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**Raised Bill No. 6513**

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS STATUTES AND PUBLIC ACTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 17b-420 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (f) There shall be an executive director of the Commission on Aging.  
5 There may be additional staff within available appropriations. The  
6 commission shall be within the Legislative Department. The executive  
7 director and any necessary staff shall be employed by the Joint  
8 [Standing] Committee on Legislative Management. The commission  
9 shall have no authority over staffing or personnel matters.

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 7 of public act 10-1 of the June  
11 special session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
12 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

13 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the  
14 Commissioner of Transportation shall convey to the town of  
15 Manchester a parcel of land located in the town of Manchester, at a  
16 cost equal to the administrative costs of making such conveyance,  
17 including legal fees. Said parcel of land has an area of approximately 1.  
18 517 acres and is identified as a portion of Vol. 858 page 243 on a map  
19 entitled "Town of Manchester Department of Public Works  
20 Engineering Division, Compilation Survey Plan Showing Some  
21 Property of the State of Connecticut, 1451 Pleasant Valley Road, April  
22 30, 2009, Scale [1'=40'] 1"=40'". The conveyance shall be subject to the  
23 approval of the State Properties Review Board.

24 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 9-601a of the general statutes is  
25 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
26 *passage*):

27 (b) As used in this chapter and [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,]  
28 chapter 157, "contribution" does not mean:

29 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a  
30 national or state bank;

31 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or  
32 association to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or  
33 administrative personnel, or their families;

34 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns  
35 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,  
36 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their  
37 families;

38 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering  
39 their time;

40 (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,  
41 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a  
42 candidate or on behalf of a state central or town committee, in

43 rendering voluntary personal services for candidate or party-related  
44 activities at the individual's residence, to the extent that the cumulative  
45 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by the individual  
46 on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed two hundred dollars  
47 with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central  
48 and town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in any  
49 calendar year;

50 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use in a candidate's campaign or  
51 for use by a state central or town committee at a discount, if the charge  
52 is not less than the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative  
53 value of the discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate does  
54 not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to any single election,  
55 and on behalf of all state central and town committees does not exceed  
56 four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

57 (7) Any unreimbursed payment for travel expenses made by an  
58 individual who on the individual's own behalf volunteers the  
59 individual's personal services to any single candidate to the extent the  
60 cumulative value does not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to  
61 any single election, and on behalf of all state central or town  
62 committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

63 (8) The payment, by a party committee, political committee or an  
64 individual, of the costs of preparation, display, mailing or other  
65 distribution incurred by the committee or individual with respect to  
66 any printed slate card, sample ballot or other printed list containing  
67 the names of three or more candidates;

68 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual  
69 to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction,  
70 or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to  
71 the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not  
72 exceed fifty dollars;

73 (10) (A) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies

74 the purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by the  
75 candidate committee of a candidate for an office of a municipality,  
76 provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two  
77 hundred fifty dollars from any single such candidate or the candidate's  
78 committee with respect to any single election campaign if the  
79 purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any  
80 other person;

81 (B) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the  
82 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by a town  
83 committee, provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not  
84 exceed two hundred fifty dollars from any single town committee in  
85 any calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars  
86 for purchases by any other person. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
87 this subparagraph, the following may not purchase advertising space  
88 in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by a town committee:  
89 (i) A communicator lobbyist, (ii) a member of the immediate family of  
90 a communicator lobbyist, (iii) a state contractor, (iv) a prospective state  
91 contractor, or (v) a principal of a state contractor or prospective state  
92 contractor. As used in this subparagraph, "state contractor",  
93 "prospective state contractor" and "principal of a state contractor or  
94 prospective state contractor" have the same meanings as provided in  
95 subsection (g) of section 9-612;

96 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's  
97 candidate committee;

98 (12) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a  
99 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to  
100 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed one  
101 hundred dollars;

102 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a  
103 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications  
104 service for a committee, provided the security deposit is refunded to  
105 the individual;

106 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial  
107 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television  
108 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access  
109 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major  
110 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to  
111 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such  
112 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a  
113 political party;

114 (15) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an  
115 individual at a town fair, county fair or similar mass gathering held  
116 within the state, to the extent that the cumulative payment made by  
117 any one individual for such items does not exceed fifty dollars;

118 (16) An organization expenditure by a party committee, legislative  
119 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee;

120 (17) The donation of food or beverage by an individual for  
121 consumption at a slate, candidate, legislative caucus, legislative  
122 leadership or party committee meeting, event or activity that is not a  
123 fund-raising affair to the extent that the cumulative value of the food  
124 or beverages donated by an individual for a single meeting or event  
125 does not exceed fifty dollars;

126 (18) The value associated with the de minimis campaign activity on  
127 behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate committee  
128 legislative caucus committee, legislative leadership committee, or  
129 candidate committee, including for activities undertaken for the  
130 benefit of participating and nonparticipating candidates under the  
131 Citizens' Election Program of sending of electronic mail or messages  
132 from an individual's personal computer or cellular telephone when  
133 compensation is not remitted to such individual for the sending of  
134 such electronic mail or messages; or

135 (19) The display of a lawn sign by a human being or on real  
136 property.

137 Sec. 4. Subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of section 9-601c of the  
138 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
139 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

140 (8) An expenditure made by a person for a communication that  
141 clearly identifies a candidate during an election campaign, if the  
142 person making the expenditure, or such person's agent, has informed  
143 the candidate who benefits from the expenditure, that candidate's  
144 candidate committee, a political committee or a party committee, or a  
145 consultant or other agent acting on behalf of the benefiting candidate  
146 or candidate committee, political committee, or party committee,  
147 concerning the communication's contents, or of the intended audience,  
148 timing, location or mode or frequency of dissemination. As used in this  
149 subdivision, a communication ["clearly identifies a candidate"] clearly  
150 identifies a candidate when that communication contains the name,  
151 nickname, initials, photograph or drawing of the candidate or an  
152 unambiguous reference to that candidate, which includes, but is not  
153 limited to, a reference that can only mean that candidate; and

154 Sec. 5. Subsection (e) of section 9-610 of the general statutes is  
155 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
156 *passage*):

157 (e) For purposes of this subsection and subsection (f) of this section,  
158 the exclusions to the term "contribution" in subsection (b) of section 9-  
159 601a shall not apply; the term "state office" means the office of  
160 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,  
161 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State; and the term "state officer"  
162 means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State  
163 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State. Notwithstanding  
164 any provision of this chapter to the contrary, during any regular  
165 session of the General Assembly, during any special session of the  
166 General Assembly held between the adjournment of the regular  
167 session in an odd-numbered year and the convening of the regular  
168 session in the following even-numbered year or during any

169 reconvened session of the General Assembly held in an odd-numbered  
170 year to reconsider vetoed bills, (1) no lobbyist or political committee  
171 established by or on behalf of a lobbyist shall make or offer to make a  
172 contribution to or on behalf of, and no lobbyist shall solicit a  
173 contribution on behalf of, (A) a candidate or exploratory committee  
174 established by a candidate for nomination or election to the General  
175 Assembly or a state office, or (B) a political committee (i) established  
176 for an assembly or senatorial district, (ii) established by a member of  
177 the General Assembly or a state officer or such member or officer's  
178 agent, or in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, any  
179 such member, officer or agent, or (iii) controlled by such member,  
180 officer or agent, to aid or promote the nomination or election of any  
181 candidate or candidates to the General Assembly or a state office, and  
182 (2) no such candidate or political committee shall accept such a  
183 contribution. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a  
184 candidate committee established by a member of the General  
185 Assembly or a candidate for nomination or election to the General  
186 Assembly, at a special election for the General Assembly, from the date  
187 on which the candidate or the chairman of the committee files the  
188 designation of a campaign treasurer and a depository institution under  
189 section 9-602 with the State Elections Enforcement Commission, to the  
190 date on which the special election is held, inclusive, or to an  
191 exploratory committee established by a member of the General  
192 Assembly to promote his candidacy for an office other than the  
193 General Assembly.

194 Sec. 6. Subsection (e) of section 9-702 of the general statutes is  
195 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
196 *passage*):

197 (e) No grants or moneys paid to a qualified candidate committee  
198 from the Citizens' Election Fund under this chapter [,] shall be deemed  
199 to be public funds under any other provision of the general statutes or  
200 any public or special act unless specifically stated by such provision.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-420(f)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	PA 10-1 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 7(a)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-601a(b)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-601c(a)(8)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-610(e)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-702(e)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Legislative Commissioners' Office's technical revisions to the government administration and elections statutes.

*[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.]*