328 concerns an public policy issue, refers to a clearly identified candidate
329 for public office, and does not promote the success or defeat of said
330 candidate.

331 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 9-333n of the general statutes is
332 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
333 *1, 2005*):

334 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any
335 one calendar year in excess of five thousand dollars to the state central
336 committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant
337 to its authorization or request; or one thousand dollars to a town
338 committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such committee
339 pursuant to its authorization or request; or one thousand dollars to a
340 political committee other than (1) a political committee formed solely

341 to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum question, (2) an
342 exploratory committee, (3) a political committee established by an
343 organization, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant to its
344 authorization or request, or (4) a political committee formed by a slate
345 of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of the peace of the
346 same town. No individual who intends to make a contribution to any
347 clearly identifiable candidate's campaign for nomination or election to
348 any public office may do so unless the contribution is made directly to
349 the candidate's designated candidate or exploratory committee or to a
350 solicitor appointed by the campaign treasurer of such committee. A
351 party committee or political committee may not accept a contribution
352 from an individual that is intended to be made for such purpose. This
353 prohibition shall not apply to a contribution made to benefit a slate of
354 candidates whose campaigns are funded solely by a party committee
355 as permitted by subsection (b) of section 9-333f.

356 Sec. 7. Section 9-333o of the general statutes is repealed and the
357 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

358 (a) Contributions or expenditures for candidate or party prohibited.
359 No business entity shall make any contributions or expenditures to, or
360 for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for election to any public
361 office or position subject to this chapter or for nomination at a primary
362 for any such office or position, or to promote the defeat of any
363 candidate for any such office or position. [, or] No business entity shall
364 make any other contributions or expenditures to promote the success
365 or defeat of any political party, except as provided in subsection (b) of
366 this section. No business entity shall establish more than one political
367 committee.

368 (b) A business entity may make reasonable and necessary transfers
369 or disbursements to or for the benefit of a political committee
370 established by such business entity, for the administration of, or
371 solicitation of contributions to, such political committee. Nonmonetary
372 contributions by a business entity which are incidental in nature and
373 are directly attributable to the administration of such political

374 committee shall be exempt from the reporting requirements of this
375 chapter.

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

379 (d) A political committee organized by a business entity shall not
380 make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of any
381 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any candidate's
382 campaign for election. [to the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of five
383 thousand dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,
384 Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of three
385 thousand dollars; (3) state senator, probate judge or chief executive
386 officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4)
387 state representative, in excess of five hundred dollars; or (5) any other
388 office of a municipality not included in subdivision (3) of this
389 subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory
390 committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed
391 by this subsection shall apply separately to primaries and elections and
392 contributions by any such committee to candidates designated in this
393 subsection shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars in the
394 aggregate for any single election and primary preliminary thereto.
395 Contributions to such committees shall also be subject to the
396 provisions of section 9-333t in the case of committees formed for
397 ongoing political activity or section 9-333u in the case of committees
398 formed for a single election or primary.]

399 (e) A political committee organized by a business entity may make
400 unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, another political
401 committee organized by a business entity or to a party committee. No
402 political committee organized by a business entity shall make a
403 contribution to an exploratory committee. [in excess of two hundred
404 fifty dollars.] No such political committee shall make a contribution or
405 contributions in excess of two thousand dollars to any other kind of
406 political committee, in any one calendar year if organized for ongoing

407 political activities, or if formed for a single primary, election or
408 referendum, with respect to such primary, election or referendum.

409 (f) As used in this subsection, "investment services" means
410 investment legal services, investment banking services, investment
411 advisory services, underwriting services, financial advisory services or
412 brokerage firm services. No political committee established by a firm
413 which provides investment services and to which the State Treasurer
414 pays compensation, expenses or fees or issues a contract shall make a
415 contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of, an exploratory
416 committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for
417 nomination or election to the office of State Treasurer during the term
418 of office of the State Treasurer who does business with such firm.

419 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 9-333p of the general statutes is
420 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
421 *1, 2005*):

422 (a) An organization may make contributions or expenditures, other
423 than those made to promote the success or defeat of a referendum
424 question, only by first forming its own political committee. The
425 political committee shall then be authorized to receive funds
426 exclusively from the organization's treasury or from voluntary
427 contributions made by its members, but not both, from another
428 political committee or, from a candidate committee distributing a
429 surplus and (1) to make contributions or expenditures to, or for the
430 benefit of, [a candidate's campaign or] a political party, or (2) to make
431 contributions to another political committee. No organization shall
432 form more than one political committee.

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

435 (a) No political committee established by an organization shall
436 make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
437 candidate's campaign, [for nomination at a primary or for election to
438 the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of two thousand five hundred

439 dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer,
440 Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of one thousand five
441 hundred dollars; (3) chief executive officer of a town, city or borough,
442 in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state senator or probate judge, in
443 excess of five hundred dollars; or (5) state representative or any other
444 office of a municipality not previously included in this subsection, in
445 excess of two hundred fifty dollars.]

446 (b) No such committee shall make a contribution or contributions to,
447 or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee_ [, in excess of two
448 hundred fifty dollars.] Any such committee may make unlimited
449 contributions to a political committee formed solely to aid or promote
450 the success or defeat of a referendum question.

451 [(c) The limits imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall apply
452 separately to primaries and elections and no such committee shall
453 make contributions to the candidates designated in this section which
454 in the aggregate exceed fifty thousand dollars for any single election
455 and primary preliminary thereto.]

456 [(d)] (c) No political committee established by an organization shall
457 make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of, (1)
458 the state central committee of a political party, in excess of five
459 thousand dollars; (2) a town committee, in excess of one thousand
460 dollars; or (3) any political committee, other than an exploratory
461 committee or a committee formed solely to aid or promote the success
462 or defeat of a referendum question, in excess of two thousand dollars.

463 [(e)] (d) No political committee established by an organization shall
464 make contributions to the committees designated in subsection [(d)] (c)
465 of this section, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars
466 in any one calendar year. Contributions to a political committee
467 established by an organization shall also be subject to the provisions of
468 section 9-333t in the case of a committee formed for ongoing political
469 activity or section 9-333u in the case of a committee formed for a single
470 election or primary.

471 Sec. 10. Section 9-333s of the general statutes is repealed and the
472 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

473 (a) A party committee may make unlimited contributions to, or for
474 the benefit of, any of the following: (1) Another party committee; (2) [a
475 candidate committee; (3)] a national committee of a political party; [(4)]
476 (3) a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office; or [(5)]
477 (4) a political committee. A party committee may also make
478 contributions to a charitable organization which is a tax-exempt
479 organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as
480 from time to time amended, or make memorial contributions. A town
481 committee may also contribute to a scholarship awarded by a high
482 school on the basis of objective criteria. No party committee shall make
483 a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's
484 campaign, except that a party committee may make in-kind
485 contributions to or for the benefit of any candidate for the office of: (A)
486 Governor, in excess of one hundred thousand dollars, (B) Lieutenant
487 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, or
488 Secretary of the State, in excess of fifty thousand dollars, (C) state
489 senator, in excess of fifteen thousand dollars, or (D) state
490 representative, in excess of three thousand dollars.

491 (b) A party committee may receive contributions from a federal
492 account of a national committee of a political party, but may not
493 receive contributions from any other account of a national committee
494 of a political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or
495 out-of-state office, for use in the election of candidates subject to the
496 provisions of this chapter.

497 Sec. 11. Section 9-333t of the general statutes is repealed and the
498 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

499 (a) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
500 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party
501 committee; any national committee of a political party; [a candidate
502 committee;] or a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state

503 office. No such political committee shall make a contribution or
504 contributions to a candidate committee. No such political committee
505 shall make a contribution or contributions in excess of two thousand
506 dollars to another political committee in any calendar year except that
507 a political committee organized by a business entity may make
508 unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, another political
509 committee organized by a business entity. No political committee
510 organized for ongoing political activities shall make a contribution in
511 excess of two hundred fifty dollars to an exploratory committee. If
512 such an ongoing committee is established by an organization or a
513 business entity, its contributions shall be subject to the limits imposed
514 by sections 9-333o to 9-333q, inclusive. A political committee organized
515 for ongoing political activities may make contributions to a charitable
516 organization which is a tax-exempt organization under Section
517 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended,
518 or make memorial contributions.

519 (b) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
520 may receive contributions from the federal account of a national
521 committee of a political party, but may not receive contributions from
522 any other account of a national committee of a political party or from a
523 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office.

524 Sec. 12. Section 9-333u of the general statutes is repealed and the
525 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

526 (a) A political committee established for a single primary or election
527 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party
528 committee, [or a candidate committee, but no] No such political
529 committee shall make contributions to a candidate committee, a
530 national committee, or a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-
531 state office. If such a political committee is established by an
532 organization or a business entity, its contributions shall also be subject
533 to the limitations imposed by sections 9-333o to 9-333q, inclusive. No
534 political committee formed for a single election or primary shall, with
535 respect to such election or primary make a contribution or

536 contributions in excess of two thousand dollars to another political
537 committee, provided no such political committee shall make a
538 contribution [in excess of two hundred fifty dollars] to an exploratory
539 committee.

540 (b) A political committee established for a single primary or election
541 shall not receive contributions from a committee of a candidate for
542 federal or out-of-state office or from a national committee.

543 Sec. 13. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
544 chapter 150 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, no political
545 committee may make in-kind contributions to or for the benefit of any
546 candidate for the office of: (A) Governor, in excess of one hundred
547 thousand dollars, (B) Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
548 Comptroller, State Treasurer, or Secretary of the State, in excess of fifty
549 thousand dollars, (C) state senator, in excess of fifteen thousand
550 dollars, or (D) state representative, in excess of three thousand dollars.

551 Sec. 14. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (NEW) The State Elections
552 Enforcement Commission shall establish guidelines concerning
553 contributions received by candidate committees before the effective
554 date of this section that do not conform to the restrictions on
555 contributions imposed in this act. Such guidelines shall require the
556 disbursement of such funds before January 1, 2006.

557 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No candidate for the office
558 of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
559 Comptroller, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, state senator or
560 state representative shall solicit contributions, on behalf of a candidate
561 committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to any
562 public office or on behalf of any political committee or party
563 committee, or accept contributions (1) from any individual who (A) is
564 an officer, director, owner, limited or general partner or holder of stock
565 constituting five per cent or more of the total outstanding stock of any
566 class of a business which has a contract with the state having a value of
567 five thousand dollars or more, and (B) has substantial policy or

568 decision-making authority related to the administration of said
569 contract, or (2) from a political committee established by said business.

570 (b) No said individual from said business and no political
571 committee established by said business shall make a contribution to
572 any candidate committee established by a candidate for the office of
573 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
574 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, state senator or state
575 representative, during the term of said contract. If any said individual
576 or political committee makes such a contribution, the business shall be
577 prohibited from being awarded a state contract, or an extension or an
578 amendment to a state contract, for one year after the election for which
579 said contribution is made."

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 9-333a |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 9-333b |
| Sec. 3 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 9-333k(a) |
| Sec. 4 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 9-333l(g) |
| Sec. 5 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 9-333l |
| Sec. 6 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 9-333n(a) |
| Sec. 7 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 9-333o |
| Sec. 8 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 9-333p(a) |
| Sec. 9 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 9-333q |
| Sec. 10 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 9-333s |
| Sec. 11 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 9-333t |
| Sec. 12 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | 9-333u |
| Sec. 13 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | New section |
| Sec. 14 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | New section |
| Sec. 15 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |