



General Assembly

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE VALUATION OF CERTAIN MATERIALS
USED IN PRIOR ELECTIONS UNDER THE CITIZENS' ELECTION
PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-706 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2009*):

4 (b) The application shall include a written certification that:

5 (1) The candidate committee has received the required amount of
6 qualifying contributions;

7 (2) The candidate committee has repaid all moneys borrowed on
8 behalf of the campaign, as required by subsection (b) of section 9-710;

9 (3) The candidate committee has returned any contribution of five
10 dollars or more from an individual who does not include the
11 individual's name and address with the contribution;

12 (4) The candidate committee has returned all contributions or
13 portions of contributions that do not meet the criteria for qualifying
14 contributions under section 9-704 and transmitted all excess qualifying
15 contributions to the Citizens' Election Fund;

16 (5) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee will: (A)
17 Comply with the provisions of chapters 155 and 157, and (B) maintain
18 and furnish all records required pursuant to chapters 155 and 157 and
19 any regulation adopted pursuant to such chapters;

20 (6) All moneys received from the Citizens' Election Fund will be
21 deposited upon receipt into the depository account of the candidate
22 committee;

23 (7) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee will expend
24 all moneys received from the fund in accordance with the provisions of
25 subsection (g) of section 9-607 and regulations adopted by the State
26 Elections Enforcement Commission under subsection (e) of this
27 section; [and]

28 (8) If the candidate withdraws from the campaign, becomes
29 ineligible or dies during the campaign, the candidate committee of the
30 candidate will return to the commission, for deposit in the fund, all
31 moneys received from the fund pursuant to sections 9-700 to 9-716,
32 inclusive, which said candidate committee has not spent as of the date
33 of such occurrence;

34 (9) Indicates whether or not the candidate committee has custody
35 and control over the applicable number of lawn signs from any prior
36 election or primary that would result in a reduction of such candidate
37 committee's grant from the fund for the general election campaign, as
38 provided in section 9-705, as amended by this act.

39 Sec. 2. Subsection (j) of section 9-705 of the general statutes is
40 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
41 *1, 2009*):

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

44 (1) The initial grant that a qualified candidate committee for a
45 candidate is eligible to receive under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of

46 this section shall be reduced by the amount of any personal funds that
47 the candidate provides for the candidate's campaign for nomination or
48 election pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-710;

49 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
50 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized
51 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section or all moneys that
52 may be received for the primary campaign under section 9-713 or 9-
53 714, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign shall be
54 reduced by the total amount of any such unexpended primary
55 campaign grant and moneys;

56 (3) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election does
57 not have any opponent in the general election campaign, the amount
58 of the general election campaign grant for which the qualified
59 candidate committee for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty
60 per cent of the applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i),
61 inclusive; [and]

62 (4) If the only opponent or opponents of a participating candidate
63 who is nominated for election to an office are eligible minor party
64 candidates or eligible petitioning party candidates and no such eligible
65 minor party candidate's or eligible petitioning party candidate's
66 candidate committee has received a total amount of contributions of
67 any type that is equal to or greater than the amount of the qualifying
68 contributions that a candidate for such office is required to receive
69 under section 9-704 to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election
70 Fund, the amount of the general election campaign grant for such
71 participating candidate shall be sixty per cent of the applicable amount
72 set forth in this section;

73 (5) The amount of the general election campaign grant for a
74 qualified candidate committee shall be reduced, pursuant to the
75 provisions of this subdivision, if such candidate committee has control
76 and custody over lawn signs from any prior election or primary in the
77 following applicable amount: (A) Five hundred or more lawn signs for

78 the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
 79 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
 80 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (B) one hundred or more lawn
 81 signs for the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office
 82 of state senator, or (C) fifty or more lawn signs for the qualified
 83 candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state
 84 representative. If such qualified candidate committee has custody and
 85 control over lawn signs in the applicable amount, as described in this
 86 subdivision, the grant from the fund for the general election campaign
 87 for such qualified candidate committee shall be reduced as follows: (i)
 88 Two thousand five hundred dollars for the qualified candidate
 89 committee of a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant
 90 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
 91 or State Treasurer, (ii) five hundred dollars for the qualified candidate
 92 committee of a candidate for the office of state senator, or (iii) two
 93 hundred fifty dollars for the qualified candidate committee of a
 94 candidate for the office of state representative. No reduction in the
 95 grant from the fund for the general election campaign shall be taken
 96 for any lawn sign that is not in the custody or control of the qualified
 97 candidate committee. No such reduction shall be taken for any other
 98 campaign related materials.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	9-706(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	9-705(j)

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*