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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION AND
REVISIONS TO ELECTION LAWS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 9-622 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

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

7 (1) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or by
8 another person, gives or offers or promises to any person any money,
9 gift, advantage, preferment, entertainment, aid, emolument or other
10 valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or procuring any person to
11 sign a nominating, primary or referendum petition or to vote or refrain
12 from voting for or against any person or for or against any measure at

13 any election, caucus, convention, primary or referendum;

14 (2) Any person who, directly or indirectly, receives, accepts,
15 requests or solicits from any person, committee, association,
16 organization or corporation, any money, gift, advantage, preferment,
17 aid, emolument or other valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or
18 procuring any person to sign a nominating, primary or referendum
19 petition or to vote or refrain from voting for or against any person or
20 for or against any measure at any such election, caucus, primary or
21 referendum;

22 (3) Any person who, in consideration of any money, gift, advantage,
23 preferment, aid, emolument or other valuable thing paid, received,
24 accepted or promised to the person's advantage or any other person's
25 advantage, votes or refrains from voting for or against any person or
26 for or against any measure at any such election, caucus, primary or
27 referendum;

28 (4) Any person who solicits from any candidate any money, gift,
29 contribution, emolument or other valuable thing for the purpose of
30 using the same for the support, assistance, benefit or expenses of any
31 club, company or organization, or for the purpose of defraying the cost
32 or expenses of any political campaign, primary, referendum or
33 election;

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

43 (6) Any person who, in order to secure or promote the person's own
44 nomination or election as a candidate, or that of any other person,

45 directly or indirectly, promises to appoint, or promises to secure or
46 assist in securing the appointment, nomination or election of any other
47 person to any public position, or to any position of honor, trust or
48 emolument; but any person may publicly announce the person's own
49 choice or purpose in relation to any appointment, nomination or
50 election in which the person may be called to take part, if the person is
51 nominated for or elected to such office;

52 (7) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or through
53 another person, makes a payment or promise of payment to a
54 campaign treasurer in a name other than the person's own, and any
55 campaign treasurer who knowingly receives a payment or promise of
56 payment, or enters or causes the same to be entered in the person's
57 accounts in any other name than that of the person by whom such
58 payment or promise of payment is made;

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

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

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

66 (11) Any department head or deputy department head of a state
67 department who solicits a contribution on behalf of, or for the benefit
68 of, any candidate for state, district or municipal office or any political
69 party;

70 (12) Any municipal employee who solicits a contribution on behalf
71 of, or for the benefit of, any candidate for state, district or municipal
72 office, any political committee or any political party, from (A) an
73 individual under the supervision of such employee, or (B) the spouse
74 or a dependent child of such individual;

75 (13) Any person who makes a coordinated expenditure for a
 76 candidate without the knowledge of said candidate. No candidate
 77 shall be civilly or criminally liable with regard to any such coordinated
 78 expenditure;

79 (14) Any chief of staff of a legislative caucus who solicits a
 80 contribution on behalf of or for the benefit of any candidate for state,
 81 district or municipal office from an employee of the legislative caucus;

82 (15) Any chief of staff for a state-wide elected official who solicits a
 83 contribution on behalf of or for the benefit of any candidate for state,
 84 district or municipal office from a member of such official's staff; [or]

85 (16) Any chief of staff for the Governor or Lieutenant Governor who
 86 solicits a contribution on behalf of or for the benefit of any candidate
 87 for state, district or municipal office from a member of the staff of the
 88 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or from any commissioner or
 89 deputy commissioner of any state agency; or

90 (17) Any person who, while contracting with or otherwise
 91 employing another person to solicit an individual to apply for
 92 admission as an elector, pays or obligates to pay such person an
 93 incentive or bonus payment based on the number of such individuals
 94 who apply for such admission or who make application for enrollment
 95 on a list of a political party."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2010	9-622