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**"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR 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. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) There is established, within
4 the General Fund, a separate, nonlapsing account to be known as the
5 "Citizens' Election Fund". The fund may contain any moneys required
6 by law to be deposited in the fund. Investment earnings credited to the
7 assets of the fund shall become part of the assets of the fund. The State
8 Treasurer shall administer the fund. Any balance remaining in the
9 fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fund
10 for the next fiscal year. All moneys deposited in the fund shall be used

11 for the purposes of sections 1 and 6 to 21, inclusive, of this act. The
12 State Elections Enforcement Commission may deduct and retain from
13 the moneys in the fund an amount equal to the costs incurred by the
14 commission in administering the provisions of sections 1 and 6 to 21,
15 inclusive, of this act provided said amount shall not exceed (1) in the
16 fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the sum of one per cent of the moneys
17 deposited in the fund in said fiscal year and seven hundred thousand
18 dollars, and (2) in each fiscal year thereafter, one per cent of the
19 moneys deposited in the fund in such fiscal year. Any portion of said
20 one per cent allocation which exceeds said costs incurred by the
21 commission in any fiscal year shall continue to be available for any
22 said costs incurred by the commission in subsequent fiscal years.

23 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
24 subsection (d) of section 49 of substitute house bill 6940 of the current
25 session, as amended, the sum of \$18,000,000 appropriated to the Office
26 of Policy and Management in subsection (a) of said section 49, shall not
27 lapse on June 30, 2005, and shall be transferred to the Citizens' Election
28 Fund, and shall be available for the purposes of said fund for the fiscal
29 year ending June 30, 2006.

30 Sec. 3. Section 22a-243 of the general statutes is repealed and the
31 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage, and*
32 *applicable to sales occurring on or after July 1, 2005*):

33 For purposes of sections 22a-243 to 22a-245, inclusive, and section 4
34 of this act:

35 (1) "Beverage" means beer or other malt beverages and mineral
36 waters, soda water and similar carbonated soft drinks in liquid form
37 and intended for human consumption;

38 (2) "Beverage container" means the individual, separate, sealed
39 glass, metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or carton containing a beverage;

40 (3) "Consumer" means every person who purchases a beverage in a
41 beverage container for use or consumption;

42 (4) "Dealer" means every person who engages in the sale of
43 beverages in beverage containers to a consumer;

44 (5) "Distributor" means every person who engages in the sale of
45 beverages in beverage containers to a dealer in this state including any
46 manufacturer who engages in such sale and includes a dealer who
47 engages in the sale of beverages in beverage containers on which no
48 deposit has been collected prior to retail sale;

49 (6) "Manufacturer" means every person bottling, canning or
50 otherwise filling beverage containers for sale to distributors or dealers;

51 (7) "Place of business of a dealer" means the location at which a
52 dealer sells or offers for sale beverages in beverage containers to
53 consumers;

54 (8) "Redemption center" means any facility established to redeem
55 empty beverage containers from consumers or to collect and sort
56 empty beverage containers from dealers and to prepare such
57 containers for redemption by the appropriate distributors;

58 (9) "Use or consumption" includes the exercise of any right or power
59 over a beverage incident to the ownership thereof, other than the sale
60 or the keeping or retention of a beverage for the purposes of sale;

61 (10) "Nonrefillable beverage container" means a beverage container
62 which is not designed to be refilled and reused in its original shape;

63 (11) "Deposit initiator" means the first distributor who is not a
64 manufacturer to sell a beverage container in this state or a
65 manufacturer who sells a beverage container to a person who sells a
66 beverage container.

67 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage, and applicable to sales occurring*
68 *on or after From passage*) (a) Each deposit initiator shall open a special
69 interest-bearing account to the credit of the deposit initiator. Each
70 deposit initiator shall invest in such account an amount equal to the
71 refund value established pursuant to subsection (a) of section 22a-244

72 of the general statutes for each beverage container sold by such deposit
73 initiator. Such investment shall be made not more than three days after
74 the date such beverage container was sold. All interest, dividends and
75 returns earned on the special account shall be paid directly into such
76 account. Such moneys shall be kept separate and apart from all other
77 moneys in the possession of the deposit initiator.

78 (b) Not later than July 1, 2005, the Commissioner of Revenue
79 Services shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
80 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish an accounting system for
81 the withdrawal of moneys from the deposit initiator's special account.
82 Any reimbursement of the refund value for a redeemed beverage
83 container shall be paid from the deposit initiator's special account in
84 the manner prescribed in said accounting system.

85 (c) Each deposit initiator shall submit a report not later than October
86 31, 2005, for the calendar quarter ending September 30, 2005, and one
87 month after the close of each calendar quarter thereafter, to the
88 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, on a form prescribed by
89 the commissioner and with such information the commissioner deems
90 necessary, including, but not limited to: (1) The balance in the deposit
91 initiator's special account at the beginning of the quarter for which the
92 report is prepared; (2) a list of all deposits credited to such account
93 during such quarter, including all refund values paid to the deposit
94 initiator and all interest, dividends or returns received on the account;
95 (3) a list of all withdrawals from such account during such quarter, all
96 service charges and overdraft charges on the account and all payments
97 made pursuant to subsection (d) of this section; and (4) the balance in
98 the account at the close of the quarter for which the report is prepared.

99 (d) Not later than October 31, 2005, for the calendar quarter ending
100 September 30, 2005, and one month after the close of each calendar
101 quarter thereafter, each deposit initiator shall pay the balance
102 outstanding in the special account to the Commissioner of
103 Environmental Protection for deposit in the General Fund.

104 (e) If moneys deposited in the special account are insufficient to pay
105 for withdrawals authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,
106 such deficiency shall be added, with interest, to the succeeding
107 payment due pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

108 (f) The State Treasurer may, independently or upon request of the
109 commissioner, examine the accounts and records of any deposit
110 initiator referring to accounts and records maintained under sections
111 22a-243 to 22a-245, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by
112 this act, including receipts, disbursements and such other items as the
113 Treasurer deems appropriate. The Treasurer may assess a surcharge in
114 the amount of ten per cent per annum for any audit adjustments to
115 accounts or records maintained under said sections 22a-243 to 22a-245,
116 inclusive, and this section, during any fiscal year, and ten per cent per
117 annum, together with interest, for any underpayment of the payment
118 established by subsection (d) of this section. Such penalties shall not be
119 paid from funds maintained in the special account.

120 (g) The Attorney General may, independently or upon complaint of
121 the commissioner, institute any appropriate action or proceeding to
122 enforce any provision of this section or any regulation adopted
123 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

124 Sec. 5. Section 22a-246 of the general statutes is repealed and the
125 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage, and*
126 *applicable to sales occurring on or after July 1, 2005*):

127 Any person who violates any provision of section 22a-244, [or] 22a-
128 245 or section 4 of this act shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor
129 more than one hundred dollars, and for a second offense shall be fined
130 not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars
131 and for a third and each additional offense shall be fined not less than
132 two hundred fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

133 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
134 *2006, and thereafter*) As used in sections 1 and 6 to 21, inclusive, of this
135 act:

136 (1) "Commission" means the State Elections Enforcement
137 Commission.

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

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

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

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

151 (6) "General election campaign" means (A) in the case of a candidate
152 nominated at a primary, the period beginning on the day following the
153 primary and ending on the date the campaign treasurer files the final
154 statement for such campaign pursuant to section 9-333j of the general
155 statutes, as amended by this act, or (B) in the case of a candidate
156 nominated without a primary, the period beginning on the day
157 following the day on which the candidate is nominated and ending on
158 the date the campaign treasurer files the final statement for such
159 campaign pursuant to section 9-333j of the general statutes, as
160 amended by this act.

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

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

165 (9) "Primary campaign" means the period beginning on the day

166 following the close of a convention and ending on the day of a primary
167 held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for an office.

168 (10) "Qualified candidate committee" means a candidate committee
169 (A) established to aid or promote the success of any candidate for
170 nomination or election to a state office, and (B) approved by the
171 commission to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund under
172 section 11 of this act.

173 (11) "State office" means the office of Governor, Lieutenant
174 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer,
175 Secretary of the State, state senator or state representative.

176 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
177 *2008, and thereafter*) (a) There is established a Citizens' Election
178 Program under which (1) the candidate committee of a major party or
179 minor party candidate for nomination to the office of state senator or
180 state representative in 2006, or thereafter, or the office of Governor,
181 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary
182 of the State or State Treasurer in 2016 or thereafter or thereafter, may
183 receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the candidate's
184 primary campaign for said nomination, and (2) the candidate
185 committee of a candidate who is nominated by a major party or a
186 minor party, or the candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
187 party candidate, for election to the office of state senator or state
188 representative or the office of Governor, Attorney General, State
189 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2006, or
190 thereafter, may receive a grant from the fund for the candidate's
191 general election campaign for said office.

192 (b) Any such candidate committee is eligible to receive such grants
193 for a primary campaign, if applicable, and a general election campaign
194 if (1) the candidate certifies as a participating candidate under section 8
195 of this act, (2) the candidate's candidate committee receives the
196 required amount of qualifying contributions under section 9 of this act,
197 (3) the candidate's candidate committee returns all contributions that

198 do not meet the criteria for qualifying contributions under section 9 of
199 this act, (4) the candidate's exploratory committee, if any, returns all
200 contributions that do not meet the criteria for qualifying contributions
201 to a candidate committee under section 9 of this act, (5) the candidate
202 agrees to limit the campaign expenditures of the candidate's candidate
203 committee in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of
204 subsection (c) of this section, and (6) the candidate submits an
205 application and the commission approves the application in
206 accordance with the provisions of section 11 of this act.

207 (c) (1) A candidate participating in the Citizens' Election Program
208 shall limit the campaign expenditures of the candidate's candidate
209 committee (A) before a primary campaign and a general election
210 campaign, to the amount of qualifying contributions permitted in
211 section 9 of this act, (B) for a primary campaign, to the sum of (i) the
212 amount of qualifying contributions permitted in section 9 of this act
213 that have not been spent before the primary campaign and (ii) the
214 amount of the grant for the primary campaign authorized under
215 section 10 of this act, and (C) for a general election campaign, to the
216 sum of (i) the amount of qualifying contributions permitted in section
217 9 of this act that have not been spent before the general election
218 campaign, (ii) any unexpended funds from any grant for a primary
219 campaign, except for a grant under subsection (g) of section 10 of this
220 act, and (iii) the amount of the grant for the general election campaign
221 authorized under section 10 of this act.

222 (2) (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
223 subsection, a party committee may make in-kind contributions for the
224 benefit of the candidate committee of any candidate participating in
225 the Citizens' Election Program. Such in-kind contributions may
226 include, but shall not be limited to, voter file data and polling. The
227 total aggregate value of such in-kind contributions that may be made
228 by a party committee for the benefit of such candidate committee for
229 any election shall not exceed an amount equal to five per cent of the
230 grant that such candidate committee is eligible to receive under section
231 10 of this act for a general election campaign.

232 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
233 subsection, a legislative caucus committee may make in-kind
234 contributions for the benefit of the candidate committee of any
235 candidate for the office of state senator or state representative who is
236 participating in the Citizens' Election Program. The total, combined
237 aggregate value of such in-kind contributions that may be made by the
238 legislative caucus committee for the caucus to which the candidate is
239 seeking election, for the benefit of such candidate committee for any
240 election, shall not exceed an amount equal to five per cent of the grant
241 that such candidate committee is eligible to receive under section 10 of
242 this act for a general election campaign.

243 (C) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall adopt
244 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
245 general statutes, to carry out the purposes of this subdivision.

246 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
247 *2006, and thereafter*) (a) Each candidate for nomination or election to a
248 state office in 2008, or thereafter, shall file an affidavit with the State
249 Elections Enforcement Commission, at the same time that the
250 candidate files either a committee statement under subsection (a) of
251 section 9-333f of the general statutes or a certification under subsection
252 (b) of said section 9-333f. The affidavit shall include a written
253 certification that the candidate either intends to abide by the
254 expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election Program set forth in
255 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 7 of this act, or does not
256 intend to abide by said limits. If the candidate intends to abide by said
257 limits, the affidavit shall also include written certifications (1) that the
258 campaign treasurer of the candidate committee for said candidate shall
259 expend any moneys received from the Citizens' Election Fund in
260 accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of section 9-333i of the
261 general statutes and guidelines adopted by the State Elections
262 Enforcement Commission under subsection (e) of section 11 of this act,
263 (2) that the candidate shall repay to the fund any such moneys that are
264 not expended in accordance with subsection (g) of said section 9-333i
265 and said guidelines, and (3) stating the candidate's status as a major

266 party, minor party or petitioning candidate and, in the case of a major
267 party or minor party candidate, the name of such party. If the
268 candidate intends to abide by said limits, the affidavit shall also
269 include written certifications from the candidate and the campaign
270 treasurer of the candidate committee for said candidate that if said
271 candidate committee exceeds any expenditure limit set forth in
272 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 7 of this act, the campaign
273 treasurer and the candidate shall be jointly and severally liable for
274 repaying to the fund an amount equal to the amount of such excess
275 expenditures. No candidate who changes such status or becomes a
276 candidate of a different party during a campaign shall be eligible to
277 receive a grant under the Citizens' Election Program during the
278 campaigns for which the affidavit is filed.

279 (b) A candidate who so certifies the candidate's intent to abide by
280 the expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election Program set forth in
281 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 7 of this act shall be referred
282 to in sections 6 to 21, inclusive, of this act as a "participating candidate"
283 and a candidate who so certifies the candidate's intent to not abide by
284 said limits shall be referred to in said sections 6 to 21, inclusive, as a
285 "nonparticipating candidate". The commission shall prepare a list of
286 the participating candidates and a list of the nonparticipating
287 candidates and shall make such lists available for public inspection.

288 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
289 *2006, and thereafter*) (a) The amount of qualifying contributions that the
290 candidate committee of a candidate shall be required to receive in
291 order to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be:

292 (1) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
293 of Governor, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount
294 of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, of which an aggregate amount
295 of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars or more is contributed
296 by individuals residing in the state, provided (A) the candidate
297 committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
298 from any individual, including such candidate, that exceeds one

299 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
300 calculating such amounts, and (B) all contributions received by an
301 exploratory committee that meet the criteria for qualifying
302 contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be
303 considered in calculating such amounts.

304 (2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
305 of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
306 Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in
307 the aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which an
308 aggregate amount of sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars or
309 more is contributed by individuals residing in the state, provided (A)
310 the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or
311 contributions from any individual, including such candidate, that
312 exceeds one hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be
313 considered in calculating such amounts, and (B) all contributions
314 received by an exploratory committee that meet the criteria for
315 qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section
316 shall be considered in calculating such amounts.

317 (3) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
318 of state senator for a district, contributions from individuals in the
319 aggregate amount of twenty thousand dollars, of which (A) an
320 aggregate amount of eighteen thousand dollars or more is contributed
321 by individuals residing in the state, and (B) either an aggregate
322 amount of five thousand dollars or more is contributed by individuals
323 residing in said district or an aggregate amount of one thousand
324 dollars or more is contributed by at least one hundred individuals
325 residing in said district who each make a contribution of ten dollars or
326 more, provided (i) the candidate committee shall return the portion of
327 any contribution or contributions from any individual, including such
328 candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, and such excess portion
329 shall not be considered in calculating such amounts, and (ii) all
330 contributions received by an exploratory committee that meet the
331 criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this
332 section shall be considered in calculating such amounts.

333 (4) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
334 of state representative for a district, contributions from individuals in
335 the aggregate amount of five thousand dollars, of which (A) an
336 aggregate amount of four thousand five hundred dollars or more is
337 contributed by individuals residing in the state, and (B) either an
338 aggregate amount of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars or more
339 is contributed by individuals residing in said district or an aggregate
340 amount of five hundred dollars or more is contributed by at least fifty
341 individuals residing in said district who each make a contribution of
342 ten dollars or more, provided (i) the candidate committee shall return
343 the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual,
344 including such candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, and such
345 excess portion shall not be considered in calculating such amounts,
346 and (ii) all contributions received by an exploratory committee that
347 meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees
348 under this section shall be considered in calculating such amounts.

349 (b) After a candidate committee receives the applicable aggregate
350 amount of qualifying contributions under subsection (a) of this section,
351 the candidate committee shall return any additional contributions that
352 it receives.

353 (c) Each individual who makes a contribution to a candidate
354 committee established to aid or promote the success of a participating
355 candidate for nomination or election to a state office shall include with
356 the contribution a certification that (1) neither the individual nor any
357 member of the immediate family of the individual is a lobbyist, and (2)
358 neither the individual, any member of the immediate family of the
359 individual nor an associated business of the individual or any such
360 immediate family member has a contract with the state having a value
361 of five thousand dollars or more. A contribution from (A) a lobbyist or
362 a member of the immediate family of a lobbyist, or (B) an individual
363 who has a contract with the state, any member of the immediate family
364 of such individual, or an associated business of such individual or any
365 such immediate family member shall not be deemed to be a qualifying
366 contribution under subsection (a) of this section and shall be returned

367 by the candidate committee. As used in this subsection, "immediate
368 family" means any spouse or child of an individual or any dependent
369 relatives who reside in the individual's household.

370 (d) Each individual who makes a contribution to a candidate
371 committee established to aid or promote the success of a participating
372 candidate for nomination or election to a state office shall include the
373 individual's name and address with the contribution. A contribution
374 (1) from an individual that does not include such information, or (2)
375 from an individual who does not reside in the state, in excess of the
376 applicable limit on contributions from nonresidents in subsection (a) of
377 this section, shall not be deemed to be a qualifying contribution under
378 subsection (a) of this section and shall be returned by the candidate
379 committee.

380 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
381 *2006, and thereafter*) (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a
382 major party or minor party candidate for the office of Governor who
383 has a primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a
384 grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the primary campaign in the
385 amount of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided,
386 in the case of a primary held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall
387 be adjusted under subsection (c) of this section.

388 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party or minor
389 party candidate for the office of Governor who is nominated shall be
390 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election
391 campaign in the amount of three million dollars, provided (A) in the
392 case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be
393 adjusted under subsection (c) of this section, and (B) if a candidate is
394 nominated at a primary and does not expend the entire grant from the
395 fund for the primary campaign, the amount of the grant for the general
396 election campaign shall be reduced by the amount of such unexpended
397 primary grant funds.

398 (3) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning

399 party candidate for the office of Governor shall be eligible to receive a
400 grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of
401 three million dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2010,
402 or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (c) of this
403 section.

404 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party or minor
405 party candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
406 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer
407 who has a primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to
408 receive a grant from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount
409 of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of
410 a primary held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
411 under subsection (c) of this section.

412 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
413 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
414 Treasurer who is nominated shall be eligible to receive a grant from
415 the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of five
416 hundred thousand dollars, provided (A) in the case of an election held
417 in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
418 (c) of this section, and (B) if a candidate is nominated at a primary and
419 does not expend the entire grant from the fund for the primary
420 campaign, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign
421 shall be reduced by the amount of such unexpended primary grant
422 funds.

423 (3) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
424 party candidate for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller,
425 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a
426 grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of
427 five hundred thousand dollars, provided in the case of an election held
428 in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
429 (c) of this section.

430 (c) For elections held in 2010, and thereafter, the amount of the

431 grants in subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be adjusted by the
432 State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
433 2010, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
434 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
435 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
436 the period beginning on January 1, 2006, and ending on December
437 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
438 to be made.

439 (d) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party or minor
440 party candidate for the office of state senator who has a primary for
441 nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the
442 fund for the primary campaign in the amount of sixty-five thousand
443 dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held in 2008, or thereafter,
444 said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (f) of this section.

445 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party or minor
446 party candidate for the office of state senator who is nominated shall
447 be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election
448 campaign in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars,
449 provided (A) in the case of an election held in 2008, or thereafter, said
450 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (f) of this section, and (B) if
451 a candidate is nominated at a primary and does not expend the entire
452 grant from the fund for the primary campaign, the amount of the grant
453 for the general election campaign shall be reduced by the amount of
454 such unexpended primary grant funds.

455 (3) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
456 party candidate for the office of state senator shall be eligible to receive
457 a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount
458 of one hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided in the case of an
459 election held in 2008, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
460 under subsection (f) of this section.

461 (e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party or minor
462 party candidate for the office of state representative who has a primary

463 for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from
464 the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of twenty thousand
465 dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held in 2008, or thereafter,
466 said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (f) of this section.

467 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
468 state representative who is nominated shall be eligible to receive a
469 grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of
470 thirty thousand dollars, provided (A) in the case of an election held in
471 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (f)
472 of this section, and (B) if a candidate is nominated at a primary and
473 does not expend the entire grant from the fund for the primary
474 campaign, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign
475 shall be reduced by the amount of such unexpended primary grant
476 funds.

477 (3) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
478 party candidate for the office of state representative shall be eligible to
479 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the
480 amount of thirty thousand dollars, provided in the case of an election
481 held in 2008, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under
482 subsection (f) of this section.

483 (f) For elections held in 2008, and thereafter, the amount of the
484 grants in subsections (d) and (e) of this section shall be adjusted by the
485 State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
486 2008, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
487 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
488 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
489 the period beginning on January 1, 2006, and ending on December
490 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
491 to be made.

492 (g) If (1) a participating candidate who is a member of a major party
493 or a minor party does not have a primary for nomination to a state
494 office, and (2) another political party will be holding a primary for

495 nomination to the same office in the same year, the qualified candidate
496 committee of said participating candidate shall be eligible to receive an
497 additional grant from the Citizens' Election Fund in an amount equal
498 to one-half of the grant under this section for a primary campaign for
499 such office. Said participating candidate may spend such grant only
500 during the primary campaign.

501 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (f),
502 inclusive, of this section, if a participating candidate who is nominated
503 for election does not have an opponent in the general election
504 campaign, the amount of the general election campaign grant for
505 which the qualified candidate committee of said candidate shall be
506 eligible shall be thirty per cent of the applicable amount set forth in
507 said subsections.

508 (i) The qualified candidate committee of a participating candidate
509 shall not be eligible to receive more than one grant under this section
510 for the primary campaign for nomination to an office in any year or
511 more than one grant for the general election campaign for election to
512 an office in any year.

513 (j) No grant under this section may be applied to a deficit incurred
514 by a candidate committee.

515 Sec. 11. (NEW) *(Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
516 *2006, and thereafter)* (a) (1) A candidate for nomination to the office of
517 state senator or state representative in 2006 or the office of Governor,
518 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary
519 of the State or State Treasurer in 2006, or thereafter, may apply to the
520 State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund
521 under the Citizens' Election Program for a primary campaign, after the
522 close of the state convention of the candidate's party that is called for
523 the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for the office that
524 the candidate is seeking, if (A) a primary is required under chapter 153
525 of the general statutes, and (i) said party endorses the candidate for the
526 office that the candidate is seeking, (ii) the candidate receives at least

527 fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates present and
528 voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed
529 endorsement of a candidate for the office the candidate is seeking, or
530 (iii) the candidate circulates a petition and obtains the required
531 number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for said
532 office pursuant to section 9-400 of the general statutes, or (B) the
533 candidate's candidate committee is eligible to receive a grant under
534 subsection (g) of section 10 of this act.

535 (2) A candidate for nomination to the office of state senator or state
536 representative or the office of Governor, Attorney General, State
537 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2006, or
538 thereafter, may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission
539 for a grant from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a
540 general election campaign, (A) after the close of the state convention of
541 the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of choosing
542 candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is seeking, if
543 (i) said party endorses said candidate for the office that the candidate
544 is seeking and no other candidate of said party files a certificate of
545 candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
546 provisions of section 9-400 of the general statutes, (ii) the candidate
547 receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates
548 present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or
549 proposed endorsement of a candidate for the office the candidate is
550 seeking, no other candidate for said office at such convention either
551 receives the party endorsement or said percentage of said votes for
552 said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with the
553 Secretary of the State, in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
554 388 of the general statutes, or a certificate of candidacy with the
555 Secretary of the State, in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
556 400 of the general statutes, and no other candidate for said office
557 circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for
558 filing a candidacy for nomination for said office pursuant to section 9-
559 400 of the general statutes, or (iii) the candidate circulates a petition
560 and obtains the required number of signatures for filing a candidacy

561 for nomination for said office pursuant to section 9-400 of the general
562 statutes and no other candidate for said office at such convention
563 either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of said votes
564 for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with the
565 Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-388
566 of the general statutes or a certificate of candidacy with the Secretary
567 of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400 of the
568 general statutes, (B) after any primary held by such party for
569 nomination for said office, if the Secretary of the State declares that the
570 candidate is the party nominee in accordance with the provisions of
571 section 9-440 of the general statutes, or (C) in the case of a petitioning
572 party candidate, after approval by the Secretary of the State of such
573 candidate's nominating petition pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-
574 453o of the general statutes.

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

576 (1) The candidate committee has received the required amount of
577 qualifying contributions;

578 (2) The candidate committee has repaid all moneys borrowed on
579 behalf of the campaign, as required by subsection (b) of section 15 of
580 this act;

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

584 (4) The candidate committee and exploratory committee have
585 returned all contributions or portions of contributions that do not meet
586 the criteria for qualifying contributions under section 9 of this act;

587 (5) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee shall comply
588 with the provisions of sections 1 and 6 to 21, inclusive, of this act;

589 (6) All moneys received from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be
590 deposited upon receipt into the depository account of the candidate

591 committee;

592 (7) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee shall expend
593 all moneys received from the fund, in accordance with the provisions
594 of subsection (g) of section 9-333i of the general statutes, and
595 guidelines adopted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission
596 under subsection (e) of this section; and

597 (8) If the candidate withdraws from the campaign, becomes
598 ineligible or dies during the campaign, the candidate committee of the
599 candidate shall return to the commission, for deposit in the fund, all
600 moneys received from the fund pursuant to sections 1 and 6 to 21,
601 inclusive, of this act which said candidate committee has not spent as
602 of the date of such occurrence.

603 (c) The application shall be accompanied by a cumulative itemized
604 accounting of all funds received, expenditures made and expenses
605 incurred but not yet paid by the candidate committee as of three days
606 before the date that the application is signed. Such accounting shall be
607 sworn to under penalty of false statement by the campaign treasurer of
608 the candidate committee. The commission shall prescribe the form of
609 the application and the cumulative itemized accounting, after
610 consulting with the Secretary of the State. The form for such
611 accounting shall conform to the requirements of section 9-333j of the
612 general statutes, as amended by this act. Both the candidate and the
613 campaign treasurer of the candidate committee shall sign the
614 application.

615 (d) Not later than three business days following receipt of any such
616 application, the commission shall review the application, determine
617 whether the candidate committee for the applicant (1) has received the
618 required qualifying contributions, (2) in the case of an application for a
619 grant from the fund for a primary campaign, the applicant has met the
620 applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying
621 for such moneys and complied with the provisions of subsections (b)
622 and (c) of this section, and at least either one other participating

623 candidate for nomination in the primary, from the same party and for
624 the same office as the applicant, has also received the required
625 qualifying contributions or at least one nonparticipating candidate for
626 nomination in the primary, from the same party and for the same
627 office as the applicant, has received an amount of contributions equal
628 to the amount of such qualifying contributions, and (3) in the case of
629 an application for a grant from the fund for a general election
630 campaign, the applicant has met the applicable condition under
631 subsection (a) of this section for applying for such moneys and
632 complied with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this
633 subsection. If the commission approves an application, the commission
634 shall determine the amount of the grant payable to the candidate
635 committee for the applicant, from the fund, and notify the State
636 Comptroller and the candidate of such candidate committee, of such
637 amount. Not later than two business days following notification by the
638 commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State
639 Treasurer for payment of such amount to the qualified candidate
640 committee from the fund.

641 (e) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall establish
642 guidelines on permissible expenditures under subsection (g) of section
643 9-333i of the general statutes for qualified candidate committees
644 receiving grants from the fund under sections 6 to 21, inclusive, of this
645 act.

646 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
647 *2008, and thereafter*) Following the initial deposit of moneys from the
648 Citizens' Election Fund into the depository account of a qualified
649 candidate committee, (1) no contribution, loan, amount of the
650 candidate's own moneys or any other moneys received by the
651 candidate or the campaign treasurer on behalf of the committee shall
652 be deposited into said depository account, except (A) grants from the
653 fund, and (B) any additional moneys from the fund as provided in
654 sections 17 and 18 of this act, and (2) the candidate shall not make any
655 in-kind contributions for the benefit of such candidate committee.

656 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
657 *2008, and thereafter*) A qualified candidate committee that received
658 moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund for a primary campaign and
659 whose candidate is the party nominee shall receive moneys from the
660 fund for a general election campaign. Upon receiving verification from
661 the Secretary of the State of the declaration by the Secretary of the
662 State, in accordance with the provisions of section 9-440 of the general
663 statutes, of the results of the votes cast at the primary, the State
664 Elections Enforcement Commission shall notify the State Comptroller
665 of the amount payable to such qualified candidate committee. Not
666 later than two business days following notification by the commission,
667 the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for
668 payment of the general election campaign grant to said committee
669 from said fund.

670 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
671 *2008, and thereafter*) (a) For purposes of this section, expenditures made
672 to aid or promote the success of both a candidate for nomination or
673 election to the office of Governor and a candidate for nomination or
674 election to the office of Lieutenant Governor jointly, shall be
675 considered expenditures made to aid or promote the success of a
676 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor. The
677 party-endorsed candidate for nomination or election to the office of
678 Lieutenant Governor and the party-endorsed candidate for nomination
679 or election to the office of Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or
680 promoting the success of both candidates jointly upon the earliest of
681 the following: (1) The primary, whether held for the office of Governor,
682 the office of Lieutenant Governor, or both; (2) if no primary is held for
683 the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the convention; or (3) a
684 declaration by the party-endorsed candidates that they shall campaign
685 jointly. Any other candidate for nomination or election to the office of
686 Lieutenant Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or promoting the
687 success of such candidacy for the office of Lieutenant Governor and
688 the success of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
689 Governor jointly upon a declaration by the candidates that they shall

690 campaign jointly.

691 (b) The candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success
692 of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
693 Governor, the candidate of which campaigns jointly with a candidate
694 for nomination or election to the office of Governor, shall be dissolved
695 as of the applicable date set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Not
696 later than fifteen days after the applicable date set forth in subsection
697 (a) of this section, the campaign treasurer of the candidate committee
698 formed to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination
699 or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall file a statement
700 with the proper authority under section 9-333e of the general statutes,
701 as amended by this act, identifying all contributions received or
702 expenditures made by the committee since the previous statement and
703 the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be. Not later than thirty
704 days after the applicable date set forth in subsection (a) of this section,
705 (1) the campaign treasurer of a qualified candidate committee formed
706 to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination or
707 election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall distribute any
708 surplus to the fund, and (2) the campaign treasurer of a nonqualified
709 candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success of said
710 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
711 Governor shall distribute such surplus in accordance with the
712 provisions of subsection (e) of section 9-333j of the general statutes, as
713 amended by this act.

714 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
715 *2008, and thereafter*) (a) A qualified candidate committee may borrow
716 moneys on behalf of a campaign for a primary or a general election
717 from one or more financial institutions, as defined in section 36a-41 of
718 the general statutes, in an aggregate amount not to exceed one
719 thousand dollars. The amount borrowed shall not constitute a
720 qualifying contribution. No individual, political committee or party
721 committee, except the candidate or, in a general election, the state
722 central committee of a political party, shall endorse or guarantee such
723 a loan in an aggregate amount in excess of five hundred dollars. An

724 endorsement or guarantee of such a loan shall constitute a contribution
725 by such individual or committee for so long as the loan is outstanding.
726 The amount endorsed or guaranteed by such individual or committee
727 shall cease to constitute a contribution upon repayment of the amount
728 endorsed or guaranteed.

729 (b) All such loans shall be repaid in full prior to the date a candidate
730 committee applies for the moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund
731 pursuant to section 11 of this act. A candidate who fails to repay such
732 loans or fails to certify such repayment to the State Elections
733 Enforcement Commission shall not be eligible to receive and shall not
734 receive moneys from the fund.

735 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
736 *2008, and thereafter*) (a) A qualified candidate committee that receives a
737 grant from the Citizens' Election Fund pursuant to section 11 of this act
738 and makes expenditures in excess of the sum of an expenditure limit
739 set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 7 of this act and
740 the amount any additional moneys the candidate committee receives
741 from the fund under section 14 or 15 of this act, (1) shall repay to the
742 fund the full amount of such grant and moneys, (2) shall not receive
743 any additional moneys from the fund for the remainder of the election
744 cycle, (3) shall be subject to civil penalties under section 9-7b of the
745 general statutes, as amended by this act, and (4) shall be deemed to be
746 a nonparticipating candidate for the purposes of sections 1 and 6 to 21,
747 inclusive, of this act.

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

753 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
754 *2008, and thereafter*) (a) Additional moneys from the Citizens' Election
755 Fund shall be paid to a qualified candidate committee that received

756 moneys from the fund if the committee of an opposing candidate
757 makes expenditures in excess of an expenditure limit set forth in
758 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 7 of this act. Such additional
759 moneys from the fund shall be paid to a qualified candidate committee
760 that received moneys from the fund (1) regardless of whether the
761 candidate committee that makes expenditures in excess of the
762 applicable expenditure limit has received moneys from the fund, (2) in
763 an amount equal to the greatest amount of expenditures in excess of
764 the applicable expenditure limit that the committee of an opposing
765 candidate has made, but not more than one hundred per cent of the
766 amount of moneys that the qualified candidate committee has received
767 from the fund for the primary campaign or general election campaign
768 for which such excess expenditures are made, and (3) immediately
769 following the State Elections Enforcement Commission's verification
770 that the committee of an opposing candidate has made expenditures in
771 excess of the applicable expenditure limit.

772 (b) If a nonparticipating candidate makes or incurs the obligation to
773 make an excess expenditure more than twenty days before the day of a
774 primary or election, the candidate shall file a declaration of excess
775 expenditures not later than forty-eight hours after making or incurring
776 the expenditure. If a nonparticipating candidate makes or incurs the
777 obligation to make an excess expenditure twenty days or less before
778 the day of a primary or election, the candidate shall file a declaration of
779 excess expenditures not later than twenty-four hours after making or
780 incurring the expenditure. The commission may determine whether
781 any expenditure by a nonparticipating candidate shall be deemed an
782 excess expenditure.

783 Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
784 *2008, and thereafter*) Upon the receipt of a report under subsection (e) of
785 section 9-333n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, that an
786 independent expenditure has been made or has been obligated to be
787 made with the intent to promote the defeat of a candidate whose
788 candidate committee has received a grant under the Citizens' Election
789 Program, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall

790 immediately notify the State Comptroller that additional money, equal
791 to the amount of the independent expenditure, shall be paid to said
792 candidate committee. Not later than two business days following
793 notification by the commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an
794 order on the State Treasurer for payment of such amount to said
795 candidate committee from the Citizens' Election Fund. The provisions
796 of this section shall be subject to the following:

797 (1) The maximum aggregate amount of funding that the qualified
798 candidate committee of a participating candidate shall receive to
799 match the independent expenditures made or obligated to be made on
800 behalf of all opposing candidates shall not be greater than one
801 hundred per cent of the total moneys that said candidate committee
802 has received from the fund for the primary campaign or general
803 election campaign for which such independent expenditures are made
804 or obligated to be made.

805 (2) The additional moneys under this section to match independent
806 expenditures shall be granted to the qualified candidate committee of a
807 participating candidate opposed by a nonparticipating candidate only
808 if the nonparticipating candidate's campaign expenditures, combined
809 with the amount of the independent expenditures, exceed the
810 applicable permitted expenditure amount for the participating
811 candidate, during the primary campaign or the general election
812 campaign.

813 (3) If a participating candidate receives additional moneys under
814 this section to match independent expenditures made during a
815 primary campaign and such candidate does not spend all of such
816 additional moneys during such campaign, the candidate may carry
817 over the moneys to the general election campaign. In such case, the
818 general election grant shall be reduced by the amount of such moneys
819 carried over.

820 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
821 *2008, and thereafter*) In addition to the campaign finance statements

822 required to be filed under section 9-333j of the general statutes, as
823 amended by this act, (1) the campaign treasurer for each candidate for
824 nomination at a primary for a state office in 2006, or thereafter, shall
825 file a supplemental statement with the State Elections Enforcement
826 Commission on each Thursday before the primary, from the sixth
827 Thursday before the primary until the last Thursday before the
828 primary, inclusive, and (2) the campaign treasurer for each nominated
829 candidate for election to a state office in 2006, or thereafter, shall file a
830 supplemental statement with the State Elections Enforcement
831 Commission on each Thursday before the election, from the sixth
832 Thursday before the election until the last Thursday before the
833 election, inclusive. Each such supplemental statement shall include (A)
834 the total amount of campaign expenditures made or obligated to be
835 made by the candidate committee of the candidate during primary
836 campaign or the general election campaign, whichever is applicable,
837 and (B) any other information required by the commission. Such
838 supplemental statements shall be filed in accordance with procedures
839 established by the commission. If a campaign treasurer fails to file any
840 supplemental statement required by this section within the time
841 required, such campaign treasurer shall be subject to a civil penalty
842 imposed by the commission of not more than one thousand dollars for
843 each such failure.

844 Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
845 *2006, and thereafter*) The Secretary of the State shall provide to each
846 committee whose candidate has filed an affidavit under subsection (a)
847 of section 8 of this act certifying that the candidate intends to abide by
848 the applicable expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election Program,
849 a copy of the voter registration list for the state, which is generated
850 from the state-wide centralized voter registration system established
851 pursuant to the plan authorized under section 1 of special act 91-45
852 and completed pursuant to section 9-50b of the general statutes. The
853 Secretary shall provide the copy in electronic format, free of charge.

854 Sec. 21. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable to elections held in*
855 *2006, and thereafter*) (a) Not later than June 1, 2006, and annually

856 thereafter, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall issue a
857 report on the status of the Citizens' Election Fund during the previous
858 calendar year. Such report shall include the amount of moneys
859 deposited in the fund, the sources of moneys received by category, the
860 number of contributions, the number of contributors, the amount of
861 moneys expended by category, the recipients of moneys distributed
862 from the fund and an accounting of the costs incurred by the
863 commission in administering the provisions of sections 1 and 6 to 21,
864 inclusive, of this act.

865 (b) Not later than January first in any year thereafter in which a state
866 election is to be held, the commission shall determine whether the
867 amount of moneys in the fund is sufficient to carry out the purposes of
868 sections 1 and 6 to 21, inclusive, of this act. If the commission
869 determines that such amount is not sufficient to carry out such
870 purposes, the commission shall, not later than three days after such
871 later determination, (1) determine the percentage of the fund's
872 obligations that can be met for such election, (2) recalculate the amount
873 of each payment that a qualified candidate committee is entitled to
874 receive under section 11 of this act by multiplying such percentage by
875 the amount that such committees would have been entitled to receive
876 under sections 1 and 6 to 21, inclusive, of this act if there were a
877 sufficient amount of moneys in the fund, and (3) notify each such
878 committee of such insufficiency, percentage and applicable
879 recalculation. After a qualified candidate committee under section 11
880 of this act first receives any such recalculated payment, the committee
881 may resume accepting contributions and making expenditures from
882 such contributions, up to the highest amount of expenditures made by
883 a nonparticipating candidate for the same nomination or primary. The
884 commission shall also issue a report on said determination.

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

890 reduced under subsection (b) of this section, or (2) who are entitled to
891 funding to match, during said seven-day period, independent
892 expenditures pursuant to section 18 of this act.

893 Sec. 22. Section 9-333a of the general statutes is repealed and the
894 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

895 As used in this chapter and sections 6 to 21, inclusive, of this act:

896 (1) "Committee" means a party committee, political committee or a
897 candidate committee organized, as the case may be, for a single
898 primary, election or referendum, or for ongoing political activities, to
899 aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any one or
900 more candidates for public office or the position of town committee
901 member or any referendum question.

902 (2) "Party committee" means a state central committee or a town
903 committee. "Party committee" does not mean a party-affiliated or
904 district, ward or borough committee which receives all of its funds
905 from the state central committee of its party or from a single town
906 committee with the same party affiliation. Any such committee so
907 funded shall be construed to be a part of its state central or town
908 committee for purposes of this chapter and sections 6 to 21, inclusive,
909 of this act.

910 (3) "Political committee" means [(A) a committee organized by a
911 business entity or organization, (B) persons other than individuals, or
912 two or more individuals organized or acting jointly conducting their
913 activities in or outside the state, (C) a committee established by a
914 candidate to determine the particular public office to which he shall
915 seek nomination or election, and referred to in this chapter as an
916 exploratory committee, or (D) a committee established by or on behalf
917 of a slate of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of the
918 peace, but does not mean a candidate committee or a party committee]
919 a legislative caucus committee.

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

921 single candidate, or established with the consent, authorization or
922 cooperation of a candidate, for the purpose of a single primary or
923 election and to aid or promote [his] such candidate's candidacy alone
924 for a particular public office or the position of town committee
925 member, but does not mean a political committee or a party
926 committee.

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

930 (6) "Organization" means all labor organizations, (A) as defined in
931 the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as from
932 time to time amended, or (B) as defined in subdivision (9) of section
933 31-101, employee organizations as defined in subsection (d) of section
934 5-270 and subdivision (6) of section 7-467, bargaining representative
935 organizations for teachers, any local, state or national organization, to
936 which a labor organization pays membership or per capita fees, based
937 upon its affiliation or membership, and trade or professional
938 associations which receive their funds exclusively from membership
939 dues, whether organized in or outside of this state, but does not mean
940 a candidate committee, party committee or a political committee.

941 (7) "Business entity" means the following, whether organized in or
942 outside of this state: Stock corporations, banks, insurance companies,
943 business associations, bankers associations, insurance associations,
944 trade or professional associations which receive funds from
945 membership dues and other sources, partnerships, joint ventures,
946 private foundations, as defined in Section 509 of the Internal Revenue
947 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
948 of the United States, as from time to time amended; trusts or estates;
949 corporations organized under sections 38a-175 to 38a-192, inclusive,
950 38a-199 to 38a-209, inclusive, and 38a-214 to 38a-225, inclusive, and
951 chapters 594 to 597, inclusive; cooperatives, and any other association,
952 organization or entity which is engaged in the operation of a business
953 or profit-making activity; but does not include professional service

954 corporations organized under chapter 594a and owned by a single
955 individual, nonstock corporations which are not engaged in business
956 or profit-making activity, organizations, as defined in subdivision (6)
957 of this section, candidate committees, party committees and political
958 committees as defined in this section. For purposes of this chapter,
959 corporations which are component members of a controlled group of
960 corporations, as those terms are defined in Section 1563 of the Internal
961 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
962 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, shall
963 be deemed to be one corporation.

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

967 (9) "Person" means an individual, committee, firm, partnership,
968 organization, association, syndicate, company trust, corporation,
969 limited liability company or any other legal entity of any kind but does
970 not mean the state or any political or administrative subdivision of the
971 state.

972 (10) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for
973 election or election to public office whether or not such individual is
974 elected, and for the purposes of this chapter and sections 6 to 21,
975 inclusive, of this act an individual shall be deemed to seek nomination
976 for election or election if [he] such individual has (A) been endorsed by
977 a party or become eligible for a position on the ballot at an election or
978 primary, or (B) solicited or received contributions, made expenditures
979 or given [his] such individual's consent to any other person to solicit or
980 receive contributions or make expenditures with the intent to bring
981 about [his] such individual's nomination for election or election to any
982 such office. "Candidate" also means a slate of candidates which is to
983 appear on the ballot in a primary for the office of justice of the peace.
984 For the purposes of sections 9-333 to 9-333l, inclusive, as amended by
985 this act, and section 9-333w, "candidate" also means an individual who
986 is a candidate in a primary for town committee members.

987 (11) "Campaign treasurer" means the individual appointed by a
988 candidate or by the [chairman] chairperson of a party committee or a
989 political committee to receive and disburse funds on behalf of the
990 candidate or committee.

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

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

998 (14) "Referendum question" means a question to be voted upon at
999 any election or referendum, including a proposed constitutional
1000 amendment.

1001 (15) "Lobbyist" means a lobbyist as defined in subsection (l) of
1002 section 1-91.

1003 (16) "Business with which he is associated" means any business in
1004 which the contributor is a director, officer, owner, limited or general
1005 partner or holder of stock constituting five per cent or more of the total
1006 outstanding stock of any class. Officer refers only to the president,
1007 executive or senior vice-president or treasurer of such business.

1008 (17) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure that is made
1009 without the consent, knowing participation, or consultation of, a
1010 candidate or agent of the candidate committee. "Independent
1011 expenditure" does not include an expenditure (A) if there is any
1012 coordination or direction with respect to the expenditure between the
1013 candidate or the treasurer, deputy treasurer or [chairman] chairperson
1014 of [his] such candidate committee and the person making the
1015 expenditure, or (B) if, during the same election cycle, the individual
1016 making the expenditure serves or has served as the treasurer, deputy
1017 treasurer or [chairman] chairperson of the candidate committee.

1018 (18) "Federal account" means a depository account that is subject to
1019 the disclosure and contribution limits provided under the Federal
1020 Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended from time to time.

1021 (19) "Public funds" means funds belonging to, or under the control
1022 of, the state or a political subdivision of the state.

1023 (20) "Legislative caucus committee" means a committee designated
1024 by the majority of the members of a political party who are also state
1025 representatives or state senators, which designation is certified by the
1026 chairperson of the committee on the registration filed with the State
1027 Elections Enforcement Commission. The committee shall be identified
1028 by the house of the General Assembly in which such legislators serve
1029 and the political party to which they belong.

1030 (21) "Immediate family" means any spouse of an individual or any
1031 dependent child of an individual who resides in the individual's
1032 household.

1033 Sec. 23. Section 9-333b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1034 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1035 (a) As used in this chapter and sections 6 to 21, inclusive, of this act,
1036 "contribution" means:

1037 (1) Any gift, subscription, loan, advance, payment or deposit of
1038 money or anything of value, made for the purpose of influencing the
1039 nomination for election, or election, of any person or for the purpose of
1040 aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any referendum question
1041 or on behalf of any political party;

1042 (2) A written contract, promise or agreement to make a contribution
1043 for any such purpose;

1044 (3) The payment by any person, other than a candidate or campaign
1045 treasurer, of compensation for the personal services of any other
1046 person which are rendered without charge to a committee or candidate
1047 for any such purpose;

1048 (4) An expenditure when made by a person with the cooperation of,
1049 or in consultation with, any candidate, candidate committee or
1050 candidate's agent or which is made in concert with, or at the request or
1051 suggestion of, any candidate, candidate committee or candidate's
1052 agent; or

1053 (5) Funds received by a committee which are transferred from
1054 another committee or other source for any such purpose.

1055 (b) As used in this chapter and sections 6 to 21, inclusive, of this act,
1056 "contribution" does not mean:

1057 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a
1058 national or state bank;

1059 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or
1060 association to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
1061 administrative personnel, or their families;

1062 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns
1063 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,
1064 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their
1065 families;

1066 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
1067 their time;

1068 (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,
1069 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a
1070 candidate or on behalf of a state central or town committee, in
1071 rendering voluntary personal services for candidate or party-related
1072 activities at the individual's residence, to the extent that the cumulative
1073 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by the individual
1074 on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed two hundred dollars
1075 with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central
1076 and town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in any
1077 calendar year;

1078 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use in a candidate's campaign or
1079 for use by a state central or town committee at a discount, if the charge
1080 is not less than the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative
1081 value of the discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate does
1082 not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to any single election,
1083 and on behalf of all state central and town committees does not exceed
1084 four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

1085 (7) Any unreimbursed payment for travel expenses made by an
1086 individual who on the individual's own behalf volunteers the
1087 individual's personal services to any single candidate to the extent the
1088 cumulative value does not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to
1089 any single election, and on behalf of all state central or town
1090 committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

1091 (8) The payment, by a party committee, political committee or an
1092 individual, of the costs of preparation, display, mailing or other
1093 distribution incurred by the committee or individual with respect to
1094 any printed slate card, sample ballot or other printed list containing
1095 the names of three or more candidates;

1096 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual
1097 to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction,
1098 or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to
1099 the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not
1100 exceed fifty dollars;

1101 [(10) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
1102 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair, provided the
1103 cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty
1104 dollars from any single candidate or the candidate's committee with
1105 respect to any single election campaign or two hundred fifty dollars
1106 from any single party committee or other political committee in any
1107 calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for
1108 purchases by any other person;]

1109 [(11)] (10) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's

1110 candidate committee;

1111 [(12)] (11) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a
1112 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to
1113 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed one
1114 hundred dollars;

1115 [(13)] (12) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a
1116 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications
1117 service for a committee, provided the security deposit is refunded to
1118 the individual;

1119 [(14)] (13) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and
1120 managerial support, and broadcast time by a community antenna
1121 television company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
1122 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major
1123 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to
1124 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such
1125 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a
1126 political party; or

1127 [(15)] (14) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an
1128 individual at a town fair, county fair or similar mass gathering held
1129 within the state, to the extent that the cumulative payment made by
1130 any one individual for such items does not exceed fifty dollars.

1131 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 9-333e of the general statutes is
1132 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1133 *passage*):

1134 (a) Statements filed by party committees, political committees,
1135 [formed to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum
1136 question proposing a constitutional convention, constitutional
1137 amendment or revision of the Constitution,] individual lobbyists, and
1138 those political committees and candidate committees formed to aid or
1139 promote the success or defeat of any candidate for the office of
1140 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,

1141 State Comptroller, Attorney General, judge of probate and members of
1142 the General Assembly, shall be filed with the [office of the Secretary of
1143 the State] State Elections Enforcement Commission. A copy of each
1144 statement filed by a town committee shall be filed at the same time
1145 with the town clerk of the municipality in which the committee is
1146 situated. A political committee formed for a slate of candidates in a
1147 primary for the office of justice of the peace shall file statements with
1148 both the Secretary of the State and the town clerk of the municipality in
1149 which the primary is to be held.

1150 Sec. 25. Subsection (e) of section 9-333j of the general statutes is
1151 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1152 *passage*):

1153 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter, [to the
1154 contrary,] in the event of a surplus the campaign treasurer of a
1155 candidate committee or of a political committee, [other than a political
1156 committee formed for ongoing political activities or an exploratory
1157 committee,] shall distribute or expend such surplus [within] not later
1158 than ninety days after a primary which results in the defeat of the
1159 candidate, an election or referendum not held in November or by
1160 January thirty-first following an election or referendum held in
1161 November, in the following manner:

1162 (A) Such committees may distribute their surplus to a party
1163 committee, [or a political committee organized for ongoing political
1164 activities,] return such surplus to all contributors to the committee on a
1165 prorated basis of contribution, distribute all or any part of such surplus
1166 to the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 1 of this act or
1167 distribute such surplus to any charitable organization which is a tax-
1168 exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
1169 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
1170 of the United States, as from time to time amended, provided (i) no
1171 candidate committee may distribute such surplus to a committee
1172 which has been established to finance future political campaigns of the
1173 candidate, and (ii) a candidate committee which received moneys from

1174 the Citizens' Election Fund shall distribute such surplus to such fund;

1175 (B) Each such political committee established by an organization
1176 which received its funds from the organization's treasury shall return
1177 its surplus to its sponsoring organization;

1178 (C) [(i)] Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote
1179 the success or defeat of any referendum question, which does not
1180 receive contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall
1181 distribute its surplus to a party committee, [to a political committee
1182 organized for ongoing political activities,] to a national committee of a
1183 political party, to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis
1184 of contribution, to state or municipal governments or agencies or to
1185 any organization which is a tax-exempt organization under Section
1186 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent
1187 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time
1188 to time amended. [, (ii) each political committee formed solely to aid or
1189 promote the success or defeat of any referendum question, which
1190 receives contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall
1191 distribute its surplus to all contributors to the committee on a prorated
1192 basis of contribution, to state or municipal governments or agencies, or
1193 to any organization which is tax-exempt under said provisions of the
1194 Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
1195 subsection, a committee formed for a single referendum shall not be
1196 required to expend its surplus within ninety days after the referendum
1197 and may continue in existence if a substantially similar referendum
1198 question on the same issue will be submitted to the electorate within
1199 six months after the first referendum. If two or more substantially
1200 similar referenda on the same issue are submitted to the electorate,
1201 each no more than six months apart, the committee shall expend such
1202 surplus within ninety days following the date of the last such
1203 referendum;]

1204 (D) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee of a
1205 candidate who is elected to office may, upon the authorization of such
1206 candidate, expend surplus campaign funds to pay for the cost of

1207 clerical, secretarial or other office expenses necessarily incurred by
1208 such candidate in preparation for taking office; except such surplus
1209 shall not be distributed for the personal benefit of any individual or to
1210 any organization; and

1211 (E) The campaign treasurer of a candidate committee, or of a
1212 political committee, other than a political committee formed for
1213 ongoing political activities or an exploratory committee, shall, prior to
1214 the dissolution of such committee, either (i) distribute any equipment
1215 purchased, including but not limited to computer equipment, to any
1216 recipient as set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or (ii) sell
1217 any equipment purchased, including but not limited to computer
1218 equipment, to any person for fair market value and then distribute the
1219 proceeds of such sale to any recipient as set forth in said subparagraph
1220 (A).

1221 (2) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter, [to the
1222 contrary,] the campaign treasurer of the candidate committee of a
1223 candidate who has withdrawn from a primary or election may, prior to
1224 the primary or election, distribute its surplus to any organization
1225 which is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
1226 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
1227 of the United States, as from time to time amended, or return such
1228 surplus to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of
1229 contribution.

1230 (3) [Within] Not later than seven days after such distribution or
1231 [within] not later than seven days after all funds have been expended
1232 in accordance with subparagraph (D) of subdivision (1) of this
1233 subsection, the campaign treasurer shall file a supplemental statement,
1234 sworn under penalty of false statement, with the proper authority,
1235 identifying all further contributions received since the previous
1236 statement and explaining how any surplus has been distributed or
1237 expended in accordance with this section. No surplus may be
1238 distributed or expended until after the election, primary or
1239 referendum.

1240 (4) In the event of a deficit, the campaign treasurer shall file a
1241 supplemental statement ninety days after an election, primary or
1242 referendum not held in November or on the seventh calendar day in
1243 February, or the next business day if such day is a Saturday, Sunday or
1244 legal holiday, after an election or referendum held in November, with
1245 the proper authority and, thereafter, on the seventh day of each month
1246 following if on the last day of the previous month there was an
1247 increase or decrease in the deficit in excess of five hundred dollars
1248 from that reported on the last statement filed. The campaign treasurer
1249 shall file such supplemental statements as required until the deficit is
1250 eliminated. If any such committee does not have a surplus or a deficit,
1251 the statement required to be filed [within] not later than forty-five days
1252 following any election or referendum not held in November or on the
1253 seventh calendar day in January, or the next business day if such day is
1254 a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, following an election or
1255 referendum held in November, or [within] not later than thirty days
1256 following any primary shall be the last required statement.

1257 Sec. 26. Subsection (a) of section 9-333k of the general statutes is
1258 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1259 *passage*):

1260 (a) The [chairman] chairperson of each party committee shall
1261 designate a campaign treasurer and may designate a deputy campaign
1262 treasurer, or in the case of a state central committee, not more than two
1263 deputy campaign treasurers. The campaign treasurer and any deputy
1264 campaign treasurers so designated shall sign a statement accepting the
1265 designation, which shall be filed with the proper authority with the
1266 statement of designation required under subdivision (1) of subsection
1267 (a) of section 9-333d. No state central committee or town committee
1268 shall establish a committee other than a single party committee for
1269 purposes of this chapter. The members of the same political party in a
1270 house of the General Assembly may establish not more than legislative
1271 caucus committees. A party committee or a political committee
1272 organized for ongoing political activities shall form no other political
1273 committees, except that two or more such committees may join to form

1274 a political committee for the purpose of a single fund-raising event.

1275 Sec. 27. Subsection (g) of section 9-333l of the general statutes is
1276 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1277 *passage and applicable to elections held in 2006, and thereafter*):

1278 (g) [As used in this subsection, "immediate family" means any
1279 spouse or dependent child who resides in a lobbyist's household.] Each
1280 lobbyist who is an individual and, in conjunction with members of his
1281 immediate family, makes contributions to or purchases from
1282 committees exceeding one thousand dollars in the aggregate during
1283 the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 1993, or July first in any
1284 year thereafter, shall file a statement, sworn under penalty of false
1285 statement, with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
1286 provisions of section 9-333e, as amended by this act, on the second
1287 Thursday in July following the end of such twelve-month period. The
1288 statement shall include: (1) The name of each committee to which the
1289 lobbyist or a member of his immediate family has made a contribution
1290 and the amount and date of each such contribution; and (2) the name
1291 of each committee from which the lobbyist or member of his
1292 immediate family has purchased any item of property or advertising
1293 space in a program in connection with a fund-raising event which is
1294 not considered a contribution under subsection (b) of section 9-333b, as
1295 amended by this act, and the amount, date and description of each
1296 such purchase. Each lobbyist who is an individual and who, in
1297 conjunction with members of his immediate family, does not make
1298 contributions to or purchases from committees exceeding one
1299 thousand dollars in the aggregate during any such twelve-month
1300 period shall file a statement, sworn under penalty of false statement,
1301 with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of
1302 section 9-333e, as amended by this act, on the second Thursday in July,
1303 so indicating.

1304 Sec. 28. Section 9-333l of the general statutes is amended by adding
1305 subsections (h), (i) and (j) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

1306 (NEW) (h) (1) No lobbyist, immediate family member of a lobbyist,
1307 agent of a lobbyist, or political committee established or controlled by
1308 a lobbyist or any such immediate family member or agent shall (A)
1309 solicit a contribution on behalf of a candidate committee or an
1310 exploratory committee established by a candidate for any public office,
1311 (B) participate in any fund-raising activities for any such candidate
1312 committee or exploratory committee, including, but not limited to,
1313 forwarding tickets to potential contributors, (C) serve as chairperson,
1314 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or any other officer of
1315 any such candidate committee or exploratory committee or any
1316 political committee, or (D) establish a political committee for the sole
1317 purpose of soliciting or receiving contributions for any such candidate
1318 committee or exploratory committee.

1319 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not
1320 prohibit a lobbyist, immediate family member of a lobbyist, agent of a
1321 lobbyist, or political committee established or controlled by a lobbyist
1322 or any such immediate family member or agent from (A) making a
1323 contribution that is otherwise permitted under this chapter, (B)
1324 informing any person of a position taken by a candidate for public
1325 office or a public official, or (C) notifying any person of the campaign
1326 activities of any candidate for public office.

1327 (3) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not
1328 apply to the campaign of a lobbyist, immediate family member of a
1329 lobbyist or agent of a lobbyist who is a candidate for public office.

1330 (4) Any person who violates any provision of this subsection shall
1331 be subject to a civil penalty, imposed by the State Elections
1332 Enforcement Commission, of not more than five thousand dollars or
1333 twice the amount of any contribution solicited in violation of this
1334 subsection, whichever is greater.

1335 (5) As used in this subsection, "agent" means any person acting at
1336 the direction of an individual.

1337 (NEW) (i) No lobbyist, immediate family member of a lobbyist, or

1338 political committee established or controlled by a lobbyist or an
1339 immediate family member of a lobbyist shall make a contribution or
1340 contributions to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for
1341 nomination at a primary or election to any public office.

1342 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 9-333n of the general statutes is
1343 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1344 *passage*):

1345 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any
1346 one calendar year in excess of five thousand dollars to the state central
1347 committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant
1348 to its authorization or request; or one thousand dollars to a town
1349 committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such committee
1350 pursuant to its authorization or request; or one thousand dollars to a
1351 political committee other than (1) a political committee formed solely
1352 to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum question, (2) an
1353 exploratory committee, (3) a political committee established by an
1354 organization, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant to its
1355 authorization or request, or (4) a political committee formed by a slate
1356 of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of the peace of the
1357 same town. No individual who intends to make a contribution to any
1358 clearly identifiable candidate's campaign for nomination or election to
1359 any public office may do so unless the contribution is made directly to
1360 the candidate's designated candidate or exploratory committee or to a
1361 solicitor appointed by the campaign treasurer of such committee. A
1362 party committee may not accept a contribution from an individual that
1363 is intended to be made for such purpose. This prohibition shall not
1364 apply to a contribution made to benefit a slate of candidates whose
1365 campaigns are funded solely by a party committee as permitted by
1366 subsection (b) of section 9-333f.

1367 Sec. 30. Subsection (e) of section 9-333n of the general statutes is
1368 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1369 *passage*):

1370 (e) (1) Any individual acting alone may, independent of any
1371 candidate, agent of the candidate, or committee, make unlimited
1372 expenditures to promote the success or defeat of any candidate's
1373 campaign for election, or nomination at a primary, to any office or
1374 position. [, provided] Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
1375 subsection, any individual who makes an independent expenditure or
1376 expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars to promote the success
1377 or defeat of any candidate's campaign for election, or nomination at a
1378 primary, to any such office or position shall file statements according
1379 to the same schedule and in the same manner as is required of a
1380 campaign treasurer of a candidate committee under section 9-333j, as
1381 amended by this act.

1382 (2) Any person who makes or obligates to make an independent
1383 expenditure, as defined in section 9-333a, as amended by this act,
1384 intended to promote the success or defeat of a candidate for a state
1385 office which exceeds one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, during a
1386 primary campaign or a general election campaign, as defined in
1387 section 6 of this act, shall file a report of such independent expenditure
1388 to the State Elections Enforcement Commission. The report shall be in
1389 the same form as statements filed under section 9-333j, as amended by
1390 this act. If the person makes or obligates to make such independent
1391 expenditure more than twenty days before the day of a primary or
1392 election, the person shall file such report not later than forty-eight
1393 hours after such payment or obligation. If the person makes or
1394 obligates to make such independent expenditure twenty days or less
1395 before the day of a primary or election, the person shall file such report
1396 not later than twenty-four hours after such payment or obligation. The
1397 report shall be filed under penalty of false statement.

1398 (3) The independent expenditure report in subdivision (2) of this
1399 subsection shall include a statement (A) identifying the candidate for
1400 whom the independent expenditure is intended to promote the success
1401 or defeat, and (B) affirming that the expenditure is totally independent
1402 and involves no cooperation or coordination with or direction from a
1403 candidate or a political party.

1404 (4) Any person may file a complaint with the commission upon the
1405 belief that (A) any such independent expenditure report or statement
1406 is false, or (B) any person who is required to file an independent
1407 expenditure report under subdivision (2) of this subsection has failed
1408 to do so. The commission shall make a prompt determination on such
1409 a complaint.

1410 Sec. 31. Sec. 9-333n of the general statutes is amended by adding
1411 subsection (g) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

1412 (NEW) (g) (1) No unclassified official or employee in the executive
1413 branch shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit
1414 of, any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election to
1415 the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, in excess of one
1416 hundred dollars.

1417 (2) No unclassified official or employee of the office of the Attorney
1418 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer
1419 shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
1420 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the
1421 office in which such official or employee serves, in excess of one
1422 hundred dollars.

1423 (3) No member of a caucus staff for a major party in the Senate or
1424 House of Representatives shall make a contribution or contributions to,
1425 or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for nomination at a
1426 primary or election to the office of state senator or state representative,
1427 in excess of one hundred dollars.

1428 Sec. 32. Section 9-333s of the general statutes is repealed and the
1429 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1430 (a) A party committee may make unlimited contributions to, or for
1431 the benefit of, any of the following: (1) Another party committee; (2) a
1432 candidate committee, except as provided under subsections (b) and (c)
1433 of this subsection; (3) a national committee of a political party; (4) a
1434 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office; or (5) a

1435 political committee. A party committee may also make contributions to
1436 a charitable organization which is a tax-exempt organization under
1437 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time
1438 amended, or make memorial contributions. A town committee may
1439 also contribute to a scholarship awarded by a high school on the basis
1440 of objective criteria.

1441 (b) No state central committee shall make a contribution or
1442 contributions in excess of (A) sixty thousand dollars to a candidate
1443 committee established to aid or promote the success of one candidate
1444 for nomination at a primary or election to the office of Governor, (B)
1445 twenty-five thousand dollars to a candidate committee established to
1446 aid or promote the success of one candidate for nomination at a
1447 primary or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of
1448 the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney General, (C)
1449 ten thousand dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or
1450 promote the success of one candidate for nomination at a primary or
1451 election to the office of state senator, or (D) five thousand dollars to a
1452 candidate committee established to aid or promote the success of one
1453 candidate for nomination at a primary or election to the office of state
1454 representative. The limits imposed by this subsection shall not apply
1455 separately to primaries and elections.

1456 (c) (1) No town committee shall make a contribution or
1457 contributions in excess of (A) ten thousand dollars to a candidate
1458 committee established to aid or promote the success of one candidate
1459 for nomination at a primary or election to the office of Governor, or (B)
1460 five thousand dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or
1461 promote the success of one candidate for nomination at a primary or
1462 election to the office of Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,
1463 State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney General.

1464 (2) No town committee shall make a contribution or contributions in
1465 excess of three thousand dollars to a candidate committee established
1466 to aid or promote the success of one candidate for nomination at a
1467 primary or election to the office of state senator, provided a town

1468 committee shall not make any contribution to any such candidate
1469 unless all or a portion of the municipality of the town committee is
1470 located in the senatorial district to which such candidate is seeking
1471 election.

1472 (3) No town committee shall make a contribution or contributions in
1473 excess of one thousand dollars to a candidate committee established to
1474 aid or promote the success of one candidate for nomination at a
1475 primary or election to the office of state representative, provided a
1476 town committee shall not make any contribution to any such candidate
1477 unless all or a portion of the municipality of the town committee is
1478 located in the assembly district to which such candidate is seeking
1479 election.

1480 (4) The limits imposed by this subsection shall not apply separately
1481 to primaries and elections.

1482 [(b)] (d) A party committee may receive contributions from a federal
1483 account of a national committee of a political party, but may not
1484 receive contributions from any other account of a national committee
1485 of a political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or
1486 out-of-state office, for use in the election of candidates subject to the
1487 provisions of this chapter.

1488 Sec. 33. Section 9-333t of the general statutes is repealed and the
1489 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1490 [(a)] (a) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
1491 may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party
1492 committee; any national committee of a political party; a candidate
1493 committee; or a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state
1494 office. No such political committee shall make a contribution or
1495 contributions in excess of two thousand dollars to another political
1496 committee in any calendar year except that a political committee
1497 organized by a business entity may make unlimited contributions to,
1498 or for the benefit of, another political committee organized by a
1499 business entity. No political committee organized for ongoing political

1500 activities shall make a contribution in excess of two hundred fifty
1501 dollars to an exploratory committee. If such an ongoing committee is
1502 established by an organization or a business entity, its contributions
1503 shall be subject to the limits imposed by sections 9-333o to 9-333q,
1504 inclusive. A political committee organized for ongoing political
1505 activities may make contributions to a charitable organization which is
1506 a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
1507 Revenue Code, as from time to time amended, or make memorial
1508 contributions.]

1509 (a) A legislative caucus committee may make in-kind contributions
1510 for the benefit of the candidate committee of any candidate for the
1511 office of state senator or state representative. The total, combined
1512 aggregate value of such in-kind contributions that may be made by the
1513 legislative caucus committee for the caucus to which the candidate is
1514 seeking election, for the benefit of such candidate committee for any
1515 election, shall not exceed an amount equal to five per cent of the grant
1516 that the candidate committee of a participating candidate, as defined in
1517 section 8 of this act, is eligible to receive under section 10 of this act for
1518 a general election campaign.

1519 (b) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
1520 may receive contributions from the federal account of a national
1521 committee of a political party, but may not receive contributions from
1522 any other account of a national committee of a political party or from a
1523 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office.

1524 Sec. 34. Subsection (b) of section 9-333y of the general statutes is
1525 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1526 *passage*):

1527 (b) If any campaign treasurer or lobbyist fails to file the statements
1528 required by section 9-333j, as amended by this act, or subsection (g) of
1529 section 9-333l, as the case may be, within the time required, [he] the
1530 campaign treasurer or lobbyist shall pay a late filing fee of fifty-five
1531 dollars. In the case of a statement that is required to be filed with the

1532 [Secretary of the State, the secretary] State Elections Enforcement
1533 Commission, the commission shall, within ten days after the filing
1534 deadline, notify by certified mail, return receipt requested, the person
1535 required to file that, if such statement is not filed within twenty-one
1536 days after the deadline, the person is in violation of said section or
1537 subsection. [If the person does not file such statement within twenty-
1538 one days after the deadline, the secretary shall notify the State
1539 Elections Enforcement Commission within twenty-eight days after the
1540 deadline.] In the case of a copy of a statement that is required to be
1541 filed with the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the
1542 commission shall, not later than ten days after the filing deadline,
1543 notify, by certified mail, return receipt requested, the person required
1544 to file that if such statement is not filed not later than twenty-one days
1545 after the deadline the person is in violation of section 9-333j, as
1546 amended by this act. In the case of a statement that is required to be
1547 filed with a town clerk, the town clerk shall forthwith after the filing
1548 deadline notify by certified mail, return receipt requested, the person
1549 required to file that, if such statement is not filed within seven days
1550 after receiving such notice, the town clerk shall notify the State
1551 Elections Enforcement Commission that the person is in violation of
1552 said section or subsection. The penalty for any violation of said section
1553 or subsection shall be a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or
1554 imprisonment for not more than one year or both.

1555 Sec. 35. Section 9-7b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1556 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1557 (a) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall have the
1558 following duties and powers:

1559 (1) To make investigations on its own initiative or with respect to
1560 statements filed with the commission by the Secretary of the State or
1561 any town clerk, or upon written complaint under oath by any
1562 individual, with respect to alleged violations of any provision of the
1563 general statutes and sections 6 to 21, inclusive, of this act, relating to
1564 any election or referendum, any primary held pursuant to section 9-

1565 423, 9-425 or 9-464 or any primary held pursuant to a special act, and
1566 to hold hearings when the commission deems necessary to investigate
1567 violations of any provisions of the general statutes or sections 6 to 21,
1568 inclusive, of this act, relating to any such election, primary or
1569 referendum, and for the purpose of such hearings the commission may
1570 administer oaths, examine witnesses and receive oral and
1571 documentary evidence, and shall have the power to subpoena
1572 witnesses under procedural rules the commission shall adopt, to
1573 compel their attendance and to require the production for examination
1574 of any books and papers which the commission deems relevant to any
1575 matter under investigation or in question. In connection with its
1576 investigation of any alleged violation of any provision of chapter 145,
1577 or of any provision of section 9-359 or section 9-359a, the commission
1578 shall also have the power to subpoena any municipal clerk and to
1579 require the production for examination of any absentee ballot, inner
1580 and outer envelope from which any such ballot has been removed,
1581 depository envelope containing any such ballot or inner or outer
1582 envelope as provided in sections 9-150a and 9-150b and any other
1583 record, form or document as provided in section 9-150b, in connection
1584 with the election, primary or referendum to which the investigation
1585 relates. In case of a refusal to comply with any subpoena issued
1586 pursuant to this subsection or to testify with respect to any matter
1587 upon which that person may be lawfully interrogated, the superior
1588 court for the judicial district of Hartford, on application of the
1589 commission, may issue an order requiring such person to comply with
1590 such subpoena and to testify; failure to obey any such order of the
1591 court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof. In any
1592 matter under investigation which concerns the operation or inspection
1593 of or outcome recorded on any voting machine, the commission may
1594 issue an order to the municipal clerk to impound such machine until
1595 the investigation is completed;

1596 (2) To levy a civil penalty not to exceed (A) two thousand dollars
1597 per offense against any person the commission finds to be in violation
1598 of any provision of chapter 145, part V of chapter 146, part I of chapter

1599 147, chapter 148, section 9-12, subsection (a) of section 9-17, section 9-
1600 19b, 9-19e, 9-19g, 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, 9-21, 9-23a, 9-23g, 9-23h, 9-23j to 9-
1601 23o, inclusive, 9-23r, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, 9-35c, 9-40a, 9-42, 9-
1602 43, 9-50a, 9-56, 9-59, 9-168d, 9-170, 9-171, 9-172, 9-232i to 9-232o,
1603 inclusive, 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, 9-409, 9-410, 9-412, 9-436, 9-436a,
1604 9-453e to 9-453h, inclusive, 9-453k or 9-453o, or (B) two thousand
1605 dollars per offense or twice the amount of any improper payment or
1606 contribution, whichever is greater, against any person the commission
1607 finds to be in violation of any provision of chapter 150 or sections 6 to
1608 21, inclusive, of this act. The commission may levy a civil penalty
1609 against any person under subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision
1610 only after giving the person an opportunity to be heard at a hearing
1611 conducted in accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive. In the
1612 case of failure to pay any such penalty levied pursuant to this
1613 subsection within thirty days of written notice sent by certified or
1614 registered mail to such person, the superior court for the judicial
1615 district of Hartford, on application of the commission, may issue an
1616 order requiring such person to pay the penalty imposed and such
1617 court costs, state marshal's fees and attorney's fees incurred by the
1618 commission as the court may determine. Any civil penalties paid,
1619 collected or recovered under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision for a
1620 violation of any provision of chapter 150 applying to the office of the
1621 Treasurer shall be deposited on a pro rata basis in any trust funds, as
1622 defined in section 3-13c, affected by such violation;

1623 (3) (A) To issue an order requiring any person the commission finds
1624 to have received any contribution or payment which is prohibited by
1625 any of the provisions of chapter 150, after an opportunity to be heard
1626 at a hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-
1627 176e to 4-184, inclusive, to return such contribution or payment to the
1628 donor or payor, or to remit such contribution or payment to the state
1629 for deposit in the General Fund, whichever is deemed necessary to
1630 effectuate the purposes of chapter 150;

1631 (B) To issue an order when the commission finds that an intentional
1632 violation of any provision of chapter 150 has been committed, after an

1633 opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in accordance with
1634 sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, which order may contain one or
1635 more of the following sanctions: (i) Removal of a campaign treasurer,
1636 deputy campaign treasurer or solicitor; (ii) prohibition on serving as a
1637 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or solicitor, for a
1638 period not to exceed four years; and (iii) in the case of a party
1639 committee or a political committee, suspension of all political
1640 activities, including, but not limited to, the receipt of contributions and
1641 the making of expenditures, provided the commission may not order
1642 such a suspension unless the commission has previously ordered the
1643 removal of the campaign treasurer and notifies the officers of the
1644 committee that the commission is considering such suspension;

1645 (C) To issue an order revoking any person's eligibility to be
1646 appointed or serve as an election, primary or referendum official or
1647 unofficial checker or in any capacity at the polls on the day of an
1648 election, primary or referendum, when the commission finds such
1649 person has intentionally violated any provision of the general statutes
1650 relating to the conduct of an election, primary or referendum, after an
1651 opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in accordance with
1652 sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive;

1653 (D) To issue an order to enforce the provisions of the Help America
1654 Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time, as the
1655 commission deems appropriate;

1656 (4) To issue an order to a candidate committee that receives moneys
1657 from the Citizens' Election Fund pursuant to sections 1 and 6 to 21,
1658 inclusive, of this act, to comply with the provisions of sections 1 and 6
1659 to 21, inclusive, of this act after an opportunity to be heard at a hearing
1660 conducted in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-176e to 4-
1661 184, inclusive;

1662 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) To inspect or audit at any reasonable time and upon
1663 reasonable notice the accounts or records of any campaign treasurer or
1664 principal campaign treasurer, as required by chapter 150 and to audit

1665 any such election, primary or referendum held within the state;
1666 provided, (A) (i) not later than two months preceding the day of an
1667 election at which a candidate is seeking election, the commission shall
1668 complete any audit it has initiated in the absence of a complaint that
1669 involves a committee of the same candidate from a previous election,
1670 and (ii) during the two-month period preceding the day of an election
1671 at which a candidate is seeking election, the commission shall not
1672 initiate an audit in the absence of a complaint that involves a
1673 committee of the same candidate from a previous election, and (B) the
1674 commission shall not audit any caucus, as defined in subdivision (1) of
1675 section 9-372;

1676 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) To attempt to secure voluntary compliance, by informal
1677 methods of conference, conciliation and persuasion, with any
1678 provision of chapters 149 to 153, inclusive, or any other provision of
1679 the general statutes relating to any such election, primary or
1680 referendum;

1681 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) To consult with the Secretary of the State, the Chief State's
1682 Attorney or the Attorney General on any matter which the commission
1683 deems appropriate;

1684 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) To refer to the Chief State's Attorney evidence bearing upon
1685 violation of any provision of chapters 149 to 153, inclusive, or any
1686 other provision of the general statutes pertaining to or relating to any
1687 such election, primary or referendum;

1688 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) To refer to the Attorney General evidence for injunctive
1689 relief and any other ancillary equitable relief in the circumstances of
1690 subdivision ~~[(7)]~~ (8) of this subsection. Nothing in this subdivision
1691 shall preclude a person who claims that he is aggrieved by a violation
1692 of any provision of chapter 152 or any other provision of the general
1693 statutes relating to referenda from pursuing injunctive and any other
1694 ancillary equitable relief directly from the Superior Court by the filing
1695 of a complaint;

1696 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) To refer to the Attorney General evidence pertaining to any

1697 ruling which the commission finds to be in error made by election
1698 officials in connection with any election, primary or referendum. Those
1699 remedies and procedures available to parties claiming to be aggrieved
1700 under the provisions of sections 9-323, 9-324, 9-328 and 9-329a shall
1701 apply to any complaint brought by the Attorney General as a result of
1702 the provisions of this subdivision;

1703 [(10)] (11) To consult with the United States Department of Justice
1704 and the United States Attorney for Connecticut on any investigation
1705 pertaining to a violation of this section, section 9-12, subsection (a) of
1706 section 9-17 or section 9-19b, 9-19e, 9-19g, 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, 9-21, 9-23a,
1707 9-23g, 9-23h, 9-23j to 9-23o, inclusive, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, 9-
1708 35c, 9-40a, 9-42, 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56 or 9-59 and to refer to said department
1709 and attorney evidence bearing upon any such violation for prosecution
1710 under the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
1711 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time;

1712 [(11)] (12) To inspect reports filed with the Secretary of the State and
1713 with town clerks pursuant to chapter 150 and refer to the Chief State's
1714 Attorney evidence bearing upon any violation of law therein if such
1715 violation was committed knowingly and wilfully;

1716 [(12)] (13) To intervene in any action brought pursuant to the
1717 provisions of sections 9-323, 9-324, 9-328 and 9-329a upon application
1718 to the court in which such action is brought when in the opinion of the
1719 court it is necessary to preserve evidence of possible criminal violation
1720 of the election laws;

1721 [(13)] (14) To adopt and publish regulations pursuant to chapter 54
1722 to carry out the provisions of section 9-7a, this section and chapter 150;
1723 to issue upon request and publish advisory opinions in the
1724 Connecticut Law Journal upon the requirements of chapter 150, and to
1725 make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning
1726 suggested revisions of the election laws;

1727 [(14)] (15) To the extent that the Elections Enforcement Commission
1728 is involved in the investigation of alleged or suspected criminal

1729 violations of any provision of the general statutes pertaining to or
1730 relating to any such election, primary or referendum and is engaged in
1731 such investigation for the purpose of presenting evidence to the Chief
1732 State's Attorney, the Elections Enforcement Commission shall be
1733 deemed a law enforcement agency for purposes of subdivision (3) of
1734 subsection (b) of section 1-210, provided nothing in this section shall be
1735 construed to exempt the Elections Enforcement Commission in any
1736 other respect from the requirements of the Freedom of Information
1737 Act, as defined in section 1-200;

1738 [(15)] (16) To enter into such contractual agreements as may be
1739 necessary for the discharge of its duties, within the limits of its
1740 appropriated funds and in accordance with established procedures;

1741 [(16)] (17) To provide the Secretary of the State with notice and
1742 copies of all decisions rendered by the commission in contested cases,
1743 advisory opinions and declaratory judgments, at the time such
1744 decisions, judgments and opinions are made or issued;

1745 [(17)] (18) To receive and determine complaints filed under the Help
1746 America Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time, by any
1747 person who believes there is a violation of any provision of Title III of
1748 P.L. 107-252, as amended. Any complaint filed under this subdivision
1749 shall be in writing, notarized and signed and sworn by the person
1750 filing the complaint. At the request of the complainant, there shall be a
1751 hearing on the record, conducted in accordance with sections 4-167e to
1752 4-184, inclusive. The commission shall make a final determination with
1753 respect to a complaint prior to the expiration of the ninety-day period
1754 beginning on the date the complaint is filed, unless the complainant
1755 consents to a longer period for making such determination. If the
1756 commission fails to meet the applicable deadline under this
1757 subdivision with respect to a complaint, the commission shall resolve
1758 the complaint within sixty days after the expiration of such ninety-day
1759 period under an alternative dispute resolution procedure established
1760 by the commission.

1761 (b) In the case of a refusal to comply with an order of the
1762 commission issued pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this
1763 section, the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford, on
1764 application of the commission, may issue a further order to comply.
1765 Failure to obey such further order may be punished by the court as a
1766 contempt thereof.

1767 Sec. 36. Section 9-324 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1768 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1769 Any elector or candidate who claims that [he] such elector or
1770 candidate is aggrieved by any ruling of any election official in
1771 connection with any election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1772 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, State
1773 Comptroller or judge of probate, held in [his] such elector's or
1774 candidate's town, or that there has been a mistake in the count of the
1775 votes cast at such election for candidates for said offices or any of
1776 them, at any voting district in [his] such elector's or candidate's town,
1777 or any candidate for such an office who claims that [he] such candidate
1778 is aggrieved by a violation of any provision of [sections] section 9-355,
1779 sections 9-357 to 9-361, inclusive, section 9-364, 9-364a or 9-365 in the
1780 casting of absentee ballots at such election or any candidate for the
1781 office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State
1782 Treasurer, Attorney General or State Comptroller, who claims that
1783 such candidate is aggrieved by a violation of any provision of sections
1784 and sections 6 to 21, inclusive, of this act, may bring [his] such elector's
1785 or candidate's complaint to any judge of the Superior Court, in which
1786 [he] such elector or candidate shall set out the claimed errors of such
1787 election official, the claimed errors in the count or the claimed
1788 violations of said sections. In any action brought pursuant to the
1789 provisions of this section, the complainant shall send a copy of the
1790 complaint by first-class mail, or deliver a copy of the complaint by
1791 hand, to the State Elections Enforcement Commission. If such
1792 complaint is made prior to such election, such judge shall proceed
1793 expeditiously to render judgment on the complaint and shall cause
1794 notice of the hearing to be given to the Secretary of the State and the

1795 State Elections Enforcement Commission. If such complaint is made
1796 subsequent to the election, it shall be brought [within] not later than
1797 fourteen days of the election and such judge shall forthwith order a
1798 hearing to be had upon such complaint, upon a day not more than five
1799 nor less than three days from the making of such order, and shall cause
1800 notice of not less than three nor more than five days to be given to any
1801 candidate or candidates whose election may be affected by the decision
1802 upon such hearing, to such election official, the Secretary of the State,
1803 the State Elections Enforcement Commission and to any other party or
1804 parties whom such judge deems proper parties thereto, of the time and
1805 place for the hearing upon such complaint. Such judge shall, on the
1806 day fixed for such hearing and without unnecessary delay, proceed to
1807 hear the parties. If sufficient reason is shown, [he] such judge may
1808 order any voting machines to be unlocked or any ballot boxes to be
1809 opened and a recount of the votes cast, including absentee ballots, to
1810 be made. Such judge shall thereupon, in case [he] such judge finds any
1811 error in the rulings of the election official, any mistake in the count of
1812 the votes or any violation of said sections, certify the result of [his]
1813 such judge's finding or decision to the Secretary of the State before the
1814 fifteenth day of the next succeeding December. Such judge may order a
1815 new election or a change in the existing election schedule. Such
1816 certificate of such judge of [his] such judge's finding or decision shall
1817 be final and conclusive upon all questions relating to errors in the
1818 rulings of such election officials, to the correctness of such count, and,
1819 for the purposes of this section only, such claimed violations, and shall
1820 operate to correct the returns of the moderators or presiding officers,
1821 so as to conform to such finding or decision, unless the same is
1822 appealed from as provided in section 9-325.

1823 Sec. 37. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) No candidate for the
1824 office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
1825 Comptroller, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, state senator or
1826 state representative shall solicit contributions, on behalf of a candidate
1827 committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to any
1828 public office or on behalf of any political committee or party

1829 committee, or accept contributions (A) from any individual who (i) is
1830 an officer, director, owner, limited or general partner or holder of stock
1831 constituting five per cent or more of the total outstanding stock of any
1832 class of a business which has a contract with the state having a value of
1833 five thousand dollars or more, and (ii) has substantial policy or
1834 decision-making authority related to the administration of said
1835 contract, or (B) from a political committee established by said business.

1836 (2) No said individual from said business shall make a contribution
1837 to any candidate committee established by a candidate for the office of
1838 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
1839 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, state senator or state
1840 representative, during the term of said contract. If any said individual
1841 makes such a contribution, the business shall be prohibited from being
1842 awarded a state contract, or an extension or an amendment to a state
1843 contract, for one year after the election for which said contribution is
1844 made.

1845 (b) (1) No candidate for any elected office in a municipality shall
1846 solicit contributions, on behalf of a candidate committee established by
1847 a candidate for nomination or election to any public office or on behalf
1848 of any political committee or party committee, or accept contributions
1849 (A) from any individual who (i) is an officer, director, owner, limited
1850 or general partner or holder of stock constituting five per cent or more
1851 of the total outstanding stock of any class of a business which has a
1852 contract with said municipality having a value of five thousand dollars
1853 or more, and (ii) has substantial policy or decision-making authority
1854 related to the administration of said contract, or (B) from a political
1855 committee established by said business.

1856 (2) No said individual from said business shall make a contribution
1857 to any candidate committee established by a candidate for any elected
1858 office in a municipality, during the term of said contract. If any said
1859 individual makes such a contribution, the business shall be prohibited
1860 from being awarded a contract from said municipality, or an extension
1861 or an amendment to a contract with said municipality, for one year

1862 after the election for which said contribution is made.

1863 Sec. 38. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the
1864 provisions of section 7-192a of the general statutes, any municipality
1865 may, by ordinance adopted after a public hearing, establish (1) a
1866 voluntary program for the public financing of campaigns of candidates
1867 for election to the offices of chief executive officer of the municipality,
1868 municipal clerk and member of the legislative body of the
1869 municipality, who agree to limit campaign fund-raising and
1870 expenditures, and (2) a commission to administer and enforce such
1871 program. The municipality shall pay the costs of administering and
1872 enforcing such program. Any such ordinance (A) shall be subject to the
1873 provisions of chapter 150 of the general statutes, (B) shall not contain
1874 provisions that are less restrictive than the provisions of chapter 150 of
1875 the general statutes, and (C) shall conform to additional guidelines that
1876 the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall adopt. A candidate
1877 for any such office who decides not to participate in such program
1878 shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 150 of the general statutes.
1879 Any such public financing shall not be deemed to be public funds for
1880 the purposes of subsection (d) of section 9-333l of the general statutes,
1881 as amended by this act. The State Elections Enforcement Commission
1882 shall have oversight of any such municipal public financing program.

1883 Sec. 39. Section 9-348ee of the general statutes is repealed and the
1884 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1885 (a) The [Secretary of the State] State Elections Enforcement
1886 Commission shall (1) [not later than July 1, 1998,] create a software
1887 program or programs for the preparation of financial disclosure
1888 statements required by section 9-333j, as amended by this act, and (2)
1889 [not later than July 1, 1999,] prescribe the standard reporting format
1890 and specifications for other software programs created by vendors for
1891 such purpose. [, subject to the approval, for legal sufficiency, of the
1892 State Elections Enforcement Commission.] No software program
1893 created by a vendor may be used for the electronic submission of such
1894 financial disclosure statements, until the [Secretary of the State]

1895 commission determines that the program provides for the standard
1896 reporting format, and complies with the specifications, which are
1897 prescribed under subdivision (2) of this subsection for vendor software
1898 programs. The [secretary, in consultation with the] commission [,] shall
1899 provide training in the use of the software program or programs
1900 created by the secretary.

1901 (b) [On and after January 1, 1999, the] The campaign treasurer of the
1902 candidate committee for each candidate for nomination or election to
1903 the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
1904 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State who raises or
1905 spends two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more during an election
1906 campaign shall file in electronic form all financial disclosure
1907 statements required by said section 9-333j by either transmitting disks,
1908 tapes or other electronic storage media containing the contents of such
1909 statements to the [office of the Secretary of the State] State Elections
1910 Enforcement Commission or transmitting the statements on-line to
1911 said [office] commission. Each such campaign treasurer shall use either
1912 (1) a software program created by the [Secretary of the State]
1913 commission under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, for
1914 all such statements filed, [on or after January 1, 1999,] or (2) another
1915 software program which provides for the standard reporting format,
1916 and complies with the specifications, which are prescribed by the
1917 [secretary] commission under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this
1918 section, for all such statements filed on or after July 1, 1999. The [office
1919 of the Secretary of the State] commission shall accept any statement
1920 that uses any such software program. Once any such candidate
1921 committee has raised or spent two hundred fifty thousand dollars or
1922 more during an election campaign, all previously filed statements
1923 required by said section 9-333j, which were not filed in electronic form
1924 shall be refiled in such form, using such a software program, not later
1925 than the date on which the campaign treasurer of the committee is
1926 required to file the next regular statement under said section 9-333j.

1927 (c) [On and after January 1, 1999,] (1) [the] The campaign treasurer
1928 of the candidate committee for any other candidate, as defined in

1929 section 9-333a, as amended by this act, who is required to file the
1930 financial disclosure statements required by section 9-333j, as amended
1931 by this act, with the [office of the Secretary of the State] commission,
1932 and (2) the campaign treasurer of any political committee or party
1933 committee, may file in electronic form any financial disclosure
1934 statements required by said section 9-333j. Such filings may be made
1935 by either transmitting disks, tapes or other electronic storage media
1936 containing the contents of such statements to the proper authority
1937 under section 9-333e, as amended by this act, or transmitting the
1938 statements on-line to such proper authority. Each such campaign
1939 treasurer shall use either (A) a software program created by the
1940 [Secretary of the State] commission under subdivision (1) of subsection
1941 (a) of this section, for all such statements filed in electronic form, [on or
1942 after January 1, 1999,] or (B) another software program which provides
1943 for the standard reporting format, and complies with the
1944 specifications, which are prescribed by the [secretary] commission
1945 under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, for all such
1946 statements filed in electronic form, [on or after July 1, 1999.] The
1947 proper authority under section 9-333e shall accept any statement that
1948 uses any such software program.

1949 Sec. 40. Section 9-348ff of the general statutes is repealed and the
1950 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1951 [On and after January 1, 2000, the Secretary of the State] The State
1952 Elections Enforcement Commission shall, within available
1953 appropriations, convert all data in statements required by section 9-
1954 333j, as amended by this act, that are filed in paper format on and after
1955 such date, to an electronic format and be authorized to use a portion of
1956 the funds for oversight of such conversion.

1957 Sec. 41. Section 9-348gg of the general statutes is repealed and the
1958 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1959 [On and after January 1, 2000, the Secretary of the State] The State
1960 Elections Enforcement Commission shall make all computerized data

1961 from statements required by section 9-333j, as amended by this act,
1962 available to the public through (1) computer terminals [in the Office of
1963 the Secretary of the State] at the commission and, if feasible, at remote
1964 access locations, and (2) the Internet or any other generally available
1965 on-line computer network.

1966 Sec. 42. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 1-79 of the
1967 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1968 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1969 (1) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or
1970 a donation or payment as described in subdivision (9) [or (10)] of
1971 subsection (b) of section 9-333b, as amended by this act.

1972 Sec. 43. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 1-91 of the
1973 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1974 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1975 (1) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or
1976 a donation or payment described in subdivision (9) [or (10)] of
1977 subsection (b) of section 9-333b, as amended by this act.

1978 Sec. 44. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the
1979 provisions of title 9 of the general statutes, the name of any candidate
1980 for public shall not appear on more than one row on the ballot labels at
1981 an election.

1982 Sec. 45. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any person, business entity,
1983 organization, party committee or political committee, as such terms are
1984 defined in section 9-333a of the general statutes, as amended by this
1985 act, may contribute to the Citizens' Election Fund. Any such
1986 contribution shall be made by check or money order. The State
1987 Elections Enforcement Commission shall immediately transmit all
1988 contributions received pursuant to this section to the State Treasurer
1989 for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 1 of this
1990 act.

1991 Sec. 46. (*Effective from passage*) The joint standing committee of the
 1992 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections
 1993 shall conduct a study of political committees, as defined in section 9-
 1994 333a of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Such study shall
 1995 include, but not be limited to, an examination of (1) the proliferation of
 1996 political committees, (2) the role and influence of political committees
 1997 in the electoral process in the state, including both state and municipal
 1998 elections, and (3) the contributions and expenditures made by each
 1999 type of political committee. Not later than February 1, 2006, said joint
 2000 standing committee shall submit a report in accordance with the
 2001 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the General
 2002 Assembly on its findings and recommendations.

2003 Sec. 47. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) If any provision of this act is
 2004 for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, all other
 2005 provisions of this act that are not held to be invalid or unconstitutional
 2006 shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

2007 Sec. 48. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Candidate committees in
 2008 existence on the effective date of this act may elect to become
 2009 participating committees or nonparticipating committees. If any such
 2010 committee elects to become a participating committee, contributions
 2011 on hand on the effective date of this act shall be returned on a pro rata
 2012 basis of to the Citizen's Election Fund.

2013 Sec. 49. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) No member of the General
 2014 Assembly shall introduce legislation which shall provide any benefit to
 2015 such member's employer.

2016 Sec. 50. Sections 9-333o, 9-333q, and 9-333u of the general statutes
 2017 are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 3	<i>from passage, and applicable to sales occurring on or after July 1, 2005</i>	22a-243
Sec. 4	<i>from passage, and applicable to sales occurring on or after From passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage, and applicable to sales occurring on or after July 1, 2005</i>	22a-246
Sec. 6	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2006, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2006, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2006, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2006, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2006, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section

Sec. 16	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2008, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2006, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2006, and thereafter</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	9-333a
Sec. 23	<i>from passage</i>	9-333b
Sec. 24	<i>from passage: (a</i>	9-333e(a)
Sec. 25	<i>from passage: (e</i>	9-333j(e)
Sec. 26	<i>from passage: (a</i>	9-333k(a)
Sec. 27	<i>from passage and applicable to elections held in 2006, and thereafter</i>	9-333l(g)
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>	9-333l
Sec. 29	<i>from passage: (a</i>	9-333n(a)
Sec. 30	<i>from passage: (e</i>	9-333n(e)
Sec. 31	<i>from passage: (NEW</i>	New section
Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	9-333s
Sec. 33	<i>from passage</i>	9-333t
Sec. 34	<i>from passage: (b</i>	9-333y(b)
Sec. 35	<i>from passage</i>	9-7b
Sec. 36	<i>from passage</i>	9-324

Sec. 37	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 38	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 39	<i>from passage</i>	9-348ee
Sec. 40	<i>from passage</i>	9-348ff
Sec. 41	<i>from passage</i>	9-348gg
Sec. 42	<i>from passage</i>	1-79(e)(1)
Sec. 43	<i>from passage</i>	1-91(g)(1)
Sec. 44	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 45	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 46	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 47	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 48	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 49	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 50	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section