



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 83**

LCO No. 192

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:

SEN. RORABACK, 30<sup>th</sup> Dist.

SEN. MCKINNEY, 28<sup>th</sup> Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS TO MINOR AND PETITIONING PARTY CANDIDATES FROM THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.***

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

1 That section 9-705 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes be  
2 amended to provide that the qualified candidate committee for an  
3 eligible minor party candidate or an eligible petitioning party  
4 candidate be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund  
5 for a general election campaign in the same amount as the grant that  
6 the qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate is eligible  
7 to receive from such fund for a general election campaign. Also, that  
8 said section be amended to repeal the grant eligibility requirements  
9 that (1) for a minor party candidate, the candidate of the same minor  
10 party for the same office at the last preceding regular election has  
11 received at least ten per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all  
12 candidates for said office at said election, and (2) for a petitioning  
13 party candidate, said candidate's nominating petition has been signed  
14 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per cent of the

15 whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding  
16 regular election.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide minor and petitioning party candidates with the same level of funding from the Citizens' Election Fund as major party candidates and to repeal additional requirements placed on such minor and petitioning party candidates to obtain such funding.