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**AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE
CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-704 of the 2006 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or*
4 *after said date*):

5 (a) The amount of qualifying contributions that the candidate
6 committee of a candidate shall be required to receive in order to be
7 eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be:

8 (1) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
9 of Governor, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount
10 of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, of which two hundred twenty-
11 five thousand dollars or more is contributed by [individuals residing
12 in] electors of the state. The provisions of this subdivision shall be
13 subject to the following: (A) The candidate committee shall return the
14 portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual,
15 including said candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, and such
16 excess portion shall not be considered in calculating such amounts,
17 and (B) all contributions received by (i) an exploratory committee
18 established by said candidate, or (ii) an exploratory committee or
19 candidate committee of a candidate for the office of Lieutenant

20 Governor who is deemed to be jointly campaigning with a candidate
21 for nomination or election to the office of Governor under subsection
22 (a) of section 9-709, which meet the criteria for qualifying contributions
23 to candidate committees under this section shall be considered in
24 calculating such amounts; and

25 (2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
26 of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
27 Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in
28 the aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which sixty-
29 seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by
30 [individuals residing in] electors of the state. The provisions of this
31 subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate
32 committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
33 from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one
34 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
35 calculating such amounts, and (B) all contributions received by an
36 exploratory committee established by said candidate that meet the
37 criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this
38 section shall be considered in calculating such amounts.

39 (3) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
40 of state senator for a district, contributions from individuals in the
41 aggregate amount of fifteen thousand dollars, including contributions
42 from at least three hundred [individuals residing in municipalities]
43 electors of any municipality included, in whole or in part, in said
44 district. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the
45 following: (A) The candidate committee shall return the portion of any
46 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
47 candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, and such excess portion
48 shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution
49 amount under this subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted
50 for the purposes of the requirement under this subdivision for
51 contributions from at least three hundred [individuals residing in
52 municipalities] electors of any municipality included, in whole or in
53 part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or more, and

54 (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee established
55 by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to
56 candidate committees under this section shall be considered in
57 calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision
58 and all such exploratory committee contributions that also meet the
59 requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least
60 three hundred [individuals residing in municipalities] electors of any
61 municipality included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be
62 counted for the purposes of said requirement.

63 (4) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
64 of state representative for a district, contributions from individuals in
65 the aggregate amount of five thousand dollars, including contributions
66 from at least one hundred fifty [individuals residing in municipalities]
67 electors of any municipality included, in whole or in part, in said
68 district. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the
69 following: (A) The candidate committee shall return the portion of any
70 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
71 candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, and such excess portion
72 shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution
73 amount under this subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted
74 for the purposes of the requirement under this subdivision for
75 contributions from at least one hundred fifty [individuals residing in
76 municipalities] electors of any municipality included, in whole or in
77 part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or more, and
78 (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee established
79 by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to
80 candidate committees under this section shall be considered in
81 calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision
82 and all such exploratory committee contributions that also meet the
83 requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least one
84 hundred fifty [individuals residing in municipalities] electors of any
85 municipality included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be
86 counted for the purposes of said requirement.

87 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (3) and (4) of

88 this subsection, in the case of a special election for the office of state
89 senator or state representative for a district, (A) the aggregate amount
90 of qualifying contributions that the candidate committee of a candidate
91 for such office shall be required to receive in order to be eligible for a
92 grant from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be seventy-five per cent or
93 more of the corresponding amount required under the applicable said
94 subdivision (3) or (4), and (B) the number of contributions required
95 from [individuals residing in municipalities] electors of any
96 municipality included, in whole or in part, in said district shall be
97 seventy-five per cent or more of the corresponding number required
98 under the applicable said subdivision (3) or (4).

99 Sec. 2. Section 9-705 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is
100 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
101 *December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said date*):

102 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
103 for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said
104 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election
105 Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of one million two
106 hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held
107 in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
108 (d) of this section.

109 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a [major party] candidate
110 for the office of Governor who has been nominated, or who has
111 qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with the
112 provisions of part III C of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a
113 grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of
114 three million dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2014,
115 or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of
116 this section.

117 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
118 for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
119 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a

120 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant
121 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three
122 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a
123 primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
124 under subsection (d) of this section.

125 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a [major party] candidate
126 for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the
127 State or State Treasurer who has been nominated, or who has qualified
128 to appear on the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of
129 part III C of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the
130 fund for the general election campaign in the amount of seven
131 hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided in the case of an election
132 held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under
133 subsection (d) of this section.

134 (c) (1) [The] Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and
135 (b) of this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible
136 minor party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
137 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
138 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
139 general election campaign if either (A) the candidate of the same minor
140 party for the same office at the last preceding regular election received
141 at least [ten] three per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all
142 candidates for said office at said election, or (B) said candidate's
143 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
144 equal to at least three per cent of the whole number of electors on the
145 active registry list for the state for the last preceding regular election.
146 The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the amount of the
147 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
148 section for a [major party] candidate for the same office, provided [(A)]
149 (i) if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the
150 last preceding regular election received at least [fifteen] four per cent
151 of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at
152 said election, or said candidate's nominating petition has been signed
153 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least four per cent of the

154 whole number of electors on the active registry list for the state for the
155 last preceding regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-
156 thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under
157 subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a [major party] candidate for the
158 same office, [(B)] (ii) if the candidate of the same minor party for the
159 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least
160 [twenty] five per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all
161 candidates for said office at said election, or said candidate's
162 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
163 equal to at least five per cent of the whole number of electors on the
164 active registry list for the state for the last preceding regular election,
165 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general
166 election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a
167 [major party] candidate for the same office, and [(C)] (iii) in the case of
168 an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted
169 under subsection (d) of this section.

170 (2) [The] Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b)
171 of this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible
172 petitioning party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant
173 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
174 or State Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for
175 the general election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition
176 has been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least [ten]
177 three per cent of the whole number of [votes cast for the same office]
178 electors on the active registry list for the state at the last preceding
179 regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the
180 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
181 (b) of this section for a [major party] candidate for the same office,
182 provided (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed
183 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least [fifteen] four per cent
184 of the whole number of [votes cast for the same office] electors on the
185 active registry list for the state at the last preceding regular election,
186 the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the
187 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this

188 section for a [major party] candidate for the same office, (B) if said
189 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
190 qualified electors equal to at least [twenty] five per cent of the whole
191 number of [votes cast for the same office] electors on the active registry
192 list for the state at the last preceding regular election, the amount of the
193 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign
194 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a [major party]
195 candidate for the same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in
196 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d)
197 of this section.

198 (d) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the
199 grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by
200 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
201 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
202 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
203 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
204 the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December
205 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
206 to be made.

207 (e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
208 for the office of state senator who has a primary for nomination to said
209 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary
210 campaign in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, provided (A)
211 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
212 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
213 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
214 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be seventy-
215 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or
216 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
217 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
218 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of
219 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and
220 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State
221 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names

222 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35
223 shall not be counted for such purposes.

224 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a [major party] candidate
225 for the office of state senator who has been nominated, or has qualified
226 to appear on the election ballot in accordance with part III C of chapter
227 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
228 election campaign in the amount of eighty-five thousand dollars,
229 provided in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said
230 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

231 (f) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
232 for the office of state representative who has a primary for nomination
233 to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
234 primary campaign in the amount of ten thousand dollars, provided (A)
235 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
236 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
237 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
238 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be twenty-
239 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or
240 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
241 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
242 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of
243 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and
244 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State
245 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names
246 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35
247 shall not be counted for such purposes.

248 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a [major party] candidate
249 for the office of state representative who has been nominated, or has
250 qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with part III C
251 of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
252 general election campaign in the amount of twenty-five thousand
253 dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter,
254 said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

255 (g) (1) [The] Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e) and
256 (f) of this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible
257 minor party candidate for the office of state senator or state
258 representative shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
259 general election campaign if either (A) the candidate of the same minor
260 party for the same office at the last preceding regular election received
261 at least [ten] ~~three~~ per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all
262 candidates for said office at said election, or (B) said candidate's
263 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
264 equal to at least three per cent of the whole number of electors on the
265 active registry list for the senatorial or assembly district, as the case
266 may be, for the last preceding regular election. The amount of the
267 grant shall be one-third of the amount of the general election campaign
268 grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a [major party]
269 candidate for the same office, provided [(A)] (i) if the candidate of the
270 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
271 election received at least [fifteen] ~~four~~ per cent of the whole number of
272 votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, or said
273 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
274 qualified electors equal to at least four per cent of the whole number of
275 electors on the active registry list for the senatorial or assembly district,
276 as the case may be, for the last preceding regular election, the amount
277 of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the general election
278 campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a [major
279 party] candidate for the same office, [(B)] (ii) if the candidate of the
280 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
281 election received at least [twenty] ~~five~~ per cent of the whole number of
282 votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, or said
283 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
284 qualified electors equal to at least five per cent of the whole number of
285 electors on the active registry list for the senatorial or assembly district,
286 as the case may be, for the last preceding regular election, the amount
287 of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election
288 campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a [major
289 party] candidate for the same office, and [(C)] (iii) in the case of an

290 election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted
291 under subsection (h) of this section.

292 (2) [The] Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e) and (f)
293 of this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible
294 petitioning party candidate for the office of state senator or state
295 representative shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
296 general election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has
297 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least [ten]
298 three per cent of the whole number of [votes cast for the same office]
299 electors on the active registry list for the senatorial or assembly district,
300 as the case may be, at the last preceding regular election. The amount
301 of the grant shall be one-third of the amount of the general election
302 campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a [major
303 party] candidate for the same office, provided (A) if said candidate's
304 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
305 equal to at least [fifteen] four per cent of the whole number of [votes
306 cast for the same office] electors on the active registry list for the
307 senatorial or assembly district, as the case may be, at the last preceding
308 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
309 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or
310 (f) of this section for a [major party] candidate for the same office, (B) if
311 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
312 qualified electors equal to at least [twenty] five per cent of the whole
313 number of [votes cast for the same office] electors on the active registry
314 list for the senatorial or assembly district, as the case may be, at the last
315 preceding regular election, the amount of the grant shall be the same
316 as the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection
317 (e) or (f) of this section for a [major party] candidate for the same
318 office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said
319 amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

320 (h) For elections held in 2010, and thereafter, the amount of the
321 grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted by
322 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
323 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the

324 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
325 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
326 the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on December
327 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
328 to be made.

329 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e), (f) and (g) of
330 this section, in the case of a special election for the office of state
331 senator or state representative, the amount of the grant for a general
332 election campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the amount
333 authorized under the applicable said subsection (e), (f) or (g).

334 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,
335 of this section:

336 (1) The initial grant that a qualified candidate committee for a
337 candidate is eligible to receive under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of
338 this section shall be reduced by the amount of any personal funds that
339 the candidate provides for the candidate's campaign for nomination or
340 election pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-710;

341 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
342 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized
343 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section or all moneys that
344 may be received for the primary campaign under section 9-713 or 9-
345 714, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign shall be
346 reduced by the total amount of any such unexpended primary
347 campaign grant and moneys;

348 (3) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election does
349 not have any opponent in the general election campaign, the amount
350 of the general election campaign grant for which the qualified
351 candidate committee for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty
352 per cent of the applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i),
353 inclusive; and

354 (4) If the only opponent or opponents of a participating candidate

355 who is nominated for election to an office are eligible minor party
356 candidates or eligible petitioning party candidates and no such eligible
357 minor party candidate's or eligible petitioning party candidate's
358 candidate committee has received a total amount of contributions of
359 any type that is equal to or greater than the amount of the qualifying
360 contributions that a candidate for such office is required to receive
361 under section 9-704, as amended by this act, to be eligible for grants
362 from the Citizens' Election Fund, the amount of the general election
363 campaign grant for such participating candidate shall be sixty per cent
364 of the applicable amount set forth in this section.

365 Sec. 3. Subdivisions (25) and (26) of section 9-333a of the 2006
366 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
367 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to*
368 *elections held on or after said date*):

369 (25) "Organization expenditure" means an expenditure by a party
370 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
371 committee for the benefit of a candidate or candidate committee for:

372 (A) The preparation, display or mailing or other distribution of a
373 party candidate listing. As used in this subparagraph, "party candidate
374 listing" means any communication that meets the following criteria: (i)
375 The communication lists the name or names of candidates for election
376 to public office, (ii) the communication is distributed through [public
377 advertising such as broadcast stations, cable television, newspapers or
378 similar media, or through direct mail,] telephone, electronic mail,
379 publicly accessible sites on the Internet or personal delivery, (iii) the
380 treatment of all candidates in the communication is substantially
381 similar, and (iv) the content of the communication is limited to (I) for
382 each such candidate, identifying information, including photographs,
383 the office sought, the office currently held by the candidate, if any, the
384 party enrollment of the candidate, a brief statement concerning the
385 candidate's positions, philosophy, goals, accomplishments or
386 biography and the positions, philosophy, goals or accomplishments of
387 the candidate's party, (II) encouragement to vote for each such

388 candidate, and (III) information concerning voting, including voting
389 hours and locations;

390 (B) A document in printed or electronic form, including a party
391 platform, a copy of an issue paper, information pertaining to the
392 requirements of this title, a list of registered voters and voter
393 identification information, which document is created or maintained
394 by a party committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative
395 leadership committee for the general purposes of party or caucus
396 building and is provided (i) to a candidate who is a member of the
397 party that has established such party committee, or (ii) to a candidate
398 who is a member of the party of the caucus or leader who has
399 established such legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
400 committee, whichever is applicable;

401 (C) A campaign event at which a candidate or candidates are
402 present, excluding costs of a fundraising event;

403 [(D) The retention of the services of an advisor to provide assistance
404 relating to campaign organization, financing, accounting, strategy, law
405 or media;] or

406 [(E)] (D) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar
407 equipment which does not result in additional cost to the party
408 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
409 committee.

410 (26) "Solicit" means (A) requesting that a contribution be made, (B)
411 participating in any fund-raising activities for a candidate committee,
412 exploratory committee, political committee or party committee,
413 including, but not limited to, forwarding tickets to potential
414 contributors, receiving contributions for transmission to any such
415 committee or bundling contributions, (C) serving as chairperson,
416 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or any other officer of
417 any such committee, or (D) establishing a political committee for the
418 sole purpose of soliciting or receiving contributions for any committee.
419 "Solicit" does not include (i) making a contribution that is otherwise

420 permitted under this chapter, (ii) informing any person of a position
421 taken by a candidate for public office or a public official, or (iii)
422 notifying the person of [any activities of] campaign activities, other
423 than fundraising, or contact information for, any candidate for public
424 office.

425 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 9-333b of the 2006 supplement to the
426 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
427 thereof (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or*
428 *after said date*):

429 (b) As used in this chapter and sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,
430 "contribution" does not mean:

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

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

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

440 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
441 their time;

442 (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,
443 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a
444 candidate or on behalf of a state central or town committee, in
445 rendering voluntary personal services for candidate or party-related
446 activities at the individual's residence, to the extent that the cumulative
447 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by the individual
448 on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed two hundred dollars
449 with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central

450 and town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in any
451 calendar year;

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

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

465 (8) The payment, by a party committee, political committee or an
466 individual, of the costs of preparation, display, mailing or other
467 distribution incurred by the committee or individual with respect to
468 any printed slate card, sample ballot or other printed list containing
469 the names of three or more candidates;

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

475 (10) [(A)] The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies
476 the purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by the
477 candidate committee of a candidate for an office of a municipality,
478 provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two
479 hundred fifty dollars from any single such candidate or the candidate's
480 committee with respect to any single election campaign if the
481 purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any

482 other person;

483 [(B) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
484 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by a town
485 committee, provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not
486 exceed two hundred fifty dollars from any single town committee in
487 any calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars
488 for purchases by any other person. Notwithstanding the provisions of
489 this subparagraph, the following may not purchase advertising space
490 in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by a town committee:
491 (i) A communicator lobbyist, (ii) a member of the immediate family of
492 a communicator lobbyist, (iii) a state contractor, (iv) a prospective state
493 contractor, or (v) a principal of a state contractor or prospective state
494 contractor. As used in this subparagraph, "state contractor",
495 "prospective state contractor" and "principal of a state contractor or
496 prospective state contractor" have the same meanings as provided in
497 subsection (g) of section 9-333n;]

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

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

504 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a
505 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, as amended, for
506 telecommunications service for a committee, provided the security
507 deposit is refunded to the individual;

508 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
509 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
510 company, as defined in section 16-1, as amended, for community
511 access programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major
512 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to
513 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such

514 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a
515 political party;

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

520 (16) An organization expenditure by a party committee, legislative
521 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee.

522 Sec. 5. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 9-333g of the 2006
523 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
524 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to*
525 *elections held on and after said date*):

526 (e) (1) No [individual shall establish] elected public official or
527 candidate, agent of an elected public official or candidate, or
528 individual acting in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion
529 of, any such public official, candidate or agent, shall establish, direct or
530 control more than one political committee. The indicia of
531 establishment, direction or control of a political committee by an
532 [individual] elected official, candidate or agent includes the
533 [individual] elected official, candidate or agent serving as chairperson,
534 [or] campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer of the committee and may
535 include, but shall not be limited to, the [individual] elected official,
536 candidate or agent making the initial contribution to the committee or
537 having significant influence in the decision-making of the committee.
538 Such indicia shall not include (A) an [individual] elected official,
539 candidate or agent communicating with (i) an officer of the political
540 committee, or (ii) any [individual] elected official, candidate or agent
541 establishing or controlling the political committee, or (B) the
542 [individual] elected official, candidate or agent monitoring
543 contributions made by the political committee. Any [individual who,
544 on December 31, 2006, has established or controls] elected official,
545 candidate or agent who, on and after December 31, 2006, has

546 established, directed or controlled more than one political committee
547 shall, not later than thirty days after said date, disavow all but one of
548 such committees, in writing, to the State Elections Enforcement
549 Commission. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the
550 establishment of an exploratory committee by an elected public
551 official.

552 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 9-333j of the 2006 supplement to the
553 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
554 thereof (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or*
555 *after said date*):

556 (c) (1) Each statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this
557 section shall include, but not be limited to: (A) An itemized accounting
558 of each contribution, if any, including the full name and complete
559 address of each contributor and the amount of the contribution; (B) in
560 the case of anonymous contributions, the total amount received and
561 the denomination of the bills; (C) an itemized accounting of each
562 expenditure, if any, including the full name and complete address of
563 each payee, including secondary payees whenever the primary or
564 principal payee is known to include charges which the primary payee
565 has already paid or will pay directly to another person, vendor or
566 entity, the amount and the purpose of the expenditure, the candidate
567 supported or opposed by the expenditure, whether the expenditure is
568 made independently of the candidate supported or is an in-kind
569 contribution to the candidate, and a statement of the balance on hand
570 or deficit, as the case may be; (D) an itemized accounting of each
571 expense incurred but not paid, provided if the expense is incurred by
572 use of a credit card, the accounting shall include secondary payees,
573 and the amount owed to each such payee; (E) the name and address of
574 any person who is the guarantor of a loan to, or the cosigner of a note
575 with, the candidate on whose behalf the committee was formed, or the
576 campaign treasurer in the case of a party committee or a political
577 committee or who has advanced a security deposit to a telephone
578 company, as defined in section 16-1, as amended, for
579 telecommunications service for a committee; (F) for each business

580 entity or person purchasing advertising space in a program for a fund-
581 raising affair, the name and address of the business entity or the name
582 and address of the person, and the amount and aggregate amounts of
583 such purchases; (G) for each individual who contributes in excess of
584 one hundred dollars but not more than one thousand dollars, in the
585 aggregate, to the extent known, the principal occupation of such
586 individual and the name of the individual's employer, if any; (H) for
587 each individual who contributes in excess of one thousand dollars in
588 the aggregate, the principal occupation of such individual, the name of
589 the individual's employer, if any, and a statement indicating whether
590 the individual or a business with which he is associated has a contract
591 with the state which is valued at more than five thousand dollars; (I)
592 [for each itemized contribution made by a lobbyist, the spouse of a
593 lobbyist or any dependent child of a lobbyist who resides in the
594 lobbyist's household, a statement to that effect; and (J)] for each
595 individual who contributes in excess of four hundred dollars in the
596 aggregate to or for the benefit of any candidate's campaign for
597 nomination at a primary or election to the office of chief executive
598 officer of a town, city or borough, a statement indicating whether the
599 individual or a business with which he is associated has a contract
600 with said municipality that is valued at more than five thousand
601 dollars. Each campaign treasurer shall include in such statement (i) an
602 itemized accounting of the receipts and expenditures relative to any
603 testimonial affair held under the provisions of section 9-333k or any
604 other fund-raising affair, which is referred to in subsection (b) of
605 section 9-333b, as amended by this act, and (ii) the date, location and a
606 description of the affair.

607 (2) Each contributor described in subparagraph (G), (H) [, (I) or (J)]
608 or (I) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall, at the time the
609 contributor makes such a contribution, provide the information which
610 the campaign treasurer is required to include under said subparagraph
611 in the statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this section.
612 Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b, as
613 amended, any contributor described in subparagraph (G) of

614 subdivision (1) of this subsection who does not provide such
615 information at the time the contributor makes such a contribution and
616 any treasurer shall not be subject to the provisions of subdivision (2) of
617 section 9-7b, as amended. If a campaign treasurer receives a
618 contribution from an individual which separately, or in the aggregate,
619 is in excess of one thousand dollars and the contributor has not
620 provided the information required by said subparagraph (H) or if a
621 campaign treasurer receives a contribution from an individual to or for
622 the benefit of any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or
623 election to the office of chief executive officer of a town, city or
624 borough, which separately, or in the aggregate, is in excess of four
625 hundred dollars and the contributor has not provided the information
626 required by said subparagraph [(J)] (I), the campaign treasurer: (i)
627 Within three business days after receiving the contribution, shall send
628 a request for such information to the contributor by certified mail,
629 return receipt requested; (ii) shall not deposit the contribution until the
630 campaign treasurer obtains such information from the contributor,
631 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-333h; and (iii) shall return
632 the contribution to the contributor if the contributor does not provide
633 the required information within fourteen days after the treasurer's
634 written request or the end of the reporting period in which the
635 contribution was received, whichever is later. Any failure of a
636 contributor to provide the information which the campaign treasurer is
637 required to include under said subparagraph (G), [or (I),] which results
638 in noncompliance by the campaign treasurer with the provisions of
639 said subparagraph (G), [or (I),] shall be a complete defense to any
640 action against the campaign treasurer for failure to disclose such
641 information.

642 (3) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (2) of this
643 subsection, each contributor who makes a contribution that separately,
644 or in the aggregate, exceeds one hundred dollars shall provide with
645 the contribution a certification that the contributor is not a principal of
646 a state contractor or prospective state contractor, as defined in
647 subsection (g) of section 9-333n, as amended. If a campaign treasurer

648 receives such a contribution and the contributor has not provided such
649 certification, the campaign treasurer shall: (A) Not later than three
650 business days after receiving the contribution, send a request for the
651 certification to the contributor by certified mail, return receipt
652 requested; (B) not deposit the contribution until the campaign
653 treasurer obtains the certification from the contributor,
654 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-333h; and (C) return the
655 contribution to the contributor if the contributor does not provide the
656 certification not later than fourteen days after the treasurer's written
657 request or at the end of the reporting period in which the contribution
658 was received, whichever is later. If a campaign treasurer deposits a
659 contribution based on a certification that is later determined to be false
660 and the campaign treasurer did not know and should not have known
661 that the certification was false, the campaign treasurer's lack of
662 knowledge of the false certification shall be a complete defense in any
663 action against the campaign treasurer for depositing the contribution
664 in violation of this subdivision.

665 (4) Contributions from a single individual to a campaign treasurer
666 in the aggregate totaling fifty dollars or less need not be individually
667 identified in the statement, but a sum representing the total amount of
668 all such contributions made by all such individuals during the period
669 to be covered by such statement shall be a separate entry, identified
670 only by the words "total contributions from small contributors".

671 (5) Each statement filed by the campaign treasurer of a party
672 committee, a legislative caucus committee or a legislative leadership
673 committee shall include an itemized accounting of each organization
674 expenditure made by the committee and the candidates supported by
675 each such expenditure.

676 (6) Statements filed in accordance with this section shall remain
677 public records of the state for five years from the date such statements
678 are filed.

679 Sec. 7. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 9-333m of the 2006

680 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
681 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to*
682 *elections held on and after said date*):

683 (b) (1) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to,
684 or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee, in excess of three
685 hundred seventy-five dollars, if the candidate establishing the
686 exploratory committee certifies on the statement of organization for
687 the exploratory committee pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-333f,
688 as amended, that the candidate will not be a candidate for the office of
689 state representative or for a municipal office other than the chief
690 executive officer. No individual shall make a contribution or
691 contributions to, or for the benefit of, any exploratory committee, in
692 excess of two hundred fifty dollars, if the candidate establishing the
693 exploratory committee does not so certify.

694 Sec. 8. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 9-333n of the 2006
695 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
696 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to*
697 *elections held on or after said date*):

698 (e) (1) Any individual [acting alone] may [, independent of any
699 candidate, agent of the candidate, or committee,] make unlimited
700 independent expenditures to promote the success or defeat of any
701 candidate's campaign for election, or nomination at a primary, to any
702 office or position. Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
703 subsection, any individual who makes an independent expenditure or
704 expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars to promote the success
705 or defeat of any candidate's campaign for election, or nomination at a
706 primary, to any such office or position shall file statements according
707 to the same schedule and in the same manner as is required of a
708 campaign treasurer of a candidate committee under section 9-333j, as
709 amended by this act.

710 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 9-333o of the 2006 supplement to the
711 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

712 thereof (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on and*
713 *after said date*):

714 (a) No business entity shall make any contributions or expenditures
715 to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for election to any
716 public office or position subject to this chapter or for nomination at a
717 primary for any such office or position, or to promote the defeat of any
718 candidate for any such office or position. No business entity shall
719 make any other contributions or expenditures to promote the success
720 or defeat of any political party, except as provided in subsection (b) of
721 this section. No business entity shall establish, direct or control more
722 than one political committee. A political committee shall be deemed to
723 have been established, directed or controlled by a business entity [if
724 the initial disbursement or contribution to the committee is made
725 under subsection (b) of this section or by an officer, director, owner,
726 limited or general partner or holder of stock constituting five per cent
727 or more of the total outstanding stock of any class of the business
728 entity.] upon consideration of the following factors:

729 (1) Whether the officers, directors, owners, limited or general
730 partners or holders of stock constituting five per cent or more of the
731 total outstanding stock of any class of the business entity, or key
732 management personnel of the business, have the authority or ability to
733 direct or participate in the governance of the political committee
734 through provisions of bylaws, contracts, or other rules, or through
735 formal or informal practices or procedures;

736 (2) Whether the officers, directors, owners, limited or general
737 partners or holders of stock constituting five per cent or more of the
738 total outstanding stock of any class of the business entity, or key
739 management personnel of the business entity, have the authority to
740 hire, appoint or otherwise control the designation of the chairman or
741 treasurer of the political committee;

742 (3) Whether the officers, directors, owners, limited or general
743 partners or holders of stock constituting five per cent or more of the

744 total outstanding stock of any class of the business entity, or key
745 management personnel of the business entity, provide funds or goods
746 in a significant amount or an ongoing basis to the political committee;

747 (4) Whether the officers, directors, owners, limited or general
748 partners or holders of stock constituting five per cent or more of the
749 total outstanding stock of any class of the business entity, or key
750 management personnel of the business entity had an active or
751 significant role in the formation of the political committee; and

752 (5) Whether there exists a payroll deduction or other system of
753 soliciting and collecting contributions for the political committee from
754 the officers, directors, owners, limited or general partners or holders of
755 stock constituting five per cent or more of the total outstanding stock
756 of any class of the business entity, or key management personnel of the
757 business entity.

758 On or before February 1, 2007, the chairperson of a political committee
759 established, directed or controlled by a business entity shall notify the
760 commission in writing of the name of the business entity that has
761 established, directed or controlled such political committee. The
762 commission shall seek voluntary compliance with the prohibition in
763 this subsection, provided a lack of such voluntary compliance on or
764 after April 1, 2007, may result in the imposing of sanctions by the
765 commission, as authorized by section 9-7b of the 2006 supplement to
766 the general statutes.

767 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 9-333p of the 2006 supplement to
768 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
769 thereof (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or*
770 *after said date*):

771 (a) An organization may make contributions or expenditures, other
772 than those made to promote the success or defeat of a referendum
773 question, only by first forming its own political committee. The
774 political committee shall then be authorized to receive funds
775 exclusively from the organization's treasury or from voluntary

776 contributions made by its members, but not both, from another
777 political committee or, from a candidate committee distributing a
778 surplus and (1) to make contributions or expenditures to, or for the
779 benefit of, a candidate's campaign or a political party, or (2) to make
780 contributions to another political committee. No organization shall
781 [form] establish, direct or control more than one political committee. A
782 political committee shall be deemed to have been established or is
783 directed or controlled by an organization [if the initial contribution to
784 the committee is made by the organization's treasury or an officer or
785 director of the organization.] upon consideration of the following
786 factors:

787 (A) Whether the organization's treasury is the funding source of the
788 political committee;

789 (B) Whether the members of the same organization and their family
790 members are the sole primary funding source of the political
791 committee;

792 (C) Whether the officers, directors or other governing body, or
793 members of the organization have the authority or ability to direct or
794 participate in the governance of the political committee through
795 provisions of bylaws, contracts, or other rules, or through formal or
796 informal practices or procedures;

797 (D) Whether the officers, directors or other governing body of the
798 organization have the authority to hire, appoint or otherwise control
799 the designation of the chairperson or treasurer of the political
800 committee; and

801 (E) Whether the officers, directors or other governing body of the
802 organization had an active or significant role in the formation of the
803 political committee.

804 On or before February 1, 2007, the chairman of a political committee
805 established, directed or controlled by an organization shall notify the
806 commission in writing of the name of the organization that has

807 established, directed or controlled such political committee. The
 808 commission shall seek voluntary compliance with the prohibition in
 809 this subsection, provided on and after April 1, 2007, the commission
 810 may proceed to impose sanctions as authorized by section 9-7b of the
 811 2006 supplement to the general statutes.

812 Sec. 11. Section 9-717 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes
 813 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 814 *from passage*):

815 If a court of competent jurisdiction [prohibits or limits] holds any
 816 provision of sections 9-700 to 9-716 of the 2006 supplement to the
 817 general statutes unconstitutional and permanently enjoins the
 818 expenditure of funds from the Citizens' Election Fund established in
 819 section 9-701 for grants or moneys for candidate committees
 820 authorized under sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive, [for a period of
 821 seventy-two hours or more,] (1) sections 1-100b, 9-700 to 9-716,
 822 inclusive, 9-750, 9-751 and 9-760 and section 49 of public act 05-5 of the
 823 October 25 special session* shall be inoperative and have no effect, and
 824 (2) (A) the amendments made to the provisions of the sections of the
 825 general statutes pursuant to public act 05-5 of the October 25 special
 826 session** shall be inoperative, (B) the provisions of said sections of the
 827 general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to December 30, 2006, shall
 828 be effective, and (C) the provisions of subsections (g) to (j), inclusive, of
 829 section 9-333n shall not be implemented.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said date</i>	9-704(a)
Sec. 2	<i>December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said date</i>	9-705
Sec. 3	<i>December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said date</i>	9-333a(25) and (26)

Sec. 4	<i>December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said date</i>	9-333b(b)
Sec. 5	<i>December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on and after said date</i>	9-333g(e)(1)
Sec. 6	<i>December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said date</i>	9-333j(c)
Sec. 7	<i>December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on and after said date</i>	9-333m(b)(1)
Sec. 8	<i>December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said date</i>	9-333n(e)(1)
Sec. 9	<i>December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on and after said date</i>	9-333o(a)
Sec. 10	<i>December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said date</i>	9-333p(a)
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-717

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