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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM AND THE
AUTHORITY OF THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT
COMMISSION."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-611 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to, for
6 the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a
7 candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's
8 campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign
9 for election, to the office of (1) Governor, in excess of three thousand
10 five hundred dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,
11 Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of two thousand
12 dollars; (3) chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess

13 of one thousand dollars; (4) state senator or probate judge, in excess of
14 one thousand dollars; or (5) state representative or any other office of a
15 municipality not previously included in this subsection, in excess of
16 two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed by this subsection shall
17 be applied separately to primaries and elections.

18 (b) (1) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to,
19 or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee, in excess of three
20 hundred seventy-five dollars, if the candidate establishing the
21 exploratory committee certifies on the statement of organization for
22 the exploratory committee pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-604
23 that the candidate will not be a candidate for the office of state
24 representative. No individual shall make a contribution or
25 contributions to, or for the benefit of, any exploratory committee, in
26 excess of two hundred fifty dollars, if the candidate establishing the
27 exploratory committee does not so certify.

28 (2) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to, or
29 for the benefit of, a political committee formed by a slate of candidates
30 in a primary for the office of justice of the peace, in excess of two
31 hundred fifty dollars.

32 (c) No individual shall make contributions to such candidates or
33 committees which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars for
34 any single election and primary preliminary thereto.

35 (d) No individual shall make a contribution to any candidate or
36 committee, other than a contribution in kind, in excess of one hundred
37 dollars except by personal check or credit card of that individual.

38 (e) No individual who is less than sixteen years of age shall make a
39 contribution or contributions, in excess of thirty dollars to, for the
40 benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of: (1) A
41 candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's
42 campaign for nomination at a primary to any office; (2) a candidate or
43 a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for
44 election to any office; (3) an exploratory committee; (4) any other

45 political committee in any calendar year; or (5) a party committee in
46 any calendar year. Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (2) of
47 section 9-7b, any individual who is less than sixteen years of age who
48 violates any provision of this subsection shall not be subject to the
49 provisions of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b.

50 (f) No contribution made pursuant to this section shall be made as a
51 cash contribution.

52 Sec. 502. Section 9-622 of the general statutes is repealed and the
53 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

56 (1) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or by
57 another person, gives or offers or promises to any person any money,
58 gift, advantage, preferment, entertainment, aid, emolument or other
59 valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or procuring any person to
60 sign a nominating, primary or referendum petition or to vote or refrain
61 from voting for or against any person or for or against any measure at
62 any election, caucus, convention, primary or referendum;

63 (2) Any person who, directly or indirectly, receives, accepts,
64 requests or solicits from any person, committee, association,
65 organization or corporation, any money, gift, advantage, preferment,
66 aid, emolument or other valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or
67 procuring any person to sign a nominating, primary or referendum
68 petition or to vote or refrain from voting for or against any person or
69 for or against any measure at any such election, caucus, primary or
70 referendum;

71 (3) Any person who, in consideration of any money, gift, advantage,
72 preferment, aid, emolument or other valuable thing paid, received,
73 accepted or promised to the person's advantage or any other person's
74 advantage, votes or refrains from voting for or against any person or
75 for or against any measure at any such election, caucus, primary or

76 referendum;

77 (4) Any person who solicits from any candidate any money, gift,
78 contribution, emolument or other valuable thing for the purpose of
79 using the same for the support, assistance, benefit or expenses of any
80 club, company or organization, or for the purpose of defraying the cost
81 or expenses of any political campaign, primary, referendum or
82 election;

83 (5) Any person who, directly or indirectly, pays, gives, contributes
84 or promises any money or other valuable thing to defray or towards
85 defraying the cost or expenses of any campaign, primary, referendum
86 or election to any person, committee, company, club, organization or
87 association, other than to a campaign treasurer, except that this
88 subdivision shall not apply to any expenses for postage, telegrams,
89 telephoning, stationery, express charges, traveling, meals, lodging or
90 photocopying incurred by any candidate for office or for nomination to
91 office, so far as may be permitted under the provisions of this chapter;

92 (6) Any person who, in order to secure or promote the person's own
93 nomination or election as a candidate, or that of any other person,
94 directly or indirectly, promises to appoint, or promises to secure or
95 assist in securing the appointment, nomination or election of any other
96 person to any public position, or to any position of honor, trust or
97 emolument; but any person may publicly announce the person's own
98 choice or purpose in relation to any appointment, nomination or
99 election in which the person may be called to take part, if the person is
100 nominated for or elected to such office;

101 (7) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or through
102 another person, makes a payment or promise of payment to a
103 campaign treasurer in a name other than the person's own, and any
104 campaign treasurer who knowingly receives a payment or promise of
105 payment, or enters or causes the same to be entered in the person's
106 accounts in any other name than that of the person by whom such
107 payment or promise of payment is made;

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

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

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

115 (11) Any department head or deputy department head of a state
116 department who solicits a contribution on behalf of, or for the benefit
117 of, any candidate for state, district or municipal office or any political
118 party;

119 (12) Any municipal employee who solicits a contribution on behalf
120 of, or for the benefit of, any candidate for state, district or municipal
121 office, any political committee or any political party, from (A) an
122 individual under the supervision of such employee, or (B) the spouse
123 or a dependent child of such individual; [or]

124 (13) Any person who makes a coordinated expenditure for a
125 candidate without the knowledge of said candidate. No candidate
126 shall be civilly or criminally liable with regard to any such coordinated
127 expenditure; or

128 (14) Any person who makes or receives a cash contribution in
129 violation of section 9-611, as amended by this act."