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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURE THRESHOLDS FOR A GROUP ORGANIZED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE SUCCESS OR THE DEFEAT OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 9-605 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2010*):

4 (d) A group of two or more individuals who have joined solely to
5 promote the success or defeat of a referendum question shall not be
6 required to file as a political committee, make such designations in
7 accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this section or file
8 statements pursuant to section 9-608, if the group does not receive or
9 expend in excess of [one] two thousand dollars for the entire campaign
10 and the agent of such individuals files a certification with the proper
11 authority or authorities as required under section 9-603 before an
12 expenditure is made. The certification shall include the name of the
13 group, or the names of the persons who comprise the group, and the
14 name and address of the agent which shall appear on any

15 communication paid for or sponsored by the group as required by
16 section 9-621. If the group receives or expends in excess of one
17 thousand dollars, the agent shall complete the statement of
18 organization and file as a political committee not later than three
19 business days thereafter. The agent shall provide the designated
20 campaign treasurer with all information required for completion of the
21 statements for filing as required by section 9-608. The filing of a
22 certification under this subsection shall not relieve the group from
23 compliance with the provisions of this chapter, and the group shall be
24 considered a political committee established solely for a referendum
25 question for purposes of the limitations on contributions and
26 expenditures.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	9-605(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To raise the expenditure threshold that would require a group organized to promote the success or defeat of a referendum question to file as a political committee from one thousand to two thousand dollars.

[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.]