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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUS OF CANDIDATES AND CERTAIN DONATIONS UNDER THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, whenever the opposing candidate of
3 a participating candidate under the Citizens' Election Program
4 withdraws, such participating candidate shall not be subject to penalty
5 by the State Elections Enforcement Commission if, after such
6 withdrawal, such participating candidate makes an expenditure that is
7 otherwise permitted pursuant to sections 9-700 to 9-718, inclusive, of
8 the general statutes.

9 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 9-704 of the general statutes is
10 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
11 *October 1, 2009*):

12 (d) After a candidate committee receives the applicable aggregate
13 amount of qualifying contributions under subsection (a) of this section,

14 the candidate committee [shall] may transmit any additional
15 contributions that it receives to the State Treasurer for deposit in the
16 Citizens' Election Fund or may return any such additional contribution
17 to the individual who made such contribution.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	9-704(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit penalties for legitimate expenditures under the Citizens' Election Program when an opponent withdraws and to allow the return of contributions to the donor when a candidate reaches the qualifying contribution threshold.

[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.]