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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GENERAL ELECTION AND PRIMARY GRANTS UNDER THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-705 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate  
4 for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said  
5 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election  
6 Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of [one million two  
7 hundred fifty thousand] nine hundred thirty-seven thousand five  
8 hundred dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held in 2014, or  
9 thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this  
10 section.

11 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of  
12 Governor who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on  
13 the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of

14 part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund  
15 for the general election campaign in the amount of [three million] two  
16 million two hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided in the case of an  
17 election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted  
18 under subsection (d) of this section.

19 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate  
20 for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State  
21 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a  
22 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant  
23 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of [three  
24 hundred seventy-five thousand] two hundred eighty-one thousand  
25 two hundred fifty dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held in  
26 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d)  
27 of this section.

28 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of  
29 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State  
30 Treasurer who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on  
31 the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of  
32 part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund  
33 for the general election campaign in the amount of [seven hundred  
34 fifty thousand] five hundred sixty-two thousand five hundred dollars,  
35 provided in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said  
36 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

37 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of  
38 this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor  
39 party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
40 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State  
41 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the  
42 general election campaign if the candidate of the same minor party for  
43 the same office at the last preceding regular election received at least  
44 ten per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for  
45 said office at said election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third

46 of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection  
47 (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided  
48 (A) if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the  
49 last preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the  
50 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said  
51 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of  
52 the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this  
53 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the  
54 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular  
55 election received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes  
56 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the  
57 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign  
58 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the  
59 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2014, or  
60 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this  
61 section.

62 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this  
63 section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning  
64 party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
65 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State  
66 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the  
67 general election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has  
68 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per  
69 cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last  
70 preceding regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third  
71 of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection  
72 (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided  
73 (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a  
74 number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the  
75 whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding  
76 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the  
77 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or  
78 (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if said  
79 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of

80 qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number  
81 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,  
82 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general  
83 election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a  
84 candidate for the same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in  
85 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d)  
86 of this section.

87 (3) In addition to the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this  
88 subsection, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning  
89 party candidate and the qualified candidate committee of an eligible  
90 minor party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
91 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State  
92 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a supplemental grant from the  
93 fund after the general election if the treasurer of such candidate  
94 committee reports a deficit in the first statement filed after the general  
95 election, pursuant to section 9-608, and such candidate received a  
96 greater per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for  
97 said office at said election than the per cent of votes utilized by such  
98 candidate to obtain a general election campaign grant described in  
99 subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection. The amount of such  
100 supplemental grant shall be calculated as follows:

101 (A) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than ten  
102 per cent, but not more than fifteen per cent, of the whole number of  
103 votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant  
104 shall be the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the  
105 difference between the percentage of such whole number of votes  
106 received by such candidate and ten per cent and the denominator is  
107 ten, and (ii) two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign  
108 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party  
109 candidate for the same office.

110 (B) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than fifteen  
111 per cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the whole number of votes

112 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be  
113 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference  
114 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by  
115 such candidate and fifteen per cent and the denominator is five, and  
116 (ii) one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant  
117 under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate  
118 for the same office.

119 (C) The sum of the general election campaign grant received by any  
120 such candidate and a supplemental grant under this subdivision shall  
121 not exceed one hundred per cent of the amount of the general election  
122 campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major  
123 party candidate for the same office.

124 (d) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the  
125 grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by  
126 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,  
127 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in  
128 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the  
129 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during  
130 the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December  
131 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is  
132 to be made.

133 (e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate  
134 for the office of state senator who has a primary for nomination to said  
135 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary  
136 campaign in the amount of [~~thirty-five thousand~~] twenty-six thousand  
137 two hundred fifty dollars, provided (A) if the percentage of the  
138 electors in the district served by said office who are enrolled in said  
139 major party exceeds the percentage of the electors in said district who  
140 are enrolled in another major party by at least twenty percentage  
141 points, the amount of said grant shall be [~~seventy-five thousand~~] fifty-  
142 six thousand two hundred fifty dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary  
143 held in 2010, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under

144 subsection (h) of this section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of  
145 this subdivision, the number of enrolled members of a major party and  
146 the number of electors in a district shall be determined by the latest  
147 enrollment and voter registration records in the office of the Secretary  
148 of the State submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-  
149 65. The names of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under  
150 section 9-35 shall not be counted for such purposes.

151 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of  
152 state senator who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on  
153 the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter  
154 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general  
155 election campaign in the amount of [~~eighty-five thousand~~] sixty-three  
156 thousand seven hundred fifty dollars, provided in the case of an  
157 election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted  
158 under subsection (h) of this section.

159 (f) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate  
160 for the office of state representative who has a primary for nomination  
161 to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the  
162 primary campaign in the amount of [~~ten thousand~~] seven thousand  
163 five hundred dollars, provided (A) if the percentage of the electors in  
164 the district served by said office who are enrolled in said major party  
165 exceeds the percentage of the electors in said district who are enrolled  
166 in another major party by at least twenty percentage points, the  
167 amount of said grant shall be [~~twenty-five thousand~~] eighteen  
168 thousand seven hundred fifty dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary  
169 held in 2010, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under  
170 subsection (h) of this section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of  
171 this subdivision, the number of enrolled members of a major party and  
172 the number of electors in a district shall be determined by the latest  
173 enrollment and voter registration records in the office of the Secretary  
174 of the State submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-  
175 65. The names of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under  
176 section 9-35 shall not be counted for such purposes.

177 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of  
178 state representative who has been nominated, or has qualified to  
179 appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of  
180 chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the  
181 general election campaign in the amount of [twenty-five thousand]  
182 eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars, provided in the case of  
183 an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted  
184 under subsection (h) of this section.

185 (g) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e) and (f) of  
186 this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor  
187 party candidate for the office of state senator or state representative  
188 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general  
189 election campaign if the candidate of the same minor party for the  
190 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten  
191 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said  
192 office at said election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the  
193 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or  
194 (f) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if the  
195 candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last  
196 preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the  
197 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said  
198 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of  
199 the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this  
200 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the  
201 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular  
202 election received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes  
203 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the  
204 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign  
205 grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a candidate for the  
206 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2010, or  
207 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this  
208 section.

209 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e) and (f) of this

210 section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning  
211 party candidate for the office of state senator or state representative  
212 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general  
213 election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has been  
214 signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per cent of  
215 the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding  
216 regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the  
217 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or  
218 (f) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if  
219 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of  
220 qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the whole number  
221 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,  
222 the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the  
223 general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this  
224 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if said candidate's  
225 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors  
226 equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes cast for  
227 the same office at the last preceding regular election, the amount of the  
228 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign  
229 grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a candidate for the  
230 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2010, or  
231 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this  
232 section.

233 (3) In addition to the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this  
234 subsection, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning  
235 party candidate and the qualified candidate committee of an eligible  
236 minor party candidate for the office of state senator or state  
237 representative shall be eligible to receive a supplemental grant from  
238 the fund after the general election if the treasurer of such candidate  
239 committee reports a deficit in the first statement filed after the general  
240 election, pursuant to section 9-608, and such candidate received a  
241 greater per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for  
242 said office at said election than the per cent of votes utilized by such  
243 candidate to obtain a general election campaign grant described in

244 subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection. The amount of such  
245 supplemental grant shall be calculated as follows:

246 (A) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than ten  
247 per cent, but less than fifteen per cent, of the whole number of votes  
248 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be  
249 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference  
250 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by  
251 such candidate and ten per cent and the denominator is ten, and (ii)  
252 two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under  
253 subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the  
254 same office.

255 (B) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than fifteen  
256 per cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the whole number of votes  
257 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be  
258 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference  
259 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by  
260 such candidate and fifteen per cent and the denominator is five, and  
261 (ii) one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant  
262 under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate  
263 for the same office.

264 (C) The sum of the general election campaign grant received by any  
265 such candidate and a supplemental grant under this subdivision shall  
266 not exceed one hundred per cent of the amount of the general election  
267 campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major  
268 party candidate for the same office.

269 (h) For elections held in 2010, and thereafter, the amount of the  
270 grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted by  
271 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,  
272 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the  
273 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the  
274 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during  
275 the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on December

276 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is  
277 to be made.

278 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e), (f) and (g) of  
279 this section, in the case of a special election for the office of state  
280 senator or state representative, the amount of the grant for a general  
281 election campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the amount  
282 authorized under the applicable said subsection (e), (f) or (g).

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

285 (1) The initial grant that a qualified candidate committee for a  
286 candidate is eligible to receive under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of  
287 this section shall be reduced by the amount of any personal funds that  
288 the candidate provides for the candidate's campaign for nomination or  
289 election pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-710;

290 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does  
291 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized  
292 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section or all moneys that  
293 may be received for the primary campaign under section 9-713 or 9-  
294 714, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign shall be  
295 reduced by the total amount of any such unexpended primary  
296 campaign grant and moneys;

297 (3) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election does  
298 not have any opponent in the general election campaign, the amount  
299 of the general election campaign grant for which the qualified  
300 candidate committee for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty  
301 per cent of the applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i),  
302 inclusive; and

303 (4) If the only opponent or opponents of a participating candidate  
304 who is nominated for election to an office are eligible minor party  
305 candidates or eligible petitioning party candidates and no such eligible

306 minor party candidate's or eligible petitioning party candidate's  
307 candidate committee has received a total amount of contributions of  
308 any type that is equal to or greater than the amount of the qualifying  
309 contributions that a candidate for such office is required to receive  
310 under section 9-704 to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election  
311 Fund, the amount of the general election campaign grant for such  
312 participating candidate shall be sixty per cent of the applicable amount  
313 set forth in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	9-705

**Statement of Purpose:**

To reduce the amount of a general election or primary grant that a candidate can receive under the Citizens' Election Program by twenty-five per cent.

*[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.]*