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**AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS
AND OTHER ELECTION LAWS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-601 of the 2012 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 As used in this chapter and chapter 157 and sections 13, 14 and 15 of
5 this act:

6 (1) "Committee" means a party committee, political committee or a
7 candidate committee organized, as the case may be, for a single
8 primary, election or referendum, or for ongoing political activities, to
9 aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any one or
10 more candidates for public office or the position of town committee
11 member or any referendum question.

12 (2) "Party committee" means a state central committee or a town
13 committee. "Party committee" does not mean a party-affiliated or

14 district, ward or borough committee which receives all of its funds
15 from the state central committee of its party or from a single town
16 committee with the same party affiliation. Any such committee so
17 funded shall be construed to be a part of its state central or town
18 committee for purposes of this chapter and chapter 157.

19 (3) "Political committee" means (A) a committee organized by a
20 business entity or organization, (B) persons other than individuals, or
21 two or more individuals organized or acting jointly conducting their
22 activities in or outside the state, (C) an exploratory committee, (D) a
23 committee established by or on behalf of a slate of candidates in a
24 primary for the office of justice of the peace, but does not mean a
25 candidate committee or a party committee, (E) a legislative caucus
26 committee, or (F) a legislative leadership committee.

27 (4) "Candidate committee" means any committee designated by a
28 single candidate, or established with the consent, authorization or
29 cooperation of a candidate, for the purpose of a single primary or
30 election and to aid or promote such candidate's candidacy alone for a
31 particular public office or the position of town committee member, but
32 does not mean a political committee or a party committee. For
33 purposes of this chapter, "candidate committee" includes candidate
34 committees for participating and nonparticipating candidates, unless
35 the context of a provision clearly indicates otherwise.

36 (5) "Exploratory committee" means a committee established by a
37 candidate for a single primary or election (A) to determine whether to
38 seek nomination or election to (i) the General Assembly, (ii) a state
39 office, as defined in subsection (e) of section 9-610, or (iii) any other
40 public office, and (B) if applicable, to aid or promote such candidate's
41 candidacy for nomination to the General Assembly or any such state
42 office.

43 (6) "National committee" means the organization which according to
44 the bylaws of a political party is responsible for the day-to-day
45 operation of the party at the national level.

46 (7) "Organization" means all labor organizations, (A) as defined in
47 the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as from
48 time to time amended, or (B) as defined in subdivision (9) of section
49 31-101, employee organizations as defined in subsection (d) of section
50 5-270 and subdivision (6) of section 7-467, bargaining representative
51 organizations for teachers, any local, state or national organization, to
52 which a labor organization pays membership or per capita fees, based
53 upon its affiliation or membership, and trade or professional
54 associations which receive their funds exclusively from membership
55 dues, whether organized in or outside of this state, but does not mean
56 a candidate committee, party committee or a political committee.

57 (8) "Business entity" means the following, whether organized in or
58 outside of this state: Stock corporations, banks, insurance companies,
59 business associations, bankers associations, insurance associations,
60 trade or professional associations which receive funds from
61 membership dues and other sources, partnerships, joint ventures,
62 private foundations, as defined in Section 509 of the Internal Revenue
63 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
64 of the United States, as from time to time amended; trusts or estates;
65 corporations organized under sections 38a-175 to 38a-192, inclusive,
66 38a-199 to 38a-209, inclusive, and 38a-214 to 38a-225, inclusive, and
67 chapters 594 to 597, inclusive; cooperatives, and any other association,
68 organization or entity which is engaged in the operation of a business
69 or profit-making activity; but does not include professional service
70 corporations organized under chapter 594a and owned by a single
71 individual, nonstock corporations which are not engaged in business
72 or profit-making activity, organizations, as defined in subdivision (7)
73 of this section, candidate committees, party committees and political
74 committees as defined in this section. For purposes of this chapter,
75 corporations which are component members of a controlled group of
76 corporations, as those terms are defined in Section 1563 of the Internal
77 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
78 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, shall
79 be deemed to be one corporation.

80 (9) "Individual" means a human being, a sole proprietorship, or a
81 professional service corporation organized under chapter 594a and
82 owned by a single human being.

83 (10) "Person" means an individual, committee, firm, partnership,
84 organization, association, syndicate, company trust, corporation,
85 limited liability company or any other legal entity of any kind but does
86 not mean the state or any political or administrative subdivision of the
87 state.

88 (11) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for
89 election or election to public office whether or not such individual is
90 elected, and for the purposes of this chapter and chapter 157, an
91 individual shall be deemed to seek nomination for election or election
92 if such individual has (A) been endorsed by a party or become eligible
93 for a position on the ballot at an election or primary, or (B) solicited or
94 received contributions, made expenditures or given such individual's
95 consent to any other person to solicit or receive contributions or make
96 expenditures with the intent to bring about such individual's
97 nomination for election or election to any such office. "Candidate" also
98 means a slate of candidates which is to appear on the ballot in a
99 primary for the office of justice of the peace. For the purposes of
100 sections 9-600 to 9-610, inclusive, as amended by this act, and section 9-
101 621, as amended by this act, "candidate" also means an individual who
102 is a candidate in a primary for town committee members.

103 (12) ["Campaign treasurer"] "Treasurer" means the individual
104 appointed by a candidate or by the chairperson of a party committee
105 or a political committee to receive and disburse funds on behalf of the
106 candidate or committee.

107 (13) "Deputy [campaign] treasurer" means the individual appointed
108 by the candidate or by the chairperson of a committee to serve in the
109 capacity of the [campaign] treasurer if the [campaign] treasurer is
110 unable to perform the [campaign] treasurer's duties.

111 (14) "Solicitor" means an individual appointed by a [campaign]
112 treasurer of a committee to receive, but not to disburse, funds on
113 behalf of the committee.

114 (15) "Referendum question" means a question to be voted upon at
115 any election or referendum, including a proposed constitutional
116 amendment.

117 (16) "Lobbyist" means a lobbyist, as defined in section 1-91, and
118 "communicator lobbyist" means a communicator lobbyist, as defined
119 in section 1-91, and "client lobbyist" means a client lobbyist, as defined
120 in section 1-91.

121 (17) "Business with which he is associated" means any business in
122 which the contributor is a director, officer, owner, limited or general
123 partner or holder of stock constituting five per cent or more of the total
124 outstanding stock of any class. Officer refers only to the president,
125 executive or senior vice-president or treasurer of such business.

126 (18) "Agent" means a person authorized to act for or in place of
127 another.

128 (19) "Entity" means the following, whether organized in this or any
129 other state: An organization, corporation, whether for-profit or not-for-
130 profit, cooperative association, limited partnership, professional
131 association, limited liability company [] and limited liability
132 partnership, including a client lobbyist, as defined in section 1-91, any
133 tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue
134 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
135 of the United States, as amended from time to time, and any
136 incorporated tax-exempt political organization organized under
137 Section 527 of said code.

138 (20) "Federal account" means a depository account that is subject to
139 the disclosure and contribution limits provided under the Federal
140 Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended from time to time.

141 (21) "Public funds" means funds belonging to, or under the control
142 of, the state or a political subdivision of the state.

143 (22) "Legislative caucus committee" means a committee established
144 under subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 9-605 by the majority
145 of the members of a political party who are also state representatives
146 or state senators.

147 (23) "Legislative leadership committee" means a committee
148 established under subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 9-605 by a
149 leader of the General Assembly.

150 (24) "Immediate family" means the spouse or a dependent child of
151 an individual.

152 (25) "Organization expenditure" means an expenditure by a party
153 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
154 committee for the benefit of a candidate or candidate committee for:

155 (A) The preparation, display or mailing or other distribution of a
156 party candidate listing. As used in this subparagraph, "party candidate
157 listing" means any communication that meets the following criteria: (i)
158 The communication lists the name or names of candidates for election
159 to public office, (ii) the communication is distributed through public
160 advertising such as broadcast stations, cable television, newspapers or
161 similar media, or through direct mail, telephone, electronic mail,
162 publicly accessible sites on the Internet or personal delivery, [(iii) the
163 treatment of all candidates in the communication is substantially
164 similar, and (iv)] and (iii) the content of the communication is limited
165 to (I) for each such candidate, identifying information, including
166 photographs, the office sought, the office currently held by the
167 candidate, if any, the party enrollment of the candidate, a brief
168 statement concerning the candidate's positions, philosophy, goals,
169 accomplishments or biography and the positions, philosophy, goals or
170 accomplishments of the candidate's party, (II) information concerning
171 how each such candidate contrasts with such candidate's opponent, if

172 any, (III) encouragement to vote for each such candidate, [and (III)] or
173 (IV) information concerning voting, including voting hours and
174 locations;

175 (B) A document in printed or electronic form, including a party
176 platform, a copy of an issue paper, information pertaining to the
177 requirements of this title, a list of registered voters and voter
178 identification information, which document is created or maintained
179 by a party committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative
180 leadership committee for the general purposes of party or caucus
181 building and is provided (i) to a candidate who is a member of the
182 party that has established such party committee, or (ii) to a candidate
183 who is a member of the party of the caucus or leader who has
184 established such legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
185 committee, whichever is applicable;

186 (C) A campaign event at which a candidate or candidates are
187 present; or

188 (D) The retention of the services of an advisor to provide assistance
189 relating to campaign organization, financing, accounting, strategy, law
190 or media. [; or]

191 [(E) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar
192 equipment which does not result in additional cost to the party
193 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
194 committee.]

195 (26) "Solicit" means (A) requesting that a contribution be made, (B)
196 participating in any fund-raising activities for a candidate committee,
197 exploratory committee, political committee or party committee,
198 including, but not limited to, forwarding tickets to potential
199 contributors, receiving contributions for transmission to any such
200 committee or bundling contributions, (C) serving as chairperson,
201 treasurer or deputy treasurer of any such committee, or (D)
202 establishing a political committee for the sole purpose of soliciting or

203 receiving contributions for any committee. "Solicit" does not include (i)
204 making a contribution that is otherwise permitted under this chapter,
205 (ii) informing any person of a position taken by a candidate for public
206 office or a public official, (iii) notifying the person of any activities of,
207 or contact information for, any candidate for public office, or (iv)
208 serving as a member in any party committee or as an officer of such
209 committee that is not otherwise prohibited in this subdivision.

210 (27) "Bundle" means the forwarding of five or more contributions to
211 a single committee by a communicator lobbyist, an agent of such
212 lobbyist, or a member of the immediate family of such lobbyist, or
213 raising contributions for a committee at a fund-raising affair held by,
214 sponsored by, or hosted by a communicator lobbyist or an agent of
215 such lobbyist, or a member of the immediate family of such lobbyist.

216 (28) "Slate committee" means a political committee formed by two or
217 more candidates for nomination or election to any municipal office in
218 the same town, city or borough, or in a primary for the office of justice
219 of the peace or the position of town committee member, whenever
220 such political committee will serve as the sole funding vehicle for the
221 candidates' campaigns.

222 (29) "Campaign-related disbursement" means (A) an independent
223 expenditure, as defined in section 9-601c, as amended by this act, or (B)
224 a covered transfer.

225 (30) "Covered transfer" means any transfer or payment of funds in
226 an aggregate amount of one thousand dollars or more in the two years
227 that follow the initial transfer or payment by an entity covered by the
228 disclosure provisions under this chapter to a recipient who uses such
229 funds to make a campaign-related disbursement or disbursements.

230 (31) "Party building activities" includes, but is not limited to,
231 political meetings, conferences, events and conventions, and any
232 associated expenses.

233 (32) "Social media" means an electronic medium where users may
234 create and view user-generated content, such as uploaded or
235 downloaded videos or still photographs, blogs, video blogs, podcasts
236 or instant messages.

237 Sec. 2. Section 9-601a of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes
238 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
239 *from passage*):

240 (a) As used in this chapter and chapter 157, "contribution" means:

241 (1) Any gift, subscription, loan, advance, payment or deposit of
242 money or anything of value, made for the purpose of influencing the
243 nomination for election, or election, of any person or for the purpose of
244 aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any referendum question
245 or [on behalf] the success or defeat of any political party;

246 (2) A written contract, promise or agreement to make a contribution
247 for any such purpose;

248 (3) The payment by any person, other than a candidate or
249 [campaign] treasurer, of compensation for the personal services of any
250 other person which are rendered without charge to a committee or
251 candidate for any such purpose;

252 (4) An expenditure that is not an independent expenditure; or

253 (5) Funds received by a committee which are transferred from
254 another committee or other source for any such purpose.

255 (b) As used in this chapter and chapter 157, "contribution" does not
256 mean:

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

259 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or
260 association to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or

261 administrative personnel, or their families;

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

266 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
267 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
268 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided
269 for the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under
270 the Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses
271 made by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal
272 services to any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an
273 individual is a volunteer if such individual is not receiving
274 compensation for such services regardless of whether such individual
275 received compensation in the past or may receive compensation in the
276 future for such services;

277 (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,
278 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a
279 candidate, including a nonparticipating or participating candidate
280 under the Citizens' Election Program, party, political or slate
281 committee, in rendering voluntary personal services at the individual's
282 residential premises or a community room in the individual's
283 residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative value of the
284 invitations, food or beverages provided [for any single event] by an
285 individual on behalf of any candidate or committee does not exceed
286 four hundred dollars with respect to any [calendar year or primary or
287 general election, as the case may be, and] single event or does not
288 exceed eight hundred dollars for any such event hosted by two or
289 more individuals, provided at least one such individual owns or
290 resides at the residential premises, and further provided the
291 cumulative value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an
292 individual on behalf of any such candidate or committee does not

293 exceed eight hundred dollars [in any] with respect to a calendar year
294 or single election, as the case may be;

295 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use by a party, political, slate or
296 candidate committee, including those for a participating or
297 nonparticipating candidate, at a discount, if the charge is not less than
298 the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative value of the
299 discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate committee does
300 not exceed four hundred dollars with respect to any single primary or
301 election, or to or on behalf of any party, political or slate committee,
302 does not exceed six hundred dollars in a calendar year;

303 (7) The display of a lawn sign by a human being or on real property;

304 (8) The payment, by a party committee or slate committee of the
305 costs of preparation, display, mailing or other distribution incurred by
306 the committee or individual with respect to any printed slate card,
307 sample ballot or other printed list containing the names of three or
308 more candidates;

309 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual
310 to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction,
311 or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to
312 the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not
313 exceed one hundred dollars;

314 (10) (A) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies
315 the purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by the
316 candidate committee of a candidate for an office of a municipality,
317 provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two
318 hundred fifty dollars from any single such candidate or the candidate's
319 committee with respect to any single election campaign if the
320 purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any
321 other person;

322 (B) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the

323 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-
324 raising affair sponsored by a town committee, provided the
325 cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty
326 dollars from any single town committee in any calendar year if the
327 purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any
328 other person. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subparagraph,
329 the following may not purchase advertising space in a program for a
330 fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-raising affair sponsored by a
331 town committee: (i) A communicator lobbyist, (ii) a member of the
332 immediate family of a communicator lobbyist, (iii) a state contractor,
333 (iv) a prospective state contractor, or (v) a principal of a state
334 contractor or prospective state contractor. As used in this
335 subparagraph, "state contractor", "prospective state contractor" and
336 "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" have the
337 same meanings as provided in subsection (g) of section 9-612;

338 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's
339 candidate committee, provided the committee is for a nonparticipating
340 candidate;

341 (12) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a
342 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to
343 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed two
344 hundred dollars;

345 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a
346 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications
347 service for a committee or to another utility company, such as an
348 electric company, provided the security deposit is refunded to the
349 individual;

350 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
351 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
352 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
353 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major
354 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to

355 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such
356 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a
357 political party;

358 (15) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an
359 individual at a town fair, county fair, local festival or similar mass
360 gathering held within the state, to the extent that the cumulative
361 payment made by any one individual for such items does not exceed
362 fifty dollars;

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

365 (17) The donation of food or beverage by an individual for
366 consumption at a slate, candidate, political committee or party
367 committee meeting, event or activity that is not a fund-raising affair to
368 the extent that the cumulative value of the food or beverages donated
369 by an individual for a single meeting or event does not exceed fifty
370 dollars; [or]

371 (18) The value associated with the de minimis activity on behalf of a
372 party committee, political committee, slate committee or candidate
373 committee, including for activities including, but not limited to, (A) the
374 creation of electronic or written communications created on a
375 voluntary basis without compensation, including, but not limited to,
376 the creation and ongoing content development and delivery of social
377 media on the Internet or telephone, including, but not limited to, the
378 sending or receiving of electronic mail or messages, (B) the posting or
379 display of a candidate's name or group of candidates' names at a town
380 fair, county fair, local festival or similar mass gathering by a party
381 committee, or (C) the use of personal property or a service that is
382 customarily attendant to the occupancy of a residential dwelling, or
383 the donation of an item or items of personal property that are
384 customarily used for campaign purposes, by an individual, to a
385 candidate committee, provided the cumulative fair market value of
386 such use of personal property or service or items of personal property

387 does not exceed one hundred dollars in the aggregate for any single
388 election or calendar year, as the case may be; [. For purposes of this
389 subdivision, "social media" means an electronic medium where users
390 may create and view user-generated content, such as uploaded or
391 downloaded videos or still photographs, blogs, video blogs, podcasts
392 or instant messages] or

393 (19) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar
394 equipment provided by a party committee, legislative caucus
395 committee or legislative leadership committee that serve as
396 headquarters for or are used by such party committee, legislative
397 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee.

398 Sec. 3. Section 9-601b of the general statutes is repealed and the
399 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

400 (a) As used in this chapter and chapter 157, the term "expenditure"
401 means:

402 (1) Any purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit or
403 gift of money or anything of value, when made for the purpose of
404 influencing the nomination for election, or election, of any person or
405 for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any
406 referendum question or [on behalf] the success or defeat of any
407 political party;

408 (2) Any [advertisement] communication that (A) refers to one or
409 more clearly identified candidates, (B) is broadcast by radio, [or]
410 television, [other than on a public access channel] satellite
411 communication or via the Internet, or as a paid-for telephone
412 communication, or appears in a newspaper, magazine or on a
413 billboard, or is sent by mail, and (C) is broadcast or appears [during
414 the ninety-day period preceding the date of a primary or an election,
415 other than a commercial advertisement that refers to an owner,
416 director or officer of a business entity who is also a candidate and that
417 had previously been broadcast or appeared when the owner, director

418 or officer was not a candidate] on or after January first of the year
419 during which there will be an election for the office that the candidate
420 or candidates are seeking; or

421 (3) The transfer of funds by a committee to another committee.

422 (b) The term "expenditure" does not mean:

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

425 (2) A communication made by any corporation, organization or
426 association solely to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
427 administrative personnel, or their families;

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

432 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
433 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
434 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided
435 for the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under
436 the Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses
437 made by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal
438 services to any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an
439 individual is a volunteer if such individual is not receiving
440 compensation for such services regardless of whether such individual
441 received compensation in the past or may receive compensation in the
442 future for such services;

443 (5) Any news story, commentary or editorial distributed through
444 the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine or
445 other periodical, unless such facilities are owned or controlled by any
446 political party, committee or candidate;

447 (6) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,
448 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a
449 candidate, [or on behalf of a state central or town] including a
450 nonparticipating or participating candidate under the Citizens'
451 Election Program, party, political or slate committee, in rendering
452 voluntary personal services [for candidate or party-related activities] at
453 the individual's [residence] residential premises or a community room
454 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative
455 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by [the] an
456 individual on behalf of any [single candidate for nomination or
457 election] candidate or committee does not exceed [two] four hundred
458 dollars with respect to any single [election, and on behalf of all state
459 central and town committees does not exceed four] event or does not
460 exceed eight hundred dollars for any such event hosted by two or
461 more individuals, provided at least one such individual owns or
462 resides at the residential premises, and further provided the
463 cumulative value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an
464 individual on behalf of any such candidate or committee does not
465 exceed eight hundred dollars [in] with respect to a calendar year or
466 single election, as the case may be;

467 (7) Any unreimbursed payment for travel expenses made by an
468 individual who, on his own behalf, volunteers his personal services to
469 any single candidate to the extent that the cumulative value does not
470 exceed two hundred dollars with respect to any single election, and on
471 behalf of all state or town committees does not exceed four hundred
472 dollars in a calendar year; [or]

473 (8) An organization expenditure by a party committee, legislative
474 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee; or

475 (9) A commercial advertisement that refers to an owner, director or
476 officer of a business entity who is also a candidate and that had
477 previously been broadcast or appeared when the owner, director or
478 officer was not a candidate.

479 (c) "Expense incurred but not paid" means any receipt of goods or
480 services for which payment is required but not made or a written
481 contract, promise or agreement to make an expenditure.

482 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 9-705 of the general statutes is
483 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
484 *passage*):

485 (d) (1) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the
486 grants in subsections [(a),] (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted
487 by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January
488 15, 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change
489 in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by
490 the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics,
491 during the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on
492 December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said
493 adjustment is to be made.

494 (2) For elections held in 2018, and thereafter, the amount of the
495 grants in subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State
496 Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2018,
497 and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
498 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
499 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
500 the period beginning on January 1, 2014, and ending on December
501 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
502 to be made.

503 Sec. 5. Section 9-601c of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes
504 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
505 *from passage*):

506 (a) As used in this chapter and chapter 157, the term "independent
507 expenditure" means an expenditure, as defined in section 9-601b, as
508 amended by this act, that is made without the consent, coordination, or
509 consultation of, a candidate or agent of the candidate, candidate

510 committee, political committee or party committee, but shall not
511 include an expenditure or expenditures by a human being acting alone
512 in an amount that is two hundred fifty dollars or less, in the aggregate,
513 that benefits a candidate for a single election.

514 (b) When the State Elections Enforcement Commission evaluates an
515 expenditure to determine whether such expenditure is an independent
516 expenditure, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the following
517 expenditures are not independent expenditures:

518 (1) An expenditure made by a person in cooperation, consultation or
519 in concert with, at the request, suggestion or direction of, or pursuant
520 to a general or particular understanding with (A) a candidate,
521 candidate committee, political committee or party committee, or (B) a
522 consultant or other agent acting on behalf of a candidate, candidate
523 committee, political committee or party committee;

524 (2) An expenditure made by a person for the production,
525 dissemination, distribution or publication, in whole or in substantial
526 part, of any broadcast or any written, graphic or other form of political
527 advertising or campaign communication prepared by (A) a candidate,
528 candidate committee, political committee or party committee, or (B) a
529 consultant or other agent acting on behalf of a candidate, candidate
530 committee, political committee or party committee;

531 (3) An expenditure made by a person based on information about a
532 candidate's, political committee's, or party committee's plans, projects
533 or needs, provided by (A) a candidate, candidate committee, political
534 committee or party committee, or (B) a consultant or other agent acting
535 on behalf of a candidate, candidate committee, political committee or
536 party committee, with the intent that such expenditure be made;

537 (4) An expenditure made by an individual who, in the same election
538 cycle, is serving or has served as the campaign chairperson,
539 [campaign] treasurer or deputy treasurer of a candidate committee,
540 political committee or party committee benefiting from such

541 expenditure, or in any other executive or policymaking position,
542 including as a member, employee, fundraiser, consultant or other
543 agent, of a candidate, candidate committee, political committee or
544 party committee;

545 (5) An expenditure made by a person whose officer, director,
546 member, employee, fundraiser, consultant or other agent who serves
547 the person in an executive or policymaking position also serves as or
548 has served in the same election cycle as the candidate or the campaign
549 chairperson, [campaign] treasurer or deputy treasurer of a candidate
550 committee, political committee or party committee benefiting from
551 such expenditure, or in any other executive or policymaking position
552 of the candidate committee, political committee or party committee;

553 (6) An expenditure made by a person for fundraising activities (A)
554 with or for a candidate, candidate committee, political committee or
555 party committee, or a consultant or other agent acting on behalf of a
556 candidate, candidate committee, political committee or party
557 committee, or (B) for the solicitation or receipt of contributions on
558 behalf of a candidate, candidate committee, political committee or
559 party committee, or a consultant or other agent acting on behalf of a
560 candidate, candidate committee, political committee or party
561 committee;

562 (7) An expenditure made by a person based on information about a
563 candidate's campaign plans, projects or needs, that is directly or
564 indirectly provided by a candidate, the candidate's candidate
565 committee, a political committee or a party committee, or a consultant
566 or other agent acting on behalf of such candidate, candidate
567 committee, political committee or party committee, to the person
568 making the expenditure or such person's agent, with an express or tacit
569 understanding that such person is considering making the
570 expenditure;

571 (8) An expenditure made by a person for a communication that
572 clearly identifies a candidate during an election campaign, if the

573 person making the expenditure, or such person's agent, has informed
574 the candidate who benefits from the expenditure, that candidate's
575 candidate committee, a political committee or a party committee, or a
576 consultant or other agent acting on behalf of the benefiting candidate
577 or candidate committee, political committee, or party committee,
578 concerning the communication's contents, or of the intended audience,
579 timing, location or mode or frequency of dissemination. As used in this
580 subdivision, a communication clearly identifies a candidate when that
581 communication contains the name, nickname, initials, photograph or
582 drawing of the candidate or an unambiguous reference to that
583 candidate, which includes, but is not limited to, a reference that can
584 only mean that candidate; [and]

585 (9) An expenditure made by a person or an entity for consultant or
586 creative services, including, but not limited to, services related to
587 communications strategy or design or campaign strategy, to be used to
588 promote or oppose a candidate's election to office if the provider of
589 such services is also providing consultant or creative services to such
590 candidate, such candidate's candidate committee, or to any opposing
591 candidate in the same primary or election, or to such opposing
592 candidate's candidate committee. For purposes of this subdivision,
593 communications strategy or design does not include the costs of
594 printing or costs for the use of a medium for the purpose of
595 communications;

596 (10) An expenditure made by a person or an entity on or after
597 January first in the year of an election in which a candidate is seeking
598 office that benefits such candidate when such person or entity has
599 hired an individual as an employee or consultant and such individual
600 was an employee of or consultant to such candidate during any part of
601 the eighteen-month period preceding such expenditure; and

602 (11) An expenditure made by a person or an entity on or after
603 January first in the year of an election in which a candidate is seeking
604 office that benefits such candidate when such person or entity making

605 the expenditure has hired a campaign-related vendor that has been
606 hired by such candidate during the same election cycle. For purposes
607 of this subdivision, campaign-related vendors includes, but is not
608 limited to, vendors that provide the following services: Polling, mail
609 design, mail strategy, political strategy, general campaign advice or
610 telephone banking.

611 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 9-606 of the 2012 supplement to the
612 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
613 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

614 (a) The [campaign] treasurer of each committee shall be responsible
615 for (1) depositing, receiving and reporting all contributions and other
616 funds in the manner specified in section 9-608, as amended by this act,
617 (2) making and reporting expenditures, (3) reporting expenses
618 incurred but not yet paid, (4) filing the statements required under
619 section 9-608, as amended by this act, and (5) keeping internal records
620 of each entry made on such statements. The [campaign] treasurer of
621 each committee shall deposit contributions in the committee's
622 designated depository [within fourteen] not later than twenty days
623 after receiving them. The [campaign] treasurer of each political
624 committee or party committee which makes a contribution of goods to
625 another committee shall send written notice to the [campaign]
626 treasurer of the recipient committee before the close of the reporting
627 period during which the contribution was made. The notice shall be
628 signed by the [campaign] treasurer of the committee making the
629 contribution and shall include the full name of such committee, the
630 date on which the contribution was made, a complete description of
631 the contribution and the value of the contribution. Any dispute
632 concerning the information contained in such notice shall be resolved
633 by the [campaign] treasurer of the recipient committee. Such resolution
634 shall not impair in any way the authority of the State Elections
635 Enforcement Commission under section 9-7b, as amended by this act.
636 The [campaign] treasurer of the recipient committee shall preserve
637 each such notice received for the period prescribed by subsection (f) of

638 section 9-607.

639 Sec. 7. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 9-607 of the
640 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
641 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

642 (g) (1) As used in this subsection, (A) "the lawful purposes of his
643 committee" means: (i) For a candidate committee or exploratory
644 committee, the promoting of the nomination or election of the
645 candidate who established the committee, except that after a political
646 party nominates candidates for election to the offices of Governor and
647 Lieutenant Governor, whose names shall be so placed on the ballot in
648 the election that an elector will cast a single vote for both candidates,
649 as prescribed in section 9-181, a candidate committee established by
650 either such candidate may also promote the election of the other such
651 candidate; (ii) for a political committee, the promoting of a political
652 party, including party-building activities, the success or defeat of
653 candidates for nomination and election to public office or position
654 subject to the requirements of this chapter, or the success or defeat of
655 referendum questions, provided a political committee formed for a
656 single referendum question shall not promote the success or defeat of
657 any candidate, and provided further a legislative leadership committee
658 or a legislative caucus committee may expend funds to defray costs of
659 its members for conducting legislative or constituency-related business
660 which are not reimbursed or paid by the state; and (iii) for a party
661 committee, the promoting of the party, the candidates of the party and
662 continuing operating costs of the party, and (B) "immediate family"
663 means a spouse or dependent child of a candidate who resides in the
664 candidate's household.

665 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 9-612 of the general statutes is
666 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
667 *passage*):

668 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any
669 one calendar year in excess of [five] ten thousand dollars to the state

670 central committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee
671 pursuant to its authorization or request; or [one] two thousand dollars
672 to a town committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such
673 committee pursuant to its authorization or request; or [one] two
674 thousand dollars to a legislative caucus committee or legislative
675 leadership committee, or [seven hundred fifty] one thousand dollars to
676 any other political committee other than (1) a political committee
677 formed solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum
678 question, (2) an exploratory committee, (3) a political committee
679 established by an organization, or for the benefit of such committee
680 pursuant to its authorization or request, or (4) a political committee
681 formed by a slate of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of
682 the peace of the same town.

683 Sec. 9. Subsection (e) of section 9-612 of the general statutes is
684 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
685 *passage*):

686 (e) (1) Any individual, entity or committee acting alone may make
687 unlimited independent expenditures. Except as provided in
688 subdivision (2) of this subsection, any such individual, entity or
689 committee that makes or obligates to make an independent
690 expenditure or expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars, in the
691 aggregate, shall file statements according to the same schedule and in
692 the same manner as is required of a [campaign] treasurer of a
693 candidate committee under section 9-608, as amended by this act.

694 (2) Any individual, entity or committee that makes or obligates to
695 make an independent expenditure or expenditures to promote the
696 success or defeat of a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant
697 Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller,
698 Attorney General, state senator or state representative, which [exceeds]
699 exceed one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, during a primary
700 campaign or a general election campaign, as defined in section 9-700,
701 on or after January 1, 2008, shall file a report of such independent

702 expenditure to the State Elections Enforcement Commission. The
703 report shall be in the same form as statements filed under section 9-
704 608, as amended by this act, except that such report shall be filed
705 electronically. If the individual, entity or committee makes or obligates
706 to make such independent expenditure or expenditures more than
707 ninety days before the day of a primary or election, the individual,
708 entity or committee shall file such report not later than [forty-eight]
709 twenty-four hours after such payment or obligation. If the individual,
710 entity or committee makes or obligates to make such independent
711 expenditure or expenditures ninety days or less before the day of a
712 primary or election, the person shall file such report not later than
713 [twenty-four] twelve hours after such payment or obligation. The
714 report shall be filed under penalty of false statement.

715 (3) The independent expenditure report shall (A) identify the
716 candidate for whom the independent expenditure or expenditures is
717 intended to promote the success or defeat, (B) affirm under penalty of
718 false statement that the expenditure is an independent expenditure,
719 and (C) provide any information that the State Elections Enforcement
720 Commission requires to facilitate compliance with the provisions of
721 this chapter or chapter 157.

722 (4) Any person may file a complaint with the commission upon the
723 belief that (A) any such independent expenditure report or statement
724 is false, or (B) any individual, entity or committee that is required to
725 file an independent expenditure report under this subsection has failed
726 to do so. The commission shall make a prompt determination on such
727 a complaint.

728 (5) (A) If an individual, entity or committee fails to file a report
729 required under subdivision (2) of this subsection for an independent
730 expenditure or expenditures made or obligated to be made more than
731 ninety days before the day of a primary or election, the person shall be
732 subject to a civil penalty, imposed by the State Elections Enforcement
733 Commission, of not more than five thousand dollars. If an individual,

734 entity or committee fails to file a report required under subdivision (2)
735 of this subsection for an independent expenditure or expenditures
736 made or obligated to be made ninety days or less before the day of a
737 primary or election, such individual, entity or committee shall be
738 subject to a civil penalty, imposed by the State Elections Enforcement
739 Commission, of not more than ten thousand dollars. (B) If any such
740 failure is knowing and wilful, the person responsible for the failure
741 shall also be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned
742 not more than five years, or both.

743 (6) (A) As part of any statement filed pursuant to this subsection, if
744 an entity that engages in independent expenditures paid for such
745 campaign-related disbursement out of a segregated bank account
746 consisting only of funds donated directly to the account and not
747 transferred to the account by the entity, the entity shall disclose those
748 donors who gave an aggregate of one thousand dollars or more to the
749 account on or after January first of the year during which there will be
750 an election for the office that the candidate who benefited from such
751 expenditures is seeking, the amount of each donation and the
752 aggregate amount given, except as provided for in subparagraph (C) of
753 this subdivision.

754 (B) As part of any statement filed pursuant to this subsection by an
755 entity, if any such entity (i) is able to accept donations into its general
756 treasury, (ii) engages in an independent expenditure on or after
757 January first of the year during which there will be an election for the
758 office that a candidate who benefited from such expenditure is
759 seeking, and (iii) makes such campaign-related disbursement out of its
760 general treasury, then such entity shall disclose the source and the
761 amount of all donations to the general treasury, including dues
762 payments, if any, of one thousand dollars or more, in the aggregate,
763 except as provided for in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, and
764 excluding any funds received in a commercial transaction or in the
765 form of an investment.

766 (C) If a donor restricts his or her donation to a not-for-profit entity
767 from being used for a campaign-related disbursement, and the entity
768 consents to the restriction and segregates the money into any account
769 not used to make a campaign-related disbursement, the identity of the
770 donor does not have to be disclosed.

771 Sec. 10. Section 9-621 of the general statutes is repealed and the
772 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

773 (a) No individual shall make or incur any expenditure with the
774 consent of, in coordination with or in consultation with any candidate,
775 candidate committee or candidate's agent, no group of two or more
776 individuals acting together that receives funds or makes or incurs
777 expenditures not exceeding one thousand dollars in the aggregate and
778 has not formed a political committee shall make or incur any
779 expenditure, and no candidate or committee shall make or incur any
780 expenditure including an organization expenditure for a party
781 candidate listing, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of
782 section 9-601, as amended by this act, for any written, typed or other
783 printed communication, or any web-based, written communication,
784 which promotes the success or defeat of any candidate's campaign for
785 nomination at a primary or election or promotes or opposes any
786 political party or solicits funds to benefit any political party or
787 committee unless such communication bears upon its face as a
788 disclaimer (1) the words "paid for by" and the following: (A) In the
789 case of such an individual, the name and address of such individual;
790 (B) in the case of a committee other than a party committee, the name
791 of the committee and its [campaign] treasurer; (C) in the case of a party
792 committee, the name of the committee; or (D) in the case of a group of
793 two or more individuals that receives funds or makes or incurs
794 expenditures not exceeding one thousand dollars in the aggregate and
795 has not formed a political committee, the name of the group and the
796 name and address of its agent, and (2) the words "approved by" and
797 the following: (A) In the case of an individual, group or committee
798 other than a candidate committee making or incurring an expenditure

799 with the consent of, in coordination with or in consultation with any
800 candidate, candidate committee or candidate's agent, the name of the
801 candidate; or (B) in the case of a candidate committee, the name of the
802 candidate.

803 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section:

804 (1) No candidate or candidate committee or exploratory committee
805 established by a candidate shall make or incur any expenditure for
806 television advertising or Internet video advertising, which promotes
807 the success of such candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary
808 or election or the defeat of another candidate's campaign for
809 nomination at a primary or election, unless, as a disclaimer, (A) at the
810 end of such advertising there appears simultaneously, for a period of
811 not less than four seconds, (i) a clearly identifiable photographic or
812 similar image of the candidate making such expenditure, (ii) a clearly
813 readable printed statement identifying such candidate, and indicating
814 that such candidate has approved the advertising, and (iii) a
815 simultaneous, personal audio message, in the following form: "I am
816 (candidate's name) and I approved this message", and (B) the
817 candidate's name and image appear in, and the candidate's voice is
818 contained in, the narrative of the advertising, before the end of such
819 advertising;

820 (2) No candidate or candidate committee or exploratory committee
821 established by a candidate shall make or incur any expenditure for
822 radio advertising or Internet audio advertising, which promotes the
823 success of such candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or
824 election or the defeat of another candidate's campaign for nomination
825 at a primary or election, unless, as a disclaimer, (A) the advertising
826 ends with a personal audio statement by the candidate making such
827 expenditure (i) identifying such candidate and the office such
828 candidate is seeking, and (ii) indicating that such candidate has
829 approved the advertising in the following form: "I am (candidate's
830 name) and I approved this message", and (B) the candidate's name and

831 voice are contained in the narrative of the advertising, before the end
832 of such advertising; and

833 (3) No candidate or candidate committee or exploratory committee
834 established by a candidate shall make or incur any expenditure for
835 automated telephone calls which promote the success of such
836 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election or the
837 defeat of another candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or
838 election, unless the candidate's name and voice are contained in the
839 narrative of the call, before the end of such call.

840 (c) No business entity, organization, association, committee, or
841 group of two or more individuals who have joined solely to promote
842 the success or defeat of a referendum question shall make or incur any
843 expenditure for any written, typed or other printed communication
844 which promotes the success or defeat of any referendum question
845 unless such communication bears upon its face, as a disclaimer, the
846 words "paid for by" and the following: (1) In the case of a business
847 entity, organization or association, the name of the business entity,
848 organization or association and the name of its chief executive officer
849 or equivalent and a list of the donors whose donations, in the
850 aggregate, are in the top five largest amounts to the entity during the
851 two years preceding the expenditure and whose donations are not
852 excluded from disclosure under subparagraph (C) of subdivision (6) of
853 subsection (e) of section 9-612, as amended by this act, and an address
854 to an Internet web site that lists all donors subject to disclosure under
855 said section 9-612 and such donors' addresses; (2) in the case of a
856 political committee, the name of the committee and the name of its
857 [campaign] treasurer; (3) in the case of a party committee, the name of
858 the committee; or (4) in the case of such a group of two or more
859 individuals, the name of the group and the name and address of its
860 agent.

861 (d) The provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section do
862 not apply to (1) any editorial, news story, or commentary published in

863 any newspaper, magazine or journal on its own behalf and upon its
864 own responsibility and for which it does not charge or receive any
865 compensation whatsoever, (2) any banner, (3) political paraphernalia
866 including pins, buttons, badges, emblems, hats, bumper stickers or
867 other similar materials, or (4) signs with a surface area of not more
868 than thirty-two square feet.

869 (e) The [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee which
870 sponsors any written, typed or other printed communication for the
871 purpose of raising funds to eliminate a campaign deficit of that
872 committee shall include in such communication a statement that the
873 funds are sought to eliminate such a deficit.

874 (f) The [campaign] treasurer of an exploratory committee or
875 candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or
876 election to the office of Treasurer which committee sponsors any
877 written, typed or other printed communication for the purpose of
878 raising funds shall include in such communication a statement
879 concerning the prohibitions set forth in subsection (n) of section 1-84,
880 subsection (f) of section 9-612 and subsection (f) of section 9-613.

881 (g) In the event a [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee is
882 replaced pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-602, nothing in this
883 section shall be construed to prohibit the candidate committee from
884 distributing any printed communication subject to the provisions of
885 this section that has already been printed or otherwise produced, even
886 though such communication does not accurately designate the
887 successor [campaign] treasurer of such candidate committee.

888 (h) (1) No individual or entity shall make or incur an independent
889 expenditure for any written, typed or other printed communication,
890 including on a billboard, or any web-based, written communication,
891 [that promotes the success or defeat of any candidate for nomination
892 or election or promotes or opposes any political party or solicits funds
893 to benefit any political party or committee,] unless such
894 communication bears upon its face, as a disclaimer, the words "Paid

895 for by" and, in the case of an individual, the name and address of such
896 individual, or, in the case of an entity, the name of the entity, the name
897 of its chief executive officer or equivalent, and its principal business
898 address. [and] The communication shall also bear upon its face the
899 words "This message was made independent of any candidate or
900 political party." In the case of an entity making or incurring such an
901 independent expenditure, [which entity is a tax-exempt organization
902 under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
903 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
904 as amended from time to time, or an incorporated tax-exempt political
905 organization organized under Section 527 of said code, such
906 communication shall also bear upon its face the words "Top Five
907 Contributors" followed by a list of the five persons or entities making
908 the largest contributions to such organization during the twelve-month
909 period before the date of such communication] such communication
910 shall also bear upon its face the donors to the entity making such
911 communication whose donations, in the aggregate, are in the top five
912 largest amounts to the entity during the two years preceding the
913 expenditure and whose donations are not excluded from disclosure
914 under subparagraph (C) of subdivision (6) of subsection (e) of section
915 9-612, as amended by this act, and an address to an Internet web site
916 that lists all donors subject to disclosure under said section 9-612 and
917 such donors' addresses.

918 (2) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
919 subsection, no individual or entity shall make or incur an independent
920 expenditure for [television advertising or Internet video advertising,
921 that promotes the success or defeat of any candidate for nomination or
922 election or promotes or opposes any political party or solicits funds to
923 benefit any political party or committee] a video broadcast by
924 television, satellite or Internet, unless at the end of such advertising
925 there appears simultaneously, for a period of not less than four
926 seconds as a disclaimer, (A) a clearly identifiable video, photographic
927 or similar image of the individual or the entity's chief executive officer
928 or equivalent, and (B) a personal audio message, in the following form:

929 "I am (name of the individual or entity's chief executive officer or
930 equivalent), (title) of (entity). This message was made
931 independent of any candidate or political party, and I approved its
932 content.". In the case of an entity making or incurring such an
933 independent expenditure, [which entity is a tax-exempt organization
934 under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
935 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
936 as amended from time to time, or an incorporated tax-exempt political
937 organization organized under Section 527 of said code, such
938 advertising shall also include a written message in the following form:
939 "The top five contributors to the organization responsible for this
940 advertisement are" followed by a list of the five persons or entities
941 making the largest contributions during the twelve-month period
942 before the date of such advertisement] such communication shall also
943 include a written message listing the donors to the entity whose
944 donations, in the aggregate, are in the top five largest amounts to the
945 entity during the two years preceding the expenditure and whose
946 donations are not excluded from disclosure under subparagraph (C) of
947 subdivision (6) of subsection (e) of section 9-612, as amended by this
948 act, and an address to an Internet web site that lists all donors subject
949 to disclosure under said section 9-612 and such donors' addresses.

950 (3) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
951 subsection, no individual or entity shall make or incur an independent
952 expenditure for [radio advertising or Internet audio advertising, that
953 promotes the election or defeat of any candidate for nomination or
954 election or promotes or opposes any political party or solicits funds to
955 benefit any political party or committee] an audio communication
956 broadcast by radio, satellite or Internet, unless the advertising ends
957 with a disclaimer that is a personal audio statement by the individual
958 or entity's chief executive officer or equivalent (A) identifying the
959 individual or entity paying for the expenditure, and (B) indicating that
960 the message was made independent of any candidate or political party,
961 using the following form: "I am (name of individual or entity's chief
962 executive officer or equivalent), (title), of (entity). This message

963 was made independent of any candidate or political party, and I
964 approved its content.". In the case of an entity making or incurring
965 such an independent expenditure, [which entity is a tax-exempt
966 organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of
967 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
968 United States, as amended from time to time, or an incorporated tax-
969 exempt political organization organized under Section 527 of said
970 code, such advertising shall also include (i) an audio message in the
971 following form: "The top five contributors to the organization
972 responsible for this advertisement are" followed by a list of the five
973 persons or entities making the largest contributions during the twelve-
974 month period before the date of such advertisement, or (ii) in the case
975 of such an advertisement that is thirty seconds in duration or shorter,
976 an audio message providing a web site address that lists such five
977 persons or entities. In such case, the organization shall establish and
978 maintain such a web site with such listing for the entire period during
979 which such organization makes such advertisement] such
980 communication shall end with a list of the donors to the entity making
981 such communication whose donations, in the aggregate, are in the top
982 five largest amounts to the entity during the two years preceding the
983 expenditure and whose donations are not excluded from disclosure
984 under subparagraph (C) of subdivision (6) of subsection (e) of section
985 9-612, as amended by this act, and an address to an Internet web site
986 that lists all donors subject to disclosure under said section 9-612 and
987 such donors' addresses.

988 (4) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
989 subsection, no entity shall make or incur an independent expenditure
990 for [automated] telephone calls, including those which are automated,
991 that promote the election or defeat of any candidate for nomination or
992 election or promotes or opposes any political party or solicits funds to
993 benefit any political party or committee, unless the narrative of the
994 telephone call identifies the entity making the expenditure and its chief
995 executive officer or equivalent. In the case of an entity making or
996 incurring such an independent expenditure, [which entity is a tax-

997 exempt organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue
998 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
999 of the United States, as amended from time to time, or an incorporated
1000 tax-exempt political organization organized under Section 527 of said
1001 code,] such narrative shall also include an audio message in the
1002 following form: "The top five [contributors] donors to the organization
1003 responsible for this telephone call are" followed by a list of the five
1004 [persons or entities] donors making the largest [contributions during
1005 the twelve-month period before the date of such telephone call]
1006 donations, in the aggregate, to the entity making such communication
1007 during the two years preceding the expenditure and whose donations
1008 are not excluded from disclosure under subparagraph (C) of
1009 subdivision (6) of subsection (e) of section 9-612, as amended by this
1010 act, and an address to an Internet web site that lists all donors subject
1011 to disclosure under said section 9-612 and such donors' addresses.

1012 (i) In any print, television or social media promotion of a slate of
1013 candidates by a party committee, the party committee shall use
1014 appropriate disclaimers pursuant to the provisions of this section for
1015 such promotion, and no individual candidate disclaimers shall be
1016 required.

1017 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any entity that is
1018 required under the provisions of this section to list or identify donors
1019 in any disclaimer made in the case of an independent expenditure shall
1020 list such donors as individuals. In any case where a donor is another
1021 entity that made a covered transfer to such entity, then the individual
1022 donors to the entity making the covered transfer shall also be listed in
1023 any required Internet web site listing, and, if any such individual
1024 donor is a top five donor to the entity making the independent
1025 expenditure, then such individual donor shall be listed as such
1026 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

1027 (k) Any disclaimer required to be on the face of a written, typed or
1028 other printed communication pursuant to the provisions of this section

1029 shall be printed in no smaller than eight-point type of uniform font
1030 when such disclaimer is on a communication contained in a flyer or
1031 leaflet, newspaper, magazine or similar literature, or that is delivered
1032 by mail.

1033 Sec. 11. Section 9-718 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1034 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1035 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no party
1036 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
1037 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the benefit of a
1038 participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating
1039 candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of state
1040 senator in an amount that exceeds [ten] twenty thousand dollars for
1041 the general election campaign.

1042 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no party
1043 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
1044 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the purposes
1045 described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of section 9-601, as
1046 amended by this act, for the benefit of a participating candidate or the
1047 candidate committee of a participating candidate in the Citizens'
1048 Election Program for the office of state senator for the primary
1049 campaign.

1050 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no party
1051 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
1052 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the benefit of a
1053 participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating
1054 candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of state
1055 representative in an amount that exceeds [three thousand five
1056 hundred] seven thousand dollars for the general election campaign.

1057 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no party
1058 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
1059 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the purposes

1060 described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of section 9-601, as
1061 amended by this act, for the benefit of a participating candidate or the
1062 candidate committee of a participating candidate in the Citizens'
1063 Election Program for the office of state representative for the primary
1064 campaign.

1065 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 9-705 of the general statutes is
1066 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1067 *passage*):

1068 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
1069 for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said
1070 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election
1071 Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of [one million two
1072 hundred fifty thousand] two million five hundred thousand dollars,
1073 provided, in the case of a primary held in [2014] 2018, or thereafter,
1074 said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

1075 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
1076 Governor who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on
1077 the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of
1078 part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund
1079 for the general election campaign in the amount of [six] nine million
1080 dollars, provided in the case of an election held in [2014] 2018, or
1081 thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this
1082 section.

1083 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any
1084 provision of the general statutes, the board of governance, if any, for
1085 any entity incorporated, organized or operating in this state, shall vote
1086 for prior authorization for each payment or distribution of money in
1087 an amount more than four thousand dollars to be used as a campaign-
1088 related disbursement. The board shall be informed of the specific use
1089 of the money, including any candidate that might be the target or
1090 beneficiary of an independent expenditure, as defined in section 9-601c
1091 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, from such campaign-

1092 related disbursement prior to any such vote. Individual board member
1093 votes and the details of such expenditures shall be disclosed to the
1094 public on the entity's Internet web site not later than forty-eight hours
1095 after the vote and filed electronically with the State Elections
1096 Enforcement Commission under the provisions of section 9-612 of the
1097 general statutes, as amended by this act.

1098 (b) Any such entity required to file a statement under section 9-612
1099 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, after making or
1100 obligating to make an independent expenditure shall do at least one of
1101 the following: (1) If the entity submits regular, periodic reports to its
1102 shareholders, members or donors, on the entity's finances or activities,
1103 include in each such report (A) the identity of the individual making
1104 any campaign-related disbursement and the business address of such
1105 individual, (B) the amount and date of each such disbursement and the
1106 identity of the individual to whom such disbursement was made, (C)
1107 the candidate or candidates or ballot issue to which such
1108 disbursements are related, and (D) the identity of any individual who
1109 made a donation in excess of one thousand dollars to the entity, for
1110 any campaign-related disbursements made by the entity during the
1111 period such report covers, or (2) provide on the entity's Internet web
1112 site a link to the entity's filed disclosure reports under said section 9-
1113 612.

1114 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) If the State Elections
1115 Enforcement Commission finds that any candidate committee makes
1116 an expenditure, as defined in section 9-601b of the general statutes, as
1117 amended by this act, that is found to be coordinated in a manner not
1118 permissible under the provisions of chapter 155 of the general statutes,
1119 the candidate and treasurer of said committee shall be jointly and
1120 severally liable for paying any penalty levied by the commission under
1121 section 9-7b of the general statutes, as amended by this act. If such
1122 candidate is a participating candidate, the candidate shall return grant
1123 money awarded under chapter 157 of the general statutes to the
1124 Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-701 of the general

1125 statutes, in an amount determined by the commission.

1126 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any entity that expends funds
1127 to facilitate the nomination or election or defeat of a candidate, shall
1128 disclose such expenditure as an independent expenditure under the
1129 provisions of section 9-612 of the general statutes, as amended by this
1130 act.

1131 Sec. 16. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the
1132 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1133 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1134 (2) To levy a civil penalty not to exceed (A) two thousand dollars
1135 per offense against any person the commission finds to be in violation
1136 of any provision of chapter 145, part V of chapter 146, part I of chapter
1137 147, chapter 148, section 7-9, section 9-12, subsection (a) of section 9-17,
1138 section 9-19b, 9-19e, 9-19g, 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, 9-21, 9-23a, 9-23g, 9-23h,
1139 9-23j to 9-23o, inclusive, 9-23r, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, 9-35c, 9-
1140 40a, 9-42, 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56, 9-59, 9-168d, 9-170, 9-171, 9-172, 9-232i to 9-
1141 232o, inclusive, 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, 9-409, 9-410, 9-412, 9-436, 9-
1142 436a, 9-453e to 9-453h, inclusive, 9-453k or 9-453o, (B) two thousand
1143 dollars per offense against any town clerk, registrar of voters, an
1144 appointee or designee of a town clerk or registrar of voters, or any
1145 other election or primary official whom the commission finds to have
1146 failed to discharge a duty imposed by any provision of chapter 146 or
1147 147, (C) two thousand dollars per offense against any person the
1148 commission finds to have (i) improperly voted in any election, primary
1149 or referendum, and (ii) not been legally qualified to vote in such
1150 election, primary or referendum, [or] (D) two thousand dollars per
1151 offense or twice the amount of any improper payment or contribution,
1152 whichever is greater, against any person or entity the commission
1153 finds to be in violation of any provision of chapter 155 or 157, or (E)
1154 two times the amount of any independent expenditure for which a
1155 person or entity fails to include a disclaimer, as provided for under
1156 chapter 155. If such entity can not be held liable under this provision,

1157 then any successor entity or donors to the entity may be held liable.
1158 The commission may levy a civil penalty against any person under
1159 subparagraph (A), (B), (C) or (D) of this subdivision only after giving
1160 the person an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in
1161 accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive. In the case of
1162 failure to pay any such penalty levied pursuant to this subsection
1163 within thirty days of written notice sent by certified or registered mail
1164 to such person, the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford,
1165 on application of the commission, may issue an order requiring such
1166 person to pay the penalty imposed and such court costs, state
1167 marshal's fees and attorney's fees incurred by the commission as the
1168 court may determine. Any civil penalties paid, collected or recovered
1169 under subparagraph (D) of this subdivision for a violation of any
1170 provision of chapter 155 applying to the office of the Treasurer shall be
1171 deposited on a pro rata basis in any trust funds, as defined in section 3-
1172 13c, affected by such violation;

1173 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) Wherever the term
1174 "campaign treasurer" is used in the following sections of the general
1175 statutes, the term "treasurer" shall be substituted in lieu thereof; and (2)
1176 wherever the term "deputy campaign treasurer" is used in the
1177 following sections of the general statutes, the term "deputy treasurer"
1178 shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 9-7b, 9-602, 9-604, 9-605, 9-606, 9-
1179 607, 9-608, 9-609, 9-610, 9-612, 9-614, 9-622, 9-623, 9-624, 9-675, 9-700, 9-
1180 703, 9-704, 9-706, 9-707, 9-709, 9-711 and 9-712, as amended by this act.

1181 (b) The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall, in codifying the
1182 provisions of this section, make such technical, grammatical and
1183 punctuation changes as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this
1184 section.

1185 Sec. 18. Subsection (c) of section 9-605 of the general statutes is
1186 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1187 *passage*):

1188 (c) The [chairman] treasurer of each political committee shall report

1189 any addition to or change in information previously submitted in a
1190 statement of organization to the proper authority not later than ten
1191 days after the addition or change, provided if an officer of the
1192 committee has changed, such amended statement shall be filed by the
1193 chairperson of the committee.

1194 Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 9-608 of the 2012 supplement to the
1195 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1196 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1197 (a) (1) Each treasurer of a committee, other than a state central
1198 committee, shall file a statement, sworn under penalty of false
1199 statement with the proper authority in accordance with the provisions
1200 of section 9-603, (A) on the tenth calendar day in the months of
1201 January, April, July and October, provided, if such tenth calendar day
1202 is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the statement shall be filed on
1203 the next business day, except that in the case of a candidate or
1204 exploratory committee established for an office to be elected at a
1205 special election, statements pursuant to this subparagraph shall not be
1206 required, (B) on the seventh day preceding each regular state election,
1207 except that (i) in the case of a candidate or exploratory committee
1208 established for an office to be elected at a municipal election, the
1209 statement shall be filed on the seventh day preceding a regular
1210 municipal election in lieu of such date, except if the candidate's name
1211 is not eligible to appear on the ballot, in which case such statement
1212 shall not be required, (ii) in the case of a town committee, the
1213 statement shall be filed on the seventh day preceding each municipal
1214 election in addition to such date, [and] (iii) in the case of a candidate
1215 committee in a state election that is required to file any supplemental
1216 campaign finance statements pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of
1217 subsection (a) of section 9-712, as amended by this act, such
1218 supplemental campaign finance statements shall satisfy the filing
1219 requirement under this subdivision, and (iv) in the case of a candidate
1220 committee established by a candidate whose name is not eligible to
1221 appear on the ballot, such statement shall not be required, and (C) if

1222 the committee has made or received a contribution or expenditure in
1223 connection with any other election, a primary or a referendum, on the
1224 seventh day preceding the election, primary or referendum, except that
1225 in the case of a candidate committee in a primary that is required to
1226 file statements pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of
1227 section 9-712, as amended by this act, such statements shall satisfy the
1228 filing requirement under this subdivision. The statement shall be
1229 complete as of eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the last day of the
1230 month preceding the month in which the statement is required to be
1231 filed, except that for the statement required to be filed on the seventh
1232 day preceding the election, primary or referendum, the statement shall
1233 be complete as of eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the second day
1234 immediately preceding the required filing day. The statement shall
1235 cover a period to begin with the first day not included in the last filed
1236 statement. In the case of a candidate committee, the statement required
1237 to be filed in January shall be in lieu of the statement formerly required
1238 to be filed within forty-five days following an election.

1239 (2) Each [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee [, within]
1240 established by a candidate in a primary, not later than thirty days
1241 following [any] such primary, and each [campaign] treasurer of a
1242 political committee formed for a single primary, election or
1243 referendum, [within] not later than forty-five days after any election or
1244 referendum not held in November, shall file statements in the same
1245 manner as is required of them under subdivision (1) of this subsection.
1246 A candidate committee established by a candidate who is unsuccessful
1247 in the primary shall not be required to file any statements required
1248 under subdivision (1) of this subsection following the primary unless
1249 the candidate is eligible to appear on the general election ballot. If the
1250 [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee established by a
1251 candidate, who is unsuccessful in the primary or has terminated his
1252 candidacy prior to the primary, distributes all surplus funds within
1253 thirty days following the scheduled primary and discloses the
1254 distribution on the postprimary statement, such [campaign] treasurer
1255 shall not be required to file any subsequent statement unless the

1256 committee has a deficit, in which case he shall file any required
1257 statements in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (3) of
1258 subsection (e) of this section.

1259 (3) In the case of state central committees, (A) on the tenth calendar
1260 day in the months of January, April and July, provided, if such tenth
1261 calendar day is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, on the next
1262 business day, [and] (B) on the twelfth day preceding any regular
1263 election, and (C) if the committee has made or received a contribution
1264 or expenditure in connection with any other election, or any primary
1265 or referendum, on the twelfth day preceding the election, primary or
1266 referendum, the [campaign] treasurer of each such committee shall file
1267 with the proper authority, a statement, sworn under penalty of false
1268 statement, complete as of the last day of the month immediately
1269 preceding the month in which such statement is to be filed in the case
1270 of statements required to be filed in January, April and July, and
1271 complete as of the nineteenth day preceding an election, primary or
1272 referendum in the case of the statement required to be filed on the
1273 twelfth day preceding an election, primary or referendum, and in each
1274 case covering a period to begin with the first day not included in the
1275 last filed statement.

1276 Sec. 20. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 9-608 of the 2012
1277 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
1278 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1279 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter, in the event
1280 of a surplus the [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee or of a
1281 political committee, other than a political committee formed for
1282 ongoing political activities or an exploratory committee, shall
1283 distribute or expend such surplus not later than ninety days, or for the
1284 purposes of subparagraph (H) of this subdivision, one hundred twenty
1285 days after a primary which results in the defeat of the candidate, an
1286 election or referendum not held in November or by March thirty-first
1287 following an election or referendum held in November, or for the

1288 purposes of subparagraph (H) of this subdivision, June thirtieth
1289 following an election or referendum held in November, in the
1290 following manner:

1291 (A) Such committees may distribute their surplus to a party
1292 committee, or a political committee organized for ongoing political
1293 activities, return such surplus to all contributors to the committee on a
1294 prorated basis of contribution, distribute all or any part of such surplus
1295 to the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-701 or distribute
1296 such surplus to any charitable organization which is a tax-exempt
1297 organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
1298 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
1299 United States, as from time to time amended, provided (i) no candidate
1300 committee may distribute such surplus to a committee which has been
1301 established to finance future political campaigns of the candidate, (ii) a
1302 candidate committee which received moneys from the Citizens'
1303 Election Fund shall distribute such surplus to such fund, and (iii) a
1304 candidate committee for a nonparticipating candidate, as described in
1305 subsection (b) of section 9-703, may only distribute any such surplus to
1306 the Citizens' Election Fund or to a charitable organization;

1307 (B) Each such political committee established by an organization
1308 which received its funds from the organization's treasury shall return
1309 its surplus to its sponsoring organization;

1310 (C) (i) Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote the
1311 success or defeat of any referendum question, which does not receive
1312 contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall distribute
1313 its surplus to a party committee, to a political committee organized for
1314 ongoing political activities, to a national committee of a political party,
1315 to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of contribution,
1316 to state or municipal governments or agencies or to any organization
1317 which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the
1318 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
1319 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time

1320 amended. (ii) Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote
1321 the success or defeat of any referendum question, which receives
1322 contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall distribute
1323 its surplus to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of
1324 contribution, to state or municipal governments or agencies, or to any
1325 organization which is tax-exempt under said provisions of the Internal
1326 Revenue Code. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a
1327 committee formed for a single referendum shall not be required to
1328 expend its surplus not later than ninety days after the referendum and
1329 may continue in existence if a substantially similar referendum
1330 question on the same issue will be submitted to the electorate within
1331 six months after the first referendum. If two or more substantially
1332 similar referenda on the same issue are submitted to the electorate,
1333 each no more than six months apart, the committee shall expend such
1334 surplus within ninety days following the date of the last such
1335 referendum;

1336 (D) The [campaign] treasurer of the candidate committee of a
1337 candidate who is elected to office may, upon the authorization of such
1338 candidate, expend surplus campaign funds to pay for the cost of
1339 clerical, secretarial or other office expenses necessarily incurred by
1340 such candidate in preparation for taking office; except such surplus
1341 shall not be distributed for the personal benefit of any individual or to
1342 any organization;

1343 (E) The [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee, or of a
1344 political committee, other than a political committee formed for
1345 ongoing political activities or an exploratory committee, shall, prior to
1346 the dissolution of such committee, either (i) distribute any equipment
1347 purchased, including, but not limited to, computer equipment, to any
1348 recipient as set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or (ii) sell
1349 any equipment purchased, including but not limited to computer
1350 equipment, to any person for fair market value and then distribute the
1351 proceeds of such sale to any recipient as set forth in said subparagraph
1352 (A);

1353 (F) The [campaign] treasurer of a qualified candidate committee
1354 may, following an election or unsuccessful primary, provide a post-
1355 primary thank you meal or a post-election thank you meal for
1356 committee workers, provided such meal (i) occurs not later than
1357 fourteen days after the applicable election or primary day, and (ii) the
1358 cost for such meal does not exceed thirty dollars per worker;

1359 (G) The [campaign] treasurer of a qualified candidate committee
1360 may, following an election or unsuccessful primary, exclusive of any
1361 payments that have been rendered pursuant to a written service
1362 agreement, make payment to a [campaign] treasurer for services
1363 rendered to the candidate committee, provided such payment does not
1364 exceed one thousand dollars; and

1365 (H) The [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee may,
1366 following an election or unsuccessful primary, utilize funds for the
1367 purpose of complying with any audit conducted by the State Elections
1368 Enforcement Commission pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (a)
1369 of section 9-7b.

1370 Sec. 21. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (f) of section 9-610 of
1371 the 2012 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the
1372 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1373 (f) (1) A political committee established by two or more individuals
1374 under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (3) of section 9-601, as
1375 amended by this act, other than a committee established solely for the
1376 purpose of aiding or promoting any candidate or candidates for
1377 municipal office or the success or defeat of a referendum question,
1378 shall be subject to the prohibition on acceptance of lobbyist
1379 contributions under subsection (e) of this section unless the [campaign]
1380 treasurer of the committee has filed a registration statement as
1381 described in subsection (b) of section 9-605 with the State Elections
1382 Enforcement Commission, on or before November 15, 2012, for all such
1383 political committees in existence on such date, or, if the committee is
1384 not in existence on such date, not later than ten days after the

1385 organization of the committee pursuant to subsection (a) of section 9-
1386 605, and on or before November fifteenth of each even-numbered year
1387 thereafter. Such statements shall be filed even if there are no changes,
1388 additions or deletions to the registration statement previously filed
1389 with the commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
1390 subdivision, if an officer of the committee has changed since the last
1391 registration statement filed with the commission, such registration
1392 statement shall be filed by the chairperson of the committee.

1393 (2) A political committee established for ongoing political activities
1394 and required pursuant to subsection (a) of section 9-603 to file
1395 statements with the commission shall be subject to the prohibition on
1396 making contributions under subsection (e) of this section unless the
1397 [campaign] treasurer of the committee has filed a registration
1398 statement as described in subsection (b) of section 9-605 with the
1399 commission, on forms prescribed by the commission, on or before
1400 November 15, 2012, for all such political committees in existence on
1401 such date, or, if the committee is not in existence on such date, not later
1402 than ten days after the organization of the committee pursuant to
1403 subsection (a) of section 9-605, and on or before November fifteenth of
1404 each even-numbered year thereafter. Such statements shall be filed
1405 even if there are no changes, additions or deletions to the registration
1406 statement previously filed with the commission. Notwithstanding the
1407 provisions of this subdivision, if an officer of the committee has
1408 changed since the last registration statement filed with the
1409 commission, such registration statement shall be filed by the
1410 chairperson of the committee.

1411 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 9-712 of the 2012 supplement to the
1412 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1413 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1414 (a) (1) The [campaign] treasurer of each candidate committee in a
1415 primary campaign or a general election campaign in which there is at
1416 least one participating candidate shall file weekly supplemental

1417 campaign finance statements with the commission in accordance with
1418 the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection. Such weekly
1419 statements shall be in lieu of the campaign finance statements due
1420 pursuant to subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection
1421 (a) of section 9-608, as amended by this act.

1422 (2) Each such [campaign] treasurer shall file weekly supplemental
1423 campaign finance statements with the commission pursuant to the
1424 following schedule: (A) In the case of a primary campaign, on the
1425 [next] second Thursday following the date in July on which treasurers
1426 are required to file campaign finance statements pursuant to
1427 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-608,
1428 as amended by this act, and each Thursday thereafter up to and
1429 including the Thursday before the day of the primary, and (B) in the
1430 case of a general election campaign, on the [next] second Thursday
1431 following the date in October on which candidates are required to file
1432 campaign finance statements pursuant to subparagraph (A) of
1433 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-608, as amended by this
1434 act, and each Thursday thereafter up to and including the Thursday
1435 before the day of the election. The statement shall be complete as of
1436 eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the second day immediately preceding
1437 the required filing day. The statement shall cover the period beginning
1438 with the first day not included in the last filed statement.

1439 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of
1440 this subsection, if a participating candidate committee in a primary
1441 campaign or a general election campaign in which there is at least one
1442 participating candidate makes expenditures or incurs an obligation to
1443 make expenditures that, in the aggregate, exceed one hundred per cent
1444 of the applicable expenditure limit for the applicable primary or
1445 general election campaign period, the [campaign] treasurer of any such
1446 candidate committee shall file a declaration of excess expenditures
1447 statement with the commission, pursuant to the following schedule:
1448 (A) If a candidate committee makes expenditures or incurs an
1449 obligation to make such expenditures more than twenty days before

1450 the day of such primary or election, the [campaign] treasurer of such
1451 candidate shall file such statement with the commission not later than
1452 forty-eight hours after making such expenditures or incurring an
1453 obligation to make such expenditures, and (B) if a candidate committee
1454 makes such expenditures or incurs an obligation to make such
1455 expenditures twenty days or less before the day of such primary or
1456 election, the [campaign] treasurer of such candidate shall file such
1457 statement with the commission not later than twenty-four hours after
1458 making such expenditures or incurring an obligation to make such
1459 expenditures. The statement shall be complete as of eleven fifty-nine
1460 o'clock p.m. of the first day immediately preceding the required filing
1461 day. The statement shall cover a period beginning with the first day
1462 not included in the last filed statement.

1463 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the
1464 statements required to be filed pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of
1465 this subsection shall not be required to be filed by (A) a candidate
1466 committee of a candidate that is exempt from filing campaign finance
1467 statements pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-608 unless or until
1468 such a candidate committee receives or expends an amount in excess
1469 of one thousand dollars for purposes of the primary or election for
1470 which such committee was formed, (B) a candidate committee of a
1471 candidate that is no longer eligible for a position on the ballot, or [(B)]
1472 (C) a candidate committee of a participating candidate that is
1473 unopposed, except that such candidate committee shall file a
1474 supplemental statement on the last Thursday before the applicable
1475 primary or general election. Such statement shall be complete as of
1476 eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the second day immediately preceding
1477 the required filing day. The statement shall cover a period beginning
1478 with the first day not included in the last filed statement.

1479 (5) Each supplemental statement required under subdivision (1), (2)
1480 or (3) of this subsection for a candidate shall disclose the information
1481 required under subsection (c) of section 9-608, as amended by this act.
1482 The commission shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the

1483 provisions of chapter 54, specifying permissible media for the
1484 transmission of such statements to the commission, which shall
1485 include electronic [mail] filing.

1486 Sec. 23. Subsection (c) of section 9-608 of the 2012 supplement to the
1487 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1488 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2013, and applicable to primaries and elections*
1489 *held after said date*):

1490 (c) (1) Each statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this
1491 section shall include, but not be limited to: (A) An itemized accounting
1492 of each contribution, if any, including the full name and complete
1493 address of each contributor and the amount of the contribution; (B) an
1494 itemized accounting of each expenditure, if any, including the full
1495 name and complete address of each payee, including secondary payees
1496 whenever the primary or principal payee is known to include charges
1497 which the primary payee has already paid or will pay directly to
1498 another person, vendor or entity, the amount and the purpose of the
1499 expenditure, the candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure,
1500 whether the expenditure is made independently of the candidate
1501 supported or is an in-kind contribution to the candidate, and a
1502 statement of the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be; (C) an
1503 itemized accounting of each expense incurred but not paid, provided if
1504 the expense is incurred by use of a credit card, the accounting shall
1505 include secondary payees, and the amount owed to each such payee;
1506 (D) the name and address of any person who is the guarantor of a loan
1507 to, or the cosigner of a note with, the candidate on whose behalf the
1508 committee was formed, or the [campaign] treasurer in the case of a
1509 party committee or a political committee or who has advanced a
1510 security deposit to a telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for
1511 telecommunications service for a committee; (E) for each business
1512 entity or person purchasing advertising space in a program for a fund-
1513 raising affair or on signs at a fund-raising affair, the name and address
1514 of the business entity or the name and address of the person, and the
1515 amount and aggregate amounts of such purchases; (F) for each

1516 individual who contributes in excess of one hundred dollars but not
1517 more than one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, to the extent known,
1518 the principal occupation of such individual and the name of the
1519 individual's employer, if any; (G) for each individual who contributes
1520 in excess of one thousand dollars in the aggregate, the principal
1521 occupation of such individual and the name of the individual's
1522 employer, if any; (H) for each itemized contribution made by a
1523 lobbyist, the spouse of a lobbyist or any dependent child of a lobbyist
1524 who resides in the lobbyist's household, a statement to that effect; and
1525 (I) for each individual who contributes in excess of four hundred
1526 dollars in the aggregate to or for the benefit of any candidate's
1527 campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the office of chief
1528 executive officer or a slate or town committee financing the
1529 nomination or election or a candidate for chief executive officer of a
1530 town, city or borough, a statement indicating whether the individual
1531 or a business with which he is associated has a contract with said
1532 municipality that is valued at more than five thousand dollars. Each
1533 [campaign] treasurer shall include in such statement (i) an itemized
1534 accounting of the receipts and expenditures relative to any testimonial
1535 affair held under the provisions of section 9-609 or any other fund-
1536 raising affair, which is referred to in subsection (b) of section 9-601a, as
1537 amended by this act, and (ii) the date, location and a description of the
1538 affair, except that a [campaign] treasurer shall not be required to
1539 include the name of any individual who has purchased items at a
1540 fund-raising affair or food at a town fair, county fair or similar mass
1541 gathering, if the cumulative value of items purchased by such
1542 individual does not exceed one hundred dollars, or the name of any
1543 individual who has donated food or beverages for a meeting. A
1544 [campaign] treasurer shall not be required to report or retain any
1545 receipts or expenditures related to any de minimis donations described
1546 in subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of section 9-601a, as amended by
1547 this act.

1548 (2) Each contributor described in subparagraph (F), (G), (H) or (I) of
1549 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall, at the time the contributor

1550 makes such a contribution, provide the information that the campaign
1551 treasurer is required to include under said subparagraph in the
1552 statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this section.
1553 Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b, as
1554 amended by this act, any contributor described in subparagraph (F) of
1555 subdivision (1) of this subsection who does not provide such
1556 information at the time the contributor makes such a contribution and
1557 any treasurer shall not be subject to the provisions of subdivision (2) of
1558 section 9-7b, as amended by this act. If a [campaign] treasurer receives
1559 a contribution from an individual which separately, or in the
1560 aggregate, is in excess of one thousand dollars and the contributor has
1561 not provided the information required by said subparagraph (G) or if a
1562 [campaign] treasurer receives a contribution from an individual to or
1563 for the benefit of any candidate's campaign for nomination at a
1564 primary or election to the office of chief executive officer of a town, city
1565 or borough, which separately, or in the aggregate, is in excess of four
1566 hundred dollars and the contributor has not provided the information
1567 required by said subparagraph (I), the [campaign] treasurer: (i) Not
1568 later than three business days after receiving the contribution, shall
1569 send a request for such information to the contributor by certified mail,
1570 return receipt requested; (ii) shall not deposit the contribution until the
1571 [campaign] treasurer obtains such information from the contributor,
1572 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-606, as amended by this
1573 act; and (iii) shall return the contribution to the contributor if the
1574 contributor does not provide the required information not later than
1575 fourteen days after the treasurer's written request or the end of the
1576 reporting period in which the contribution was received, whichever is
1577 later. Any failure of a contributor to provide the information which the
1578 [campaign] treasurer is required to include under said subparagraph
1579 (F) or (H), which results in noncompliance by the [campaign] treasurer
1580 with the provisions of said subparagraph (F) or (H), shall be a
1581 complete defense to any action against the campaign treasurer for
1582 failure to disclose such information.

1583 (3) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (2) of this

1584 subsection, each contributor who makes a contribution to a candidate
1585 or exploratory committee for Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1586 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, State
1587 Treasurer, state senator or state representative, any political committee
1588 authorized to make contributions to such candidates or committees,
1589 and any party committee [that separately, or in the aggregate, exceeds
1590 fifty dollars] shall provide with the contribution: (A) The name of the
1591 contributor's employer, if any; (B) the contributor's status as a
1592 communicator lobbyist, as defined in section 1-91, a member of the
1593 immediate family of a communicator lobbyist, a state contractor, a
1594 prospective state contractor or a principal of a state contractor or
1595 prospective state contractor, as defined in section 9-612, as amended by
1596 this act; and (C) a certification that the contributor is not prohibited
1597 from making a contribution to such candidate or committee. The State
1598 Elections Enforcement Commission shall prepare a sample form for
1599 such certification by the contributor and shall make it available to
1600 campaign treasurers and contributors. Such sample form shall include
1601 an explanation of the terms "communicator lobbyist", "principal of a
1602 state contractor or prospective state contractor", "immediate family",
1603 "state contractor" and "prospective state contractor". The information
1604 on such sample form shall be included in any written solicitation
1605 conducted by any such committee. If a [campaign] treasurer receives
1606 such a contribution and the contributor has not provided such
1607 certification, the [campaign] treasurer shall: (i) Not later than three
1608 business days after receiving the contribution, send a request for the
1609 certification to the contributor by certified mail, return receipt
1610 requested; (ii) not deposit the contribution until the [campaign]
1611 treasurer obtains the certification from the contributor,
1612 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-606, as amended by this
1613 act; and (iii) return the contribution to the contributor if the contributor
1614 does not provide the certification not later than fourteen days after the
1615 treasurer's written request or at the end of the reporting period in
1616 which the contribution was received, whichever is later. No treasurer
1617 shall be required to obtain and keep more than one certification from

1618 each contributor, unless information certified to by the contributor,
1619 other than the amount contributed, changes. If a [campaign] treasurer
1620 deposits a contribution based on a certification that is later determined
1621 to be false, the treasurer shall have a complete defense to any action,
1622 including but not limited to, any complaint investigated by the State
1623 Elections Enforcement Commission or any other investigation initiated
1624 by said commission, against such [campaign] treasurer for the receipt
1625 of such contribution.

1626 [(4) Contributions from a single individual to a campaign treasurer
1627 in the aggregate totaling fifty dollars or less need not be individually
1628 identified in the statement, but a sum representing the total amount of
1629 all such contributions made by all such individuals during the period
1630 to be covered by such statement shall be a separate entry, identified
1631 only by the words "total contributions from small contributors".]

1632 [(5)] (4) Each statement filed by the [campaign] treasurer of a party
1633 committee, a legislative caucus committee or a legislative leadership
1634 committee shall include an itemized accounting of each organization
1635 expenditure made by the committee. Concomitant with the filing of
1636 any such statement containing an accounting of an organization
1637 expenditure made by the committee for the benefit of any candidate
1638 for the office of state senator, state representative, Governor,
1639 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of the State, State
1640 Comptroller or State Treasurer such [campaign] treasurer shall provide
1641 notice of the organization expenditure to the candidate committee of
1642 such candidate.

1643 [(6)] (5) The commission shall post a link on the home page of the
1644 commission's Internet web site to a listing of all organizational
1645 expenditures reported by a party, legislative leadership or caucus
1646 committee under subdivision [(5)] (4) of this subsection. Such
1647 information shall include reported information on the committee
1648 making the expenditure, the committee receiving the expenditure and
1649 the date and purpose for the expenditure.

1650 [(7)] (6) Statements filed in accordance with this section shall remain
1651 public records of the state for five years from the date such statements
1652 are filed.

1653 Sec. 24. Subsection (e) of section 9-615 of the general statutes is
1654 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1655 *passage*):

1656 (e) [No political committee established by an organization shall
1657 make contributions to the committees designated in subsection (d) of
1658 this section, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars in
1659 any one calendar year.] Contributions to a political committee
1660 established by an organization shall also be subject to the provisions of
1661 section 9-618 in the case of a committee formed for ongoing political
1662 activity or section 9-619 in the case of a committee formed for a single
1663 election or primary.

1664 Sec. 25. Subsection (c) of section 9-611 of the general statutes is
1665 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1666 *passage*):

1667 (c) No individual shall make contributions to such candidates or
1668 committees which in the aggregate exceed [fifteen] thirty thousand
1669 dollars for any single election and primary preliminary [thereto] to
1670 such election.

1671 Sec. 26. Section 9-391 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1672 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1673 (a) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the
1674 nomination of candidates for municipal office to be voted upon at a
1675 municipal election, or for the election of town committee members
1676 shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not earlier than the
1677 fifty-sixth day or later than the forty-ninth day preceding the day of
1678 such primary. Such endorsement may be made of a candidate whose
1679 name appears upon the last-completed enrollment list of such party

1680 within the municipality or political subdivision within which such
1681 candidate is to run for nomination. The endorsement shall be certified
1682 to the clerk of the municipality by either (1) the chairman or presiding
1683 officer, or (2) the secretary of the town committee, caucus or
1684 convention, as the case may be, not later than four o'clock p.m. on the
1685 forty-eighth day preceding the day of such primary. Such certification
1686 shall contain the name and street address of each person so endorsed,
1687 the title of the office or the position as committee member and the
1688 name or number of the political subdivision or district, if any, for
1689 which each such person is endorsed. If such a certificate of a party's
1690 endorsement is not received by the town clerk by such time, such
1691 certificate shall be invalid and such party, for purposes of sections 9-
1692 417, 9-418 and 9-419, shall be deemed to have neither made nor
1693 certified such endorsement of any candidate for such office.

1694 (b) Each selection of delegates to a state or district convention shall
1695 be made in accordance with the provisions of section 9-390 not earlier
1696 than the one-hundred-fortieth day and not later than the one-hundred-
1697 thirty-third day preceding the day of the primary for such state or
1698 district office. Such selection shall be certified to the clerk of the
1699 municipality by the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of
1700 the town committee or caucus, as the case may be, not later than four
1701 o'clock p.m. on the one-hundred-thirty-second day preceding the day
1702 of such primary. Each such certification shall contain the name and
1703 street address of each person so selected, the position as delegate, and
1704 the name or number of the political subdivision or district, if any, for
1705 which each such person is selected. If such a certificate of a party's
1706 selection is not received by the town clerk by such time, such certificate
1707 shall be invalid and such party, for purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-
1708 420, shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any selection
1709 of any person for the position of delegate.

1710 (c) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the
1711 nomination of candidates for a municipal office to be voted upon at a
1712 state election shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not

1713 earlier than the eighty-fourth day or later than the seventy-seventh day
1714 preceding the day of such primary. Any certification to be filed under
1715 this subsection shall be received by the Secretary of the State, in the
1716 case of a candidate for the office of state senator or state representative,
1717 or the town clerk, in the case of a candidate for any other municipal
1718 office to be voted upon at a state election, not later than four o'clock
1719 p.m. on the fourteenth day after the close of the town committee
1720 meeting, caucus or convention, as the case may be. If such a certificate
1721 of a party's endorsement is not received by the Secretary of the State or
1722 the town clerk, as the case may be, by such time, such certificate shall
1723 be invalid and such party, for the purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-418,
1724 shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any endorsement of
1725 any candidate for such office. The candidate so endorsed for a
1726 municipal office to be voted upon at a state election, other than the
1727 office of justice of the peace, shall file with the Secretary of the State or
1728 the town clerk, as the case may be, a certificate, signed by that
1729 candidate, stating that such candidate was so endorsed, the candidate's
1730 name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the
1731 candidate's full street address and the title and district of the office for
1732 which the candidate was endorsed. Such certificate may be filed by a
1733 candidate whose name appears upon the last-completed enrollment
1734 list of such party within the senatorial district within which the
1735 candidate is endorsed to run for nomination in the case of the
1736 municipal office of state senator, or the assembly district within which
1737 a person is endorsed to run for nomination in the case of the municipal
1738 office of state representative, or the municipality or political
1739 subdivision within which a person is to run for nomination for other
1740 municipal offices to be voted on at a state election. Such certificate
1741 shall be attested by the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary
1742 of the town committee, caucus or convention which made such
1743 endorsement. The endorsement of candidates for the office of justice of
1744 the peace shall be certified to the clerk of the municipality by the
1745 chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of the town committee,
1746 caucus or convention, and shall contain the name and street address of

1747 each person so endorsed and the title of the office for which each such
1748 person is endorsed.

1749 Sec. 27. Section 9-406 of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes
1750 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1751 *from passage*):

1752 A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a municipal
1753 office or a candidacy for election as a member of a town committee
1754 may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon
1755 the last-completed enrollment list of such party within the
1756 [municipality or within the political subdivision,] senatorial district [or
1757 assembly district] within which a person is to be nominated [or] in the
1758 case of the municipal office of state senator, or the assembly district
1759 within which a person is to be nominated in the case of the municipal
1760 office of state representative, or the municipality or political
1761 subdivision within which a person is to be nominated in the case of a
1762 town committee member [is to be elected, as the case may be] or for
1763 any other municipal office. Any such candidacy shall be filed by filing
1764 with the registrar within the applicable time specified in section 9-405
1765 a petition signed by (1) at least five per cent of the electors whose
1766 names appear upon the last-completed enrollment list of such party in
1767 such municipality or in such political subdivision, senatorial district or
1768 assembly district, or (2) such lesser number of such electors as such
1769 party by its rules prescribes, as the case may be. For the purpose of
1770 computing five per cent of the last-completed enrollment list, the
1771 registrar shall use the last printed enrollment list and the printed
1772 updated list, if any, of a political party certified and last completed by
1773 the registrars of voters prior to the date the first primary petition was
1774 issued, excluding therefrom the names of individuals who have ceased
1775 to be electors.

1776 Sec. 28. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
1777 chapter 155 of the general statutes, any penalty imposed by the State
1778 Elections Enforcement Commission due to a filing that was not

1779 deemed to be received in a timely manner by said commission in
1780 accordance with the provisions of section 9-608 of the general statutes,
1781 as amended by this act, may be waived by said commission, provided
1782 (1) such filing was due to be received by said commission during
1783 January, 2012, and (2) said commission determines that the treasurer's
1784 actions were such that the filing reasonably should have been received
1785 on or before the deadline applicable to such filing.

1786 Sec. 29. Section 9-153e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1787 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1788 A member of the armed forces who is an elector or an applicant for
1789 admission as an elector, or the member's spouse or dependent if living
1790 where such member is stationed, may apply before a regular election
1791 for a blank absentee ballot to vote for all offices being contested at the
1792 election. The clerk shall make such ballots available for this purpose
1793 beginning not earlier than ninety days before the election. Application
1794 shall be made upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State or
1795 on the federal postcard application form provided pursuant to the
1796 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 100 Stat. 924,
1797 42 USC 1973ff et seq., as amended from time to time, or any other
1798 applicable law and shall be issued only if the applicant states that due
1799 to military contingencies the regular application procedure, as set forth
1800 in section 9-140, cannot be followed. Upon receipt of the application,
1801 the municipal clerk shall issue the ballot and a cover sheet pursuant to
1802 section 31 of this act, either by mail or electronic means, as requested
1803 by the elector, which shall be prescribed and provided by the Secretary
1804 of the State, and a list of the offices to be voted upon indicating the
1805 number of individuals for which each elector may vote. As soon as a
1806 complete list of nominated candidates, including the party
1807 designations of such candidates, and questions is available, the clerk
1808 shall send such list to each applicant. If the list of candidates and
1809 questions is not available when the ballot is issued, the clerk shall
1810 include a statement indicating that such list shall be mailed as soon as
1811 it becomes available. The ballot shall permit the elector to vote by

1812 writing in the names of specific candidates and offices for which he is
1813 voting. The elector may also vote on the questions in a manner
1814 prescribed by the Secretary of the State. If such ballot is issued by
1815 electronic means, the clerk shall include a certification prescribed by
1816 the Secretary of the State that the elector shall be required to complete,
1817 sign and return with the completed ballot in order for such ballot to be
1818 counted. If the military contingency no longer exists, application for an
1819 additional ballot for all offices may be made pursuant to the provisions
1820 of section 9-153b.

1821 Sec. 30. Section 9-153f of the general statutes is repealed and the
1822 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1823 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-140, any elector who is
1824 living, or expects to be living or traveling before and on election day,
1825 outside the territorial limits of the several states of the United States
1826 and the District of Columbia and any member of the armed forces who
1827 is an elector or an applicant for admission as an elector, or the
1828 member's spouse or dependent if living where such member is
1829 stationed, may apply for a blank absentee ballot to vote for all offices
1830 being contested at an election or primary. Application shall be made
1831 upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State or on the federal
1832 postcard application form provided pursuant to the Uniformed and
1833 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 100 Stat. 924, 42 USC 1973ff et
1834 seq., as amended from time to time, or any other applicable law. The
1835 municipal clerk receiving such an application shall, as soon as a
1836 complete list of candidates and questions to be voted upon at such
1837 election or primary becomes available, issue the ballot and a cover
1838 sheet pursuant to section 31 of this act, either by mail or electronic
1839 means, as requested by the elector, which shall be the blank ballot
1840 prescribed and provided by the Secretary of the State under section 9-
1841 153e, as amended by this act. The clerk shall include with the ballot a
1842 complete list of the offices to be voted upon, the number of individuals
1843 for which each elector may vote, the candidates, and, in the case of an
1844 election, the party designation of each candidate and questions to be

1845 voted upon. If such ballot is issued by electronic means, the clerk shall
1846 include a certification prescribed by the Secretary of the State that the
1847 elector shall be required to complete, sign and return with the
1848 completed ballot in order for such ballot to be counted. If application
1849 for an absentee ballot is made at the time of availability of regular
1850 absentee ballots as provided in section 9-140, the provisions of section
1851 9-140 shall prevail. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
1852 procedures governing the issuance of ballots under this section shall
1853 conform as nearly as may be to the procedures provided in section 9-
1854 140.

1855 Sec. 31. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the
1856 provisions of chapter 145 of the general statutes, for any election or
1857 primary held on or after August 14, 2012, an elector or an applicant for
1858 admission as an elector who applies for an absentee ballot pursuant to
1859 the provisions of section 9-153e or 9-153f of the general statutes, as
1860 amended by this act, may return such ballot, and certification, if
1861 required by said section 9-153e or 9-153f, and the cover sheet
1862 prescribed by the Secretary of the State pursuant to subsection (b) of
1863 this section, by facsimile or electronic mail and such ballot shall be
1864 counted with other absentee ballots in accordance with the provisions
1865 of section 9-150a of the general statutes, provided (1) the municipal
1866 clerk receives such electronically returned ballot, certification and
1867 signed cover sheet prior to the closing of the polls on the day of the
1868 election or primary, as applicable, and (2) such elector does not also
1869 mail the original ballot or a hard copy of the ballot to the municipal
1870 clerk.

1871 (b) Not later than June 1, 2012, the Secretary of the State shall
1872 prescribe a cover sheet for electronic transmission of absentee ballots.
1873 Such sheet shall provide instructions for returning a ballot by
1874 electronic means and to include the elector's name, telephone number,
1875 facsimile number or electronic mail address from which the ballot was
1876 returned, as applicable. Such cover sheet shall include the following
1877 statement: "I understand that by faxing or emailing my voted ballot I

1878 am voluntarily waiving my right to a secret ballot only to the extent
1879 that the appropriate election official must receive and process my
1880 ballot.

1881 Signature: Date: "

1882 Sec. 32. Subsection (d) of section 9-608 of the 2012 supplement to the
1883 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1884 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1885 (d) At the time of filing statements required under this section, the
1886 [campaign] treasurer of each candidate committee shall send to the
1887 candidate a duplicate statement and the [campaign] treasurer of each
1888 party committee and each political committee other than an
1889 exploratory committee shall send to the chairman of the committee a
1890 duplicate statement. Each statement required to be filed with the
1891 commission under this section, subsection (e) of section 9-612, section
1892 9-706 or section 9-712 shall be deemed to be filed in a timely manner if:
1893 (1) For a statement filed as a hard copy, including, but not limited to, a
1894 statement delivered by the United States Postal Service, courier
1895 service, parcel service or hand delivery, the statement is received by
1896 the commission by five o'clock p.m. on the day the statement is
1897 required to be filed, (2) for a statement authorized by the commission
1898 to be filed electronically, including, but not limited to, a statement filed
1899 via dedicated electronic mail, facsimile machine, a web-based program
1900 created by the commission or other electronic means, the statement is
1901 transmitted to the commission not later than eleven fifty-nine o'clock
1902 p.m. on the day the statement is required to be filed, or (3) for a
1903 statement required to be filed pursuant to subsection (e) of section 9-
1904 612, section 9-706 or section 9-712, by the deadline specified in each
1905 such section. Any other filing required to be filed with a town clerk
1906 pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be filed in a timely manner
1907 if it is delivered by hand to the office of the town clerk in accordance
1908 with the provisions of section 9-603 before four-thirty o'clock p.m. or
1909 postmarked by the United States Postal Service before midnight on the

1910 required filing day. If the day for any filing falls on a Saturday, Sunday
 1911 or legal holiday, the statement shall be filed on the next business day
 1912 thereafter. The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall not levy
 1913 a penalty upon a treasurer for failure to file a hard copy of a statement
 1914 in a timely manner in accordance with the provisions of this section, if
 1915 such treasurer has a copy of the statement time stamped by the State
 1916 Elections Enforcement Commission which shows timely receipt of the
 1917 statement, or the treasurer has return receipt from the United States
 1918 Postal Service or a similar receipt from a commercial delivery service
 1919 confirming timely receipt of such statement by said commission.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-601
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-601a
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-601b
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-705(d)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-601c
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-606(a)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-607(g)(1)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-612(a)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-612(e)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-621
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-718
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	9-705(a)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	9-7b(a)(2)
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	9-605(c)
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	9-608(a)
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	9-608(e)(1)
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	9-610(f)(1) and (2)
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	9-712(a)

Sec. 23	<i>January 1, 2013, and applicable to primaries and elections held after said date</i>	9-608(c)
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	9-615(e)
Sec. 25	<i>from passage</i>	9-611(c)
Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	9-391
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	9-406
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 29	<i>from passage</i>	9-153e
Sec. 30	<i>from passage</i>	9-153f
Sec. 31	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	9-608(d)