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**"AN ACT CONCERNING LATE MAIL-IN VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 1. Section 9-717 of the 2006 supplement to the  
4 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 If a court of competent jurisdiction [prohibits or limits] holds any  
7 provision of sections 9-700 to 9-716 of the 2006 supplement to the  
8 general statutes unconstitutional and permanently enjoins the  
9 expenditure of funds from the Citizens' Election Fund established in  
10 section 9-701 for grants or moneys for candidate committees  
11 authorized under sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive, [for a period of  
12 seventy-two hours or more,] (1) sections 1-100b, 9-700 to 9-716,  
13 inclusive, 9-750, 9-751 and 9-760 and section 49 of public act 05-5 of the

14 October 25 special session\* shall be inoperative and have no effect, and  
15 (2) (A) the amendments made to the provisions of the sections of the  
16 general statutes pursuant to public act 05-5 of the October 25 special  
17 session\*\* shall be inoperative, (B) the provisions of said sections of the  
18 general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to December 30, 2006, shall  
19 be effective, and (C) the provisions of subsections (g) to (j), inclusive, of  
20 section 9-333n shall not be implemented.

21 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections*  
22 *held on or after said date*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the  
23 general statutes, no party committee, legislative caucus committee or  
24 legislative leadership committee, as defined in section 9-333a of the  
25 2006 supplement to the general statutes, shall make an organization  
26 expenditure, as defined in subdivision (25) of section 9-333a of the 2006  
27 supplement to the general statutes, for the benefit of the candidate  
28 committee of a participating candidate in the Citizens' Election  
29 Program for the office of state senator in an amount that exceeds five  
30 thousand dollars.

31 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no party  
32 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership  
33 committee, as defined in section 9-333a of the 2006 supplement to the  
34 general statutes, shall make an organization expenditure, as defined in  
35 subdivision (25) of section 9-333a of the 2006 supplement to the general  
36 statutes, for the benefit of the candidate committee of a participating  
37 candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of state  
38 representative in an amount that exceeds two thousand five hundred  
39 dollars.

40 (c) In the event that a statement filed by the campaign treasurer of a  
41 party committee, a legislative caucus committee or a legislative  
42 leadership committee, in accordance with the provisions of sections 9-  
43 333j and 9-333e of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, includes  
44 an organization expenditure for the benefit of the candidate committee  
45 for a participating candidate for the office of state senator or state  
46 representative, the candidate committee for any participating

47 candidate who opposes the candidate that received such benefit shall  
48 be eligible for a supplemental grant from the Citizens' Election Fund in  
49 the amount of such organization expenditure.

50 (d) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall adopt  
51 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the  
52 general statutes, to implement the provisions of subsection (c) of this  
53 section.

54 Section 503. Section 9-705 of the 2006 supplement to the general  
55 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
56 (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on and after*  
57 *said date*):

58 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate  
59 for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said  
60 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election  
61 Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of one million two  
62 hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held  
63 in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection  
64 (d) of this section.

65 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for  
66 the office of Governor who has been nominated shall be eligible to  
67 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the  
68 amount of three million dollars, provided in the case of an election  
69 held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under  
70 subsection (d) of this section.

71 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate  
72 for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State  
73 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a  
74 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant  
75 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three  
76 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a  
77 primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted  
78 under subsection (d) of this section.

79 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for  
80 the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State  
81 or State Treasurer who has been nominated shall be eligible to receive  
82 a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount  
83 of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided in the case of an  
84 election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted  
85 under subsection (d) of this section.

86 (c) (1) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party  
87 candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney  
88 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer  
89 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general  
90 election campaign. [if the candidate of the same minor party for the  
91 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten  
92 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said  
93 office at said election.] The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of]  
94 the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection  
95 (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office,  
96 [, provided (A) if the candidate of the same minor party for the same  
97 office at the last preceding regular election received at least fifteen per  
98 cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office  
99 at said election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the  
100 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or  
101 (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if  
102 the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last  
103 preceding regular election received at least twenty per cent of the  
104 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said  
105 election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the  
106 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this  
107 section for a major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] In  
108 the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said [amounts]  
109 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

110 (2) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning  
111 party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
112 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State

113 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the  
114 general election campaign. [if said candidate's nominating petition has  
115 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per  
116 cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last  
117 preceding regular election.] The amount of the grant shall be [one-  
118 third of] the amount of the general election campaign grant under  
119 subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the  
120 same office. [, provided (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has  
121 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen  
122 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the  
123 last preceding regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-  
124 thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under  
125 subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the  
126 same office, (B) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed  
127 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of  
128 the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding  
129 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the  
130 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or  
131 (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office, and  
132 (C) in] In the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said  
133 [amounts] amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this  
134 section.

135 (d) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the  
136 grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by  
137 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,  
138 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in  
139 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the  
140 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during  
141 the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December  
142 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is  
143 to be made.

144 (e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate  
145 for the office of state senator who has a primary for nomination to said  
146 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary

147 campaign in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, provided (A)  
148 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who  
149 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors  
150 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least  
151 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be seventy-  
152 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or  
153 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this  
154 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the  
155 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of  
156 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and  
157 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State  
158 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names  
159 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35  
160 shall not be counted for such purposes.

161 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for  
162 the office of state senator who has been nominated shall be eligible to  
163 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the  
164 amount of eighty-five thousand dollars, provided in the case of an  
165 election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted  
166 under subsection (h) of this section.

167 (f) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate  
168 for the office of state representative who has a primary for nomination  
169 to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the  
170 primary campaign in the amount of ten thousand dollars, provided (A)  
171 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who  
172 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors  
173 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least  
174 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be twenty-  
175 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or  
176 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this  
177 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the  
178 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of  
179 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and  
180 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State

181 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names  
182 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35  
183 shall not be counted for such purposes.

184 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for  
185 the office of state representative who has been nominated shall be  
186 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election  
187 campaign in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, provided in  
188 the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be  
189 adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

190 (g) (1) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party  
191 candidate for the office of state senator or state representative shall be  
192 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election  
193 campaign. [if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office  
194 at the last preceding regular election received at least ten per cent of  
195 the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said  
196 election.] The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of] the amount of  
197 the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this  
198 section for a major party candidate for the same office. [, provided (A)  
199 if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last  
200 preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the  
201 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said  
202 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of  
203 the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this  
204 section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if the  
205 candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last  
206 preceding regular election received at least twenty per cent of the  
207 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said  
208 election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the  
209 general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this  
210 section for a major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] In  
211 the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said [amounts]  
212 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

213 (2) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning

214 party candidate for the office of state senator or state representative  
215 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general  
216 election campaign. [if said candidate's nominating petition has been  
217 signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per cent of  
218 the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding  
219 regular election.] The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of] the  
220 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or  
221 (f) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office. [,  
222 provided (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed  
223 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the  
224 whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding  
225 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the  
226 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or  
227 (f) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if  
228 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of  
229 qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number  
230 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,  
231 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general  
232 election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a  
233 major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] In the case of an  
234 election held in 2010, or thereafter, said [amounts] amount shall be  
235 adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

236 (h) For elections held in 2010, and thereafter, the amount of the  
237 grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted by  
238 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,  
239 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the  
240 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the  
241 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during  
242 the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on December  
243 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is  
244 to be made.

245 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e), (f) and (g) of  
246 this section, in the case of a special election for the office of state  
247 senator or state representative, the amount of the grant for a general

248 election campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the amount  
249 authorized under the applicable said subsection (e), (f) or (g).

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

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

257 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does  
258 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized  
259 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section or all moneys that  
260 may be received for the primary campaign under section 9-713 or 9-  
261 714, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign shall be  
262 reduced by the total amount of any such unexpended primary  
263 campaign grant and moneys;

264 (3) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election does  
265 not have any opponent in the general election campaign, the amount  
266 of the general election campaign grant for which the qualified  
267 candidate committee for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty  
268 per cent of the applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i),  
269 inclusive; and

270 (4) If the only opponent or opponents of a participating candidate  
271 who is nominated for election to an office are eligible minor party  
272 candidates or eligible petitioning party candidates and no such eligible  
273 minor party candidate's or eligible petitioning party candidate's  
274 candidate committee has received a total amount of contributions of  
275 any type that is equal to or greater than the amount of the qualifying  
276 contributions that a candidate for such office is required to receive  
277 under section 9-704 to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election  
278 Fund, the amount of the general election campaign grant for such  
279 participating candidate shall be sixty per cent of the applicable amount

280 set forth in this section."