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AN ACT CONCERNING POLITICAL ADVERTISING AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-621 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section:

5 (1) No candidate or candidate committee or exploratory committee
6 established by a candidate shall make or incur any expenditure for
7 television advertising or Internet video advertising, which promotes
8 the success of such candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary
9 or election or the defeat of another candidate's campaign for
10 nomination at a primary or election, unless (A) at the end of such
11 advertising there appears simultaneously, for a period of not less than
12 four seconds, (i) a clearly identifiable photographic or similar image of
13 the candidate making such expenditure, (ii) a clearly readable printed

14 statement identifying such candidate, and indicating that such
15 candidate has approved the advertising, and (iii) a simultaneous,
16 personal audio message, in the following form: "I am (candidate's
17 name) and I approved this message", and (B) the candidate's name and
18 image appear in, and the candidate's voice is contained in, the
19 narrative of the advertising, before the end of such advertising;

20 (2) No candidate or candidate committee or exploratory committee
21 established by a candidate shall make or incur any expenditure for
22 radio advertising or Internet audio advertising, which promotes the
23 success of such candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or
24 election or the defeat of another candidate's campaign for nomination
25 at a primary or election, unless (A) the advertising ends with a
26 personal audio statement by the candidate making such expenditure
27 (i) identifying such candidate and the office such candidate is seeking,
28 and (ii) indicating that such candidate has approved the advertising in
29 the following form: "I am (candidate's name) and I approved this
30 message", and (B) the candidate's name and voice are contained in the
31 narrative of the advertising, before the end of such advertising; and

32 (3) No candidate or candidate committee or exploratory committee
33 established by a candidate shall make or incur any expenditure for
34 automated telephone calls which promote the success of such
35 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election or the
36 defeat of another candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or
37 election. [, unless the candidate's name and voice are contained in the
38 narrative of the call, before the end of such call.]

39 Sec. 2. Section 9-622 of the general statutes is repealed and the
40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

41 The following persons shall be guilty of illegal practices and shall be
42 punished in accordance with the provisions of section 9-623:

43 (1) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or by
44 another person, gives or offers or promises to any person any money,

45 gift, advantage, preferment, entertainment, aid, emolument or other
46 valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or procuring any person to
47 sign a nominating, primary or referendum petition or to vote or refrain
48 from voting for or against any person or for or against any measure at
49 any election, caucus, convention, primary or referendum;

50 (2) Any person who, directly or indirectly, receives, accepts,
51 requests or solicits from any person, committee, association,
52 organization or corporation, any money, gift, advantage, preferment,
53 aid, emolument or other valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or
54 procuring any person to sign a nominating, primary or referendum
55 petition or to vote or refrain from voting for or against any person or
56 for or against any measure at any such election, caucus, primary or
57 referendum;

58 (3) Any person who, in consideration of any money, gift, advantage,
59 preferment, aid, emolument or other valuable thing paid, received,
60 accepted or promised to the person's advantage or any other person's
61 advantage, votes or refrains from voting for or against any person or
62 for or against any measure at any such election, caucus, primary or
63 referendum;

64 (4) Any person who solicits from any candidate any money, gift,
65 contribution, emolument or other valuable thing for the purpose of
66 using the same for the support, assistance, benefit or expenses of any
67 club, company or organization, or for the purpose of defraying the cost
68 or expenses of any political campaign, primary, referendum or
69 election;

70 (5) Any person who, directly or indirectly, pays, gives, contributes
71 or promises any money or other valuable thing to defray or towards
72 defraying the cost or expenses of any campaign, primary, referendum
73 or election to any person, committee, company, club, organization or
74 association, other than to a campaign treasurer, except that this
75 subdivision shall not apply to any expenses for postage, telegrams,
76 telephoning, stationery, express charges, traveling, meals, lodging or

77 photocopying incurred by any candidate for office or for nomination to
78 office, so far as may be permitted under the provisions of this chapter;

79 (6) Any person who, in order to secure or promote the person's own
80 nomination or election as a candidate, or that of any other person,
81 directly or indirectly, promises to appoint, or promises to secure or
82 assist in securing the appointment, nomination or election of any other
83 person to any public position, or to any position of honor, trust or
84 emolument; but any person may publicly announce the person's own
85 choice or purpose in relation to any appointment, nomination or
86 election in which the person may be called to take part, if the person is
87 nominated for or elected to such office;

88 (7) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or through
89 another person, makes a payment or promise of payment to a
90 campaign treasurer in a name other than the person's own, and any
91 campaign treasurer who knowingly receives a payment or promise of
92 payment, or enters or causes the same to be entered in the person's
93 accounts in any other name than that of the person by whom such
94 payment or promise of payment is made;

95 (8) Any person who knowingly and wilfully violates any provision
96 of this chapter;

97 (9) Any person who offers or receives a cash contribution in excess
98 of one hundred dollars to promote the success or defeat of any political
99 party, candidate or referendum question;

100 (10) Any person who solicits, makes or receives a contribution that
101 is otherwise prohibited by any provision of this chapter;

102 (11) Any department head or deputy department head of a state
103 department, chief of staff in the office of the Governor or chief of staff
104 for any legislative caucus who solicits a contribution on behalf of, or
105 for the benefit of, any candidate for state, district or municipal office or
106 any political party;

107 (12) Any municipal employee who solicits a contribution on behalf
108 of, or for the benefit of, any candidate for state, district or municipal
109 office, any political committee or any political party, from (A) an
110 individual under the supervision of such employee, or (B) the spouse
111 or a dependent child of such individual; or

112 (13) Any person who makes a coordinated expenditure for a
113 candidate without the knowledge of said candidate. No candidate
114 shall be civilly or criminally liable with regard to any such coordinated
115 expenditure.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	9-621(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	9-622

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[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.]