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**AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND PETITIONING PARTY
CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDS FROM THE CITIZENS'
ELECTION FUND.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-705 of the 2006 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said*
4 *date*):

5 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
6 for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said
7 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election
8 Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of one million two
9 hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held
10 in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
11 (d) of this section.

12 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a [major party] candidate
13 for the office of Governor who has been nominated, or who has
14 qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with the
15 provisions of part III C of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a
16 grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of
17 three million dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2014,
18 or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of

19 this section.

20 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
21 for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
22 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a
23 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant
24 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three
25 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a
26 primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
27 under subsection (d) of this section.

28 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a [major party] candidate
29 for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the
30 State or State Treasurer who has been nominated, or who has qualified
31 to appear on the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of
32 part III C of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the
33 fund for the general election campaign in the amount of seven
34 hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided in the case of an election
35 held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under
36 subsection (d) of this section.

37 (c) (1) [The] Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and
38 (b) of this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible
39 minor party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
40 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
41 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
42 general election campaign if either (A) the candidate of the same minor
43 party for the same office at the last preceding regular election received
44 at least [ten] three per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all
45 candidates for said office at said election, or (B) said candidate's
46 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
47 equal to at least three per cent of the whole number of electors on the
48 active registry list for the state for the last preceding regular election.
49 The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the amount of the
50 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
51 section for a [major party] candidate for the same office, provided [(A)]

52 (i) if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the
53 last preceding regular election received at least [fifteen] four per cent
54 of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at
55 said election, or said candidate's nominating petition has been signed
56 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least four per cent of the
57 whole number of electors on the active registry list for the state for the
58 last preceding regular election the amount of the grant shall be two-
59 thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under
60 subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a [major party] candidate for the
61 same office, [(B)] (ii) if the candidate of the same minor party for the
62 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least
63 [twenty] five per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all
64 candidates for said office at said election, or said candidate's
65 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
66 equal to at least five per cent of the whole number of electors on the
67 active registry list for the state for the last preceding regular election,
68 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general
69 election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a
70 [major party] candidate for the same office, and [(C)] (iii) in the case of
71 an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted
72 under subsection (d) of this section.

73 (2) [The] Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b)
74 of this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible
75 petitioning party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant
76 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
77 or State Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for
78 the general election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition
79 has been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least [ten]
80 three per cent of the whole number of [votes cast for the same office]
81 electors on the active registry list for the state at the last preceding
82 regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the
83 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
84 (b) of this section for a [major party] candidate for the same office,
85 provided (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed

86 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least [fifteen] four per cent
87 of the whole number of [votes cast for the same office] electors on the
88 active registry list for the state at the last preceding regular election,
89 the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the
90 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
91 section for a [major party] candidate for the same office, (B) if said
92 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
93 qualified electors equal to at least [twenty] five per cent of the whole
94 number of [votes cast for the same office] electors on the active registry
95 list for the state at the last preceding regular election, the amount of the
96 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign
97 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a [major party]
98 candidate for the same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in
99 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d)
100 of this section.

101 (d) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the
102 grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by
103 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
104 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
105 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
106 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
107 the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December
108 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
109 to be made.

110 (e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
111 for the office of state senator who has a primary for nomination to said
112 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary
113 campaign in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, provided (A)
114 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
115 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
116 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
117 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be seventy-
118 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or

119 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
120 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
121 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of
122 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and
123 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State
124 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names
125 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35
126 shall not be counted for such purposes.

127 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a [major party] candidate
128 for the office of state senator who has been nominated, or has qualified
129 to appear on the election ballot in accordance with part III C of chapter
130 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
131 election campaign in the amount of eighty-five thousand dollars,
132 provided in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said
133 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

134 (f) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
135 for the office of state representative who has a primary for nomination
136 to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
137 primary campaign in the amount of ten thousand dollars, provided (A)
138 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
139 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
140 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
141 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be twenty-
142 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or
143 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
144 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
145 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of
146 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and
147 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State
148 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names
149 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35
150 shall not be counted for such purposes.

151 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a [major party] candidate

152 for the office of state representative who has been nominated, or has
153 qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with part III C
154 of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
155 general election campaign in the amount of twenty-five thousand
156 dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter,
157 said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

158 (g) (1) [The] Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e) and
159 (f) of this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible
160 minor party candidate for the office of state senator or state
161 representative shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
162 general election campaign if either (A) the candidate of the same minor
163 party for the same office at the last preceding regular election received
164 at least [ten] three per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all
165 candidates for said office at said election, or (B) said candidate's
166 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
167 equal to at least three per cent of the whole number of electors on the
168 active registry list for the senatorial or assembly district, as the case
169 may be, for the last preceding regular election. The amount of the
170 grant shall be one-third of the amount of the general election campaign
171 grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a [major party]
172 candidate for the same office, provided [(A)] (i) if the candidate of the
173 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
174 election received at least [fifteen] four per cent of the whole number of
175 votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, or said
176 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
177 qualified electors equal to at least four per cent of the whole number of
178 electors on the active registry list for the senatorial or assembly district,
179 as the case may be, for the last preceding regular election, the amount
180 of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the general election
181 campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a [major
182 party] candidate for the same office, [(B)] (ii) if the candidate of the
183 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
184 election received at least [twenty] five per cent of the whole number of
185 votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, or said

186 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
187 qualified electors equal to at least five per cent of the whole number of
188 electors on the active registry list for the senatorial or assembly district,
189 as the case may be, for the last preceding regular election, the amount
190 of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election
191 campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a [major
192 party] candidate for the same office, and [(C)] (iii) in the case of an
193 election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted
194 under subsection (h) of this section.

195 (2) [The] Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e) and (f)
196 of this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible
197 petitioning party candidate for the office of state senator or state
198 representative shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
199 general election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has
200 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least [ten]
201 three per cent of the whole number of [votes cast for the same office]
202 electors on the active registry list for the senatorial or assembly district,
203 as the case may be, at the last preceding regular election. The amount
204 of the grant shall be one-third of the amount of the general election
205 campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a [major
206 party] candidate for the same office, provided (A) if said candidate's
207 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
208 equal to at least [fifteen] four per cent of the whole number of [votes
209 cast for the same office] electors on the active registry list for the
210 senatorial or assembly district, as the case may be, at the last preceding
211 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
212 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or
213 (f) of this section for a [major party] candidate for the same office, (B) if
214 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
215 qualified electors equal to at least [twenty] five per cent of the whole
216 number of [votes cast for the same office] electors on the active registry
217 list for the senatorial or assembly district, as the case may be, at the last
218 preceding regular election, the amount of the grant shall be the same
219 as the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection

220 (e) or (f) of this section for a [major party] candidate for the same
221 office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said
222 amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

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

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

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

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

244 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
245 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized
246 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section or all moneys that
247 may be received for the primary campaign under section 9-713 or 9-
248 714, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign shall be
249 reduced by the total amount of any such unexpended primary
250 campaign grant and moneys;

251 (3) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election does
252 not have any opponent in the general election campaign, the amount
253 of the general election campaign grant for which the qualified
254 candidate committee for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty
255 per cent of the applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i),
256 inclusive; and

257 (4) If the only opponent or opponents of a participating candidate
258 who is nominated for election to an office are eligible minor party
259 candidates or eligible petitioning party candidates and no such eligible
260 minor party candidate's or eligible petitioning party candidate's
261 candidate committee has received a total amount of contributions of
262 any type that is equal to or greater than the amount of the qualifying
263 contributions that a candidate for such office is required to receive
264 under section 9-704 to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election
265 Fund, the amount of the general election campaign grant for such
266 participating candidate shall be sixty per cent of the applicable amount
267 set forth in this section.

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>	9-705

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*