



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6012

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO LEGISLATORS WHO ARE RUNNING FOR MUNICIPAL OR FEDERAL OFFICE.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 9-610 of the general statutes, as
2 amended by section 25 of public act 06-137, is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

4 (e) For purposes of this subsection and subsection (f) of this section,
5 the exclusions to the term "contribution" in subsection (b) of section 9-
6 601a shall not apply; the term "state office" means the office of
7 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
8 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State; and the term "state officer"
9 means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
10 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State. Notwithstanding
11 any provision of this chapter to the contrary, during any regular
12 session of the General Assembly, during any special session of the
13 General Assembly held between the adjournment of the regular
14 session in an odd-numbered year and the convening of the regular

15 session in the following even-numbered year or during any
16 reconvened session of the General Assembly held in an odd-numbered
17 year to reconsider vetoed bills, (1) no lobbyist or political committee
18 established by or on behalf of a lobbyist shall make or offer to make a
19 contribution to or on behalf of, and no lobbyist shall solicit a
20 contribution on behalf of, (A) a candidate or exploratory committee
21 established by a candidate for nomination or election to the General
22 Assembly or a state office or (B) a political committee (i) established for
23 an assembly or senatorial district, (ii) established by a member of the
24 General Assembly or a state officer or such member or officer's agent,
25 or in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, any such
26 member, officer or agent, or (iii) controlled by such member, officer or
27 agent, to aid or promote the nomination or election of any candidate or
28 candidates to the General Assembly or a state office, and (2) no such
29 candidate or political committee shall accept such a contribution. The
30 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a candidate committee
31 established by a member of the General Assembly or a candidate for
32 nomination or election to the General Assembly, at a special election
33 for the General Assembly, from the date on which the candidate or the
34 chairman of the committee files the designation of a campaign
35 treasurer and a depository institution under section 9-602 with the
36 Secretary of the State, to the date on which the special election is held,
37 inclusive, or to an exploratory committee established by a member of
38 the General Assembly to promote his candidacy for [an office other
39 than the General Assembly] state office.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	9-610(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To close the loophole in current law that allows lobbyists to make campaign contributions while the General Assembly is in session to state legislators who are running for another town or federal office.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

Co-Sponsors: REP. WILLIAMS, 68th Dist.

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