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

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

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4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof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

6 As used in this chapter and chapter 157 and sections 10 and 11 of
7 this act:

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

14 (2) "Party committee" means a state central committee or a town
15 committee. "Party committee" does not mean a party-affiliated or
16 district, ward or borough committee which receives all of its funds
17 from the state central committee of its party or from a single town
18 committee with the same party affiliation. Any such committee so
19 funded shall be construed to be a part of its state central or town
20 committee for purposes of this chapter and chapter 157.

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

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

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

45 (6) "National committee" means the organization which according to

46 the bylaws of a political party is responsible for the day-to-day
47 operation of the party at the national level.

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

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

80 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, shall
81 be deemed to be one corporation.

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

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

90 (11) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for
91 election or election to public office whether or not such individual is
92 elected, and for the purposes of this chapter and chapter 157, an
93 individual shall be deemed to seek nomination for election or election
94 if such individual has (A) been endorsed by a party or become eligible
95 for a position on the ballot at an election or primary, or (B) solicited or
96 received contributions, made expenditures or given such individual's
97 consent to any other person to solicit or receive contributions or make
98 expenditures with the intent to bring about such individual's
99 nomination for election or election to any such office. "Candidate" also
100 means a slate of candidates which is to appear on the ballot in a
101 primary for the office of justice of the peace. For the purposes of
102 sections 9-600 to 9-610, inclusive, as amended by this act, and section 9-
103 621, as amended by this act, "candidate" also means an individual who
104 is a candidate in a primary for town committee members.

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

109 (13) "Deputy [campaign] treasurer" means the individual appointed
110 by the candidate or by the chairperson of a committee to serve in the
111 capacity of the [campaign] treasurer if the [campaign] treasurer is

112 unable to perform the [campaign] treasurer's duties.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

174 (IV) information concerning voting, including voting hours and
175 locations;

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

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

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

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

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

206 (ii) informing any person of a position taken by a candidate for public
207 office or a public official, (iii) notifying the person of any activities of,
208 or contact information for, any candidate for public office, or (iv)
209 serving as a member in any party committee or as an officer of such
210 committee that is not otherwise prohibited in this subdivision.

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

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

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

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

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

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

237 or instant messages.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

263 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns
264 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,

265 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their
266 families;

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

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

296 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use by a party, political, slate or
297 candidate committee, including those for a participating or

298 nonparticipating candidate, at a discount, if the charge is not less than
299 the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative value of the
300 discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate committee does
301 not exceed four hundred dollars with respect to any single primary or
302 election, or to or on behalf of any party, political or slate committee,
303 does not exceed six hundred dollars in a calendar year;

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

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

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

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

323 (B) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
324 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-
325 raising affair sponsored by a town committee, provided the
326 cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty
327 dollars from any single town committee in any calendar year if the
328 purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any
329 other person. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subparagraph,

330 the following may not purchase advertising space in a program for a
331 fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-raising affair sponsored by a
332 town committee: (i) A communicator lobbyist, (ii) a member of the
333 immediate family of a communicator lobbyist, (iii) a state contractor,
334 (iv) a prospective state contractor, or (v) a principal of a state
335 contractor or prospective state contractor. As used in this
336 subparagraph, "state contractor", "prospective state contractor" and
337 "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" have the
338 same meanings as provided in subsection (g) of section 9-612;

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

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

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

351 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
352 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
353 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
354 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major
355 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to
356 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such
357 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a
358 political party;

359 (15) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an
360 individual at a town fair, county fair, local festival or similar mass
361 gathering held within the state, to the extent that the cumulative

362 payment made by any one individual for such items does not exceed
363 fifty dollars;

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

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

372 (18) The value associated with the de minimis activity on behalf of a
373 party committee, political committee, slate committee or candidate
374 committee, including for activities including, but not limited to, (A) the
375 creation of electronic or written communications created on a
376 voluntary basis without compensation, including, but not limited to,
377 the creation and ongoing content development and delivery of social
378 media on the Internet or telephone, including, but not limited to, the
379 sending or receiving of electronic mail or messages, (B) the posting or
380 display of a candidate's name or group of candidates' names at a town
381 fair, county fair, local festival or similar mass gathering by a party
382 committee, or (C) the use of personal property or a service that is
383 customarily attendant to the occupancy of a residential dwelling, or
384 the donation of an item or items of personal property that are
385 customarily used for campaign purposes, by an individual, to a
386 candidate committee, provided the cumulative fair market value of
387 such use of personal property or service or items of personal property
388 does not exceed one hundred dollars in the aggregate for any single
389 election or calendar year, as the case may be; [. For purposes of this
390 subdivision, "social media" means an electronic medium where users
391 may create and view user-generated content, such as uploaded or
392 downloaded videos or still photographs, blogs, video blogs, podcasts
393 or instant messages] or

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

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

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

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

409 (2) Any [advertisement] communication that (A) refers to one or
410 more clearly identified candidates, (B) is broadcast by radio, [or]
411 television, [other than on a public access channel] satellite
412 communication or via the Internet, or as a paid-for telephone
413 communication, or appears in a newspaper, magazine or on a
414 billboard, or is sent by mail, and (C) is broadcast or appears during the
415 ninety-day period preceding the date of a primary or an election, other
416 than a commercial advertisement that refers to an owner, director or
417 officer of a business entity who is also a candidate and that had
418 previously been broadcast or appeared when the owner, director or
419 officer was not a candidate, but such communication shall not include
420 speech or expression made prior to the ninety-day period preceding
421 the date of a primary or an election at which such clearly identified
422 candidate or candidates are seeking nomination or election to public
423 office or position, that is made for the purpose of influencing any
424 legislative or administrative action, as defined in section 1-91, by state
425 government or a political subdivision of state government; or

- 426 (3) The transfer of funds by a committee to another committee.
- 427 (b) The term "expenditure" does not mean:
- 428 (1) A loan of money, made in the ordinary course of business, by a
429 state or national bank;
- 430 (2) A communication made by any corporation, organization or
431 association solely to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
432 administrative personnel, or their families;
- 433 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns
434 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,
435 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their
436 families;
- 437 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
438 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
439 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided
440 for the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under
441 the Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses
442 made by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal
443 services to any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an
444 individual is a volunteer if such individual is not receiving
445 compensation for such services regardless of whether such individual
446 received compensation in the past or may receive compensation in the
447 future for such services;
- 448 (5) Any news story, commentary or editorial distributed through
449 the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine or
450 other periodical, unless such facilities are owned or controlled by any
451 political party, committee or candidate;
- 452 (6) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,
453 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a
454 candidate, [or on behalf of a state central or town] including a
455 nonparticipating or participating candidate under the Citizens'

456 Election Program, party, political or slate committee, in rendering
457 voluntary personal services [for candidate or party-related activities] at
458 the individual's [residence] residential premises or a community room
459 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative
460 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by [the] an
461 individual on behalf of any [single candidate for nomination or
462 election] candidate or committee does not exceed [two] four hundred
463 dollars with respect to any single [election, and on behalf of all state
464 central and town committees does not exceed four] event or does not
465 exceed eight hundred dollars for any such event hosted by two or
466 more individuals, provided at least one such individual owns or
467 resides at the residential premises, and further provided the
468 cumulative value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an
469 individual on behalf of any such candidate or committee does not
470 exceed eight hundred dollars [in] with respect to a calendar year [;] or
471 single election, as the case may be; or

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

478 [(8)] ~~(7)~~ An organization expenditure by a party committee,
479 legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee.

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

483 Sec. 4. Section 9-601c of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes
484 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
485 *from passage*):

486 (a) As used in this chapter and chapter 157, the term "independent
487 expenditure" means an expenditure, as defined in section 9-601b, as

488 amended by this act, that is made without the consent, coordination, or
489 consultation of, a candidate or agent of the candidate, candidate
490 committee, political committee or party committee, but shall not
491 include an expenditure or expenditures by a human being acting alone
492 in an amount that is two hundred fifty dollars or less, in the aggregate,
493 that benefits a candidate for a single election.

494 (b) When the State Elections Enforcement Commission evaluates an
495 expenditure to determine whether such expenditure is an independent
496 expenditure, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the following
497 expenditures are not independent expenditures:

498 (1) An expenditure made by a person in cooperation, consultation or
499 in concert with, at the request, suggestion or direction of, or pursuant
500 to a general or particular understanding with (A) a candidate,
501 candidate committee, political committee or party committee, or (B) a
502 consultant or other agent acting on behalf of a candidate, candidate
503 committee, political committee or party committee;

504 (2) An expenditure made by a person for the production,
505 dissemination, distribution or publication, in whole or in substantial
506 part, of any broadcast or any written, graphic or other form of political
507 advertising or campaign communication prepared by (A) a candidate,
508 candidate committee, political committee or party committee, or (B) a
509 consultant or other agent acting on behalf of a candidate, candidate
510 committee, political committee or party committee;

511 (3) An expenditure made by a person based on information about a
512 candidate's, political committee's, or party committee's plans, projects
513 or needs, provided by (A) a candidate, candidate committee, political
514 committee or party committee, or (B) a consultant or other agent acting
515 on behalf of a candidate, candidate committee, political committee or
516 party committee, with the intent that such expenditure be made;

517 (4) An expenditure made by an individual who, in the same election
518 cycle, is serving or has served as the campaign chairperson,
519 [campaign] treasurer or deputy treasurer of a candidate committee,

520 political committee or party committee benefiting from such
521 expenditure, or in any other executive or policymaking position,
522 including as a member, employee, fundraiser, consultant or other
523 agent, of a candidate, candidate committee, political committee or
524 party committee;

525 (5) An expenditure made by a person whose officer, director,
526 member, employee, fundraiser, consultant or other agent who serves
527 the person in an executive or policymaking position also serves as or
528 has served in the same election cycle as the candidate or the campaign
529 chairperson, [campaign] treasurer or deputy treasurer of a candidate
530 committee, political committee or party committee benefiting from
531 such expenditure, or in any other executive or policymaking position
532 of the candidate committee, political committee or party committee;

533 (6) An expenditure made by a person for fundraising activities (A)
534 with or for a candidate, candidate committee, political committee or
535 party committee, or a consultant or other agent acting on behalf of a
536 candidate, candidate committee, political committee or party
537 committee, or (B) for the solicitation or receipt of contributions on
538 behalf of a candidate, candidate committee, political committee or
539 party committee, or a consultant or other agent acting on behalf of a
540 candidate, candidate committee, political committee or party
541 committee;

542 (7) An expenditure made by a person based on information about a
543 candidate's campaign plans, projects or needs, that is directly or
544 indirectly provided by a candidate, the candidate's candidate
545 committee, a political committee or a party committee, or a consultant
546 or other agent acting on behalf of such candidate, candidate
547 committee, political committee or party committee, to the person
548 making the expenditure or such person's agent, with an express or tacit
549 understanding that such person is considering making the
550 expenditure;

551 (8) An expenditure made by a person for a communication that

552 clearly identifies a candidate during an election campaign, if the
553 person making the expenditure, or such person's agent, has informed
554 the candidate who benefits from the expenditure, that candidate's
555 candidate committee, a political committee or a party committee, or a
556 consultant or other agent acting on behalf of the benefiting candidate
557 or candidate committee, political committee, or party committee,
558 concerning the communication's contents, or of the intended audience,
559 timing, location or mode or frequency of dissemination. As used in this
560 subdivision, a communication clearly identifies a candidate when that
561 communication contains the name, nickname, initials, photograph or
562 drawing of the candidate or an unambiguous reference to that
563 candidate, which includes, but is not limited to, a reference that can
564 only mean that candidate; [and]

565 (9) An expenditure made by a person or an entity for consultant or
566 creative services, including, but not limited to, services related to
567 communications strategy or design or campaign strategy, to be used to
568 promote or oppose a candidate's election to office if the provider of
569 such services is also providing consultant or creative services to such
570 candidate, such candidate's candidate committee, or to any opposing
571 candidate in the same primary or election, or to such opposing
572 candidate's candidate committee. For purposes of this subdivision,
573 communications strategy or design does not include the costs of
574 printing or costs for the use of a medium for the purpose of
575 communications;

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

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

585 the expenditure has hired a campaign-related vendor that has been
586 hired by such candidate during the same election cycle. For purposes
587 of this subdivision, campaign-related vendors includes, but is not
588 limited to, vendors that provide the following services: Polling, mail
589 design, mail strategy, political strategy, general campaign advice or
590 telephone banking.

591 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 9-606 of the 2012 supplement to the
592 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
593 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

594 (a) The [campaign] treasurer of each committee shall be responsible
595 for (1) depositing, receiving and reporting all contributions and other
596 funds in the manner specified in section 9-608, as amended by this act,
597 (2) making and reporting expenditures, (3) reporting expenses
598 incurred but not yet paid, (4) filing the statements required under
599 section 9-608, as amended by this act, and (5) keeping internal records
600 of each entry made on such statements. The [campaign] treasurer of
601 each committee shall deposit contributions in the committee's
602 designated depository [within fourteen] not later than twenty days
603 after receiving them. The [campaign] treasurer of each political
604 committee or party committee which makes a contribution of goods to
605 another committee shall send written notice to the [campaign]
606 treasurer of the recipient committee before the close of the reporting
607 period during which the contribution was made. The notice shall be
608 signed by the [campaign] treasurer of the committee making the
609 contribution and shall include the full name of such committee, the
610 date on which the contribution was made, a complete description of
611 the contribution and the value of the contribution. Any dispute
612 concerning the information contained in such notice shall be resolved
613 by the [campaign] treasurer of the recipient committee. Such resolution
614 shall not impair in any way the authority of the State Elections
615 Enforcement Commission under section 9-7b. The [campaign]
616 treasurer of the recipient committee shall preserve each such notice
617 received for the period prescribed by subsection (f) of section 9-607.

618 Sec. 6. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 9-607 of the
619 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
620 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

621 (g) (1) As used in this subsection, (A) "the lawful purposes of his
622 committee" means: (i) For a candidate committee or exploratory
623 committee, the promoting of the nomination or election of the
624 candidate who established the committee, except that after a political
625 party nominates candidates for election to the offices of Governor and
626 Lieutenant Governor, whose names shall be so placed on the ballot in
627 the election that an elector will cast a single vote for both candidates,
628 as prescribed in section 9-181, a candidate committee established by
629 either such candidate may also promote the election of the other such
630 candidate; (ii) for a political committee, the promoting of a political
631 party, including party-building activities, the success or defeat of
632 candidates for nomination and election to public office or position
633 subject to the requirements of this chapter, or the success or defeat of
634 referendum questions, provided a political committee formed for a
635 single referendum question shall not promote the success or defeat of
636 any candidate, and provided further a legislative leadership committee
637 or a legislative caucus committee may expend funds to defray costs of
638 its members for conducting legislative or constituency-related business
639 which are not reimbursed or paid by the state; and (iii) for a party
640 committee, the promoting of the party, the candidates of the party and
641 continuing operating costs of the party, and (B) "immediate family"
642 means a spouse or dependent child of a candidate who resides in the
643 candidate's household.

644 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 9-612 of the general statutes is
645 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
646 *passage*):

647 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any
648 one calendar year in excess of [~~five~~] ten thousand dollars to the state
649 central committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee
650 pursuant to its authorization or request; or [~~one~~] two thousand dollars

651 to a town committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such
652 committee pursuant to its authorization or request; or [one] two
653 thousand dollars to a legislative caucus committee or legislative
654 leadership committee, or [seven hundred fifty] one thousand dollars to
655 any other political committee other than (1) a political committee
656 formed solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum
657 question, (2) an exploratory committee, (3) a political committee
658 established by an organization, or for the benefit of such committee
659 pursuant to its authorization or request, or (4) a political committee
660 formed by a slate of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of
661 the peace of the same town.

662 Sec. 8. Subsection (e) of section 9-612 of the general statutes is
663 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
664 *passage*):

665 (e) (1) Any (A) individual, [entity or] (B) committee, or (C) entity
666 that is otherwise legally permitted to make independent expenditures,
667 acting alone, may make unlimited independent expenditures. Except
668 as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, any such individual,
669 entity or committee that makes or obligates to make an independent
670 expenditure or expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars, in the
671 aggregate, shall file statements according to the same schedule and in
672 the same manner as is required of a [campaign] treasurer of a
673 candidate committee under section 9-608, as amended by this act.

674 (2) Any individual, entity or committee that makes or obligates to
675 make an independent expenditure or expenditures to promote the
676 success or defeat of a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant
677 Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller,
678 Attorney General, state senator or state representative, which [exceeds]
679 exceed one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, during a primary
680 campaign or a general election campaign, as defined in section 9-700,
681 on or after January 1, 2008, shall file a report of such independent
682 expenditure to the State Elections Enforcement Commission. The
683 report shall be in the same form as statements filed under section 9-

684 608, as amended by this act, except that such report shall be filed
685 electronically. If the individual, entity or committee makes or obligates
686 to make such independent expenditure or expenditures more than
687 ninety days before the day of a primary or election, the individual,
688 entity or committee shall file such report not later than [forty-eight]
689 twenty-four hours after such payment or obligation. If the individual,
690 entity or committee makes or obligates to make such independent
691 expenditure or expenditures ninety days or less before the day of a
692 primary or election, the person shall file such report not later than
693 [twenty-four] twelve hours after such payment or obligation. The
694 report shall be filed under penalty of false statement.

695 (3) The independent expenditure report shall (A) identify the
696 candidate for whom the independent expenditure or expenditures is
697 intended to promote the success or defeat, (B) affirm under penalty of
698 false statement that the expenditure is an independent expenditure,
699 and (C) provide any information that the State Elections Enforcement
700 Commission requires to facilitate compliance with the provisions of
701 this chapter or chapter 157.

702 (4) Any person may file a complaint with the commission upon the
703 belief that (A) any such independent expenditure report or statement
704 is false, or (B) any individual, entity or committee that is required to
705 file an independent expenditure report under this subsection has failed
706 to do so. The commission shall make a prompt determination on such
707 a complaint.

708 (5) (A) If an individual, entity or committee fails to file a report
709 required under subdivision (2) of this subsection for an independent
710 expenditure or expenditures made or obligated to be made more than
711 ninety days before the day of a primary or election, the person shall be
712 subject to a civil penalty, imposed by the State Elections Enforcement
713 Commission, of not more than five thousand dollars. If an individual,
714 entity or committee fails to file a report required under subdivision (2)
715 of this subsection for an independent expenditure or expenditures
716 made or obligated to be made ninety days or less before the day of a

717 primary or election, such individual, entity or committee shall be
718 subject to a civil penalty, imposed by the State Elections Enforcement
719 Commission, of not more than ten thousand dollars. (B) If any such
720 failure is knowing and wilful, the person responsible for the failure
721 shall also be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned
722 not more than five years, or both.

723 (6) (A) As part of any statement filed pursuant to this subsection, if
724 an entity that engages in an independent expenditure makes such
725 campaign-related disbursement out of a segregated bank account
726 consisting only of funds donated directly to the account and not
727 transferred to the account by the entity, the entity shall disclose those
728 donors who gave an aggregate of one thousand dollars or more to the
729 account on or after January first of the year during which there will be
730 an election for the office that the candidate who was the subject of such
731 expenditure is seeking, the amount of each donation and the aggregate
732 amount given by each donor, except as provided for in subparagraph
733 (C) of this subdivision.

734 (B) As part of any statement filed pursuant to this subsection by an
735 entity, if any such entity (i) is able to accept donations into its general
736 treasury, (ii) engages in an independent expenditure on or after
737 January first of the year during which there will be an election for the
738 office that a candidate who was the subject of such expenditure is
739 seeking, and (iii) makes such campaign-related disbursement out of its
740 general treasury, then such entity shall disclose the source and the
741 amount of all donations to the general treasury, including dues
742 payments, if any, of one thousand dollars or more, in the aggregate
743 amount given by each donor, except as provided for in subparagraph
744 (C) of this subdivision, and excluding any funds received in a
745 commercial transaction or in the form of an investment.

746 (C) If a donor restricts his or her donation to a not-for-profit entity
747 from being used for a campaign-related disbursement, and the entity
748 consents to the restriction and segregates the money into any account
749 not used to make a campaign-related disbursement, the identity of the

750 donor does not have to be disclosed.

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

753 (a) No individual shall make or incur any expenditure with the
754 consent of, in coordination with or in consultation with any candidate,
755 candidate committee or candidate's agent, no group of two or more
756 individuals acting together that receives funds or makes or incurs
757 expenditures not exceeding one thousand dollars in the aggregate and
758 has not formed a political committee shall make or incur any
759 expenditure, and no candidate or committee shall make or incur any
760 expenditure including an organization expenditure for a party
761 candidate listing, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of
762 section 9-601, as amended by this act, for any written, typed or other
763 printed communication, or any web-based, written communication,
764 which promotes the success or defeat of any candidate's campaign for
765 nomination at a primary or election or promotes or opposes any
766 political party or solicits funds to benefit any political party or
767 committee unless such communication bears upon its face as a
768 disclaimer (1) the words "paid for by" and the following: (A) In the
769 case of such an individual, the name and address of such individual;
770 (B) in the case of a committee other than a party committee, the name
771 of the committee and its [campaign] treasurer; (C) in the case of a party
772 committee, the name of the committee; or (D) in the case of a group of
773 two or more individuals that receives funds or makes or incurs
774 expenditures not exceeding one thousand dollars in the aggregate and
775 has not formed a political committee, the name of the group and the
776 name and address of its agent, and (2) the words "approved by" and
777 the following: (A) In the case of an individual, group or committee
778 other than a candidate committee making or incurring an expenditure
779 with the consent of, in coordination with or in consultation with any
780 candidate, candidate committee or candidate's agent, the name of the
781 candidate; or (B) in the case of a candidate committee, the name of the
782 candidate.

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

784 (1) No candidate or candidate committee or exploratory committee
785 established by a candidate shall make or incur any expenditure for
786 television advertising or Internet video advertising, which promotes
787 the success of such candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary
788 or election or the defeat of another candidate's campaign for
789 nomination at a primary or election, unless, as a disclaimer, (A) at the
790 end of such advertising there appears simultaneously, for a period of
791 not less than four seconds, (i) a clearly identifiable photographic or
792 similar image of the candidate making such expenditure, (ii) a clearly
793 readable printed statement identifying such candidate, and indicating
794 that such candidate has approved the advertising, and (iii) a
795 simultaneous, personal audio message, in the following form: "I am ...
796 (candidate's name) and I approved this message", and (B) the
797 candidate's name and image appear in, and the candidate's voice is
798 contained in, the narrative of the advertising, before the end of such
799 advertising;

800 (2) No candidate or candidate committee or exploratory committee
801 established by a candidate shall make or incur any expenditure for
802 radio advertising or Internet audio advertising, which promotes the
803 success of such candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or
804 election or the defeat of another candidate's campaign for nomination
805 at a primary or election, unless, as a disclaimer, (A) the advertising
806 ends with a personal audio statement by the candidate making such
807 expenditure (i) identifying such candidate and the office such
808 candidate is seeking, and (ii) indicating that such candidate has
809 approved the advertising in the following form: "I am ... (candidate's
810 name) and I approved this message", and (B) the candidate's name and
811 voice are contained in the narrative of the advertising, before the end
812 of such advertising; and

813 (3) No candidate or candidate committee or exploratory committee
814 established by a candidate shall make or incur any expenditure for
815 automated telephone calls which promote the success of such

816 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election or the
817 defeat of another candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or
818 election, unless the candidate's name and voice are contained in the
819 narrative of the call, before the end of such call.

820 (c) No business entity, organization, association, committee, or
821 group of two or more individuals who have joined solely to promote
822 the success or defeat of a referendum question shall make or incur any
823 expenditure for any written, typed or other printed communication
824 which promotes the success or defeat of any referendum question
825 unless such communication bears upon its face, as a disclaimer, the
826 words "paid for by" and the following: (1) In the case of a business
827 entity, organization or association, the name of the business entity,
828 organization or association and the name of its chief executive officer
829 or equivalent and a list of at least five of the donors whose donations,
830 in the aggregate, are in the top five largest amounts to the entity
831 during the two years preceding the expenditure and whose donations
832 are not excluded from disclosure under subparagraph (C) of
833 subdivision (6) of subsection (e) of section 9-612, as amended by this
834 act, and an address to an Internet web site that lists all donors subject
835 to disclosure under said section 9-612 and such donors' addresses; (2)
836 in the case of a political committee, the name of the committee and the
837 name of its [campaign] treasurer; (3) in the case of a party committee,
838 the name of the committee; or (4) in the case of such a group of two or
839 more individuals, the name of the group and the name and address of
840 its agent.

841 (d) The provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section do
842 not apply to (1) any editorial, news story, or commentary published in
843 any newspaper, magazine or journal on its own behalf and upon its
844 own responsibility and for which it does not charge or receive any
845 compensation whatsoever, (2) any banner, (3) political paraphernalia
846 including pins, buttons, badges, emblems, hats, bumper stickers or
847 other similar materials, or (4) signs with a surface area of not more
848 than thirty-two square feet.

849 (e) The [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee which
850 sponsors any written, typed or other printed communication for the
851 purpose of raising funds to eliminate a campaign deficit of that
852 committee shall include in such communication a statement that the
853 funds are sought to eliminate such a deficit.

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

861 (g) In the event a [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee is
862 replaced pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-602, nothing in this
863 section shall be construed to prohibit the candidate committee from
864 distributing any printed communication subject to the provisions of
865 this section that has already been printed or otherwise produced, even
866 though such communication does not accurately designate the
867 successor [campaign] treasurer of such candidate committee.

868 (h) (1) No individual or entity shall make or incur an independent
869 expenditure for any written, typed or other printed communication,
870 including on a billboard, or any web-based, written communication,
871 [that promotes the success or defeat of any candidate for nomination
872 or election or promotes or opposes any political party or solicits funds
873 to benefit any political party or committee,] unless such
874 communication bears upon its face, as a disclaimer, the words "Paid
875 for by" and, in the case of an individual, the name and address of such
876 individual, or, in the case of an entity, the name of the entity, the name
877 of its chief executive officer or equivalent, and its principal business
878 address. [and] The communication shall also bear upon its face the
879 words "This message was made independent of any candidate or
880 political party.". In the case of an entity making or incurring such an
881 independent expenditure, [which entity is a tax-exempt organization

882 under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
883 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
884 as amended from time to time, or an incorporated tax-exempt political
885 organization organized under Section 527 of said code, such
886 communication shall also bear upon its face the words "Top Five
887 Contributors" followed by a list of the five persons or entities making
888 the largest contributions to such organization during the twelve-month
889 period before the date of such communication] such communication
890 shall also bear upon its face at least five of the donors to the entity
891 making such communication whose donations, in the aggregate, are in
892 the top five largest amounts to the entity during the two years
893 preceding the expenditure and whose donations are not excluded from
894 disclosure under subparagraph (C) of subdivision (6) of subsection (e)
895 of section 9-612, as amended by this act, and an address to an Internet
896 web site that lists all donors subject to disclosure under said section 9-
897 612 and such donors' addresses.

898 (2) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
899 subsection, no individual or entity shall make or incur an independent
900 expenditure for [television advertising or Internet video advertising,
901 that promotes the success or defeat of any candidate for nomination or
902 election or promotes or opposes any political party or solicits funds to
903 benefit any political party or committee] a video broadcast by
904 television, satellite or Internet, unless at the end of such advertising
905 there appears simultaneously, for a period of not less than four
906 seconds as a disclaimer, (A) a clearly identifiable video, photographic
907 or similar image of the individual or the entity's chief executive officer
908 or equivalent, and (B) a personal audio message, in the following form:
909 "I am (name of the individual or entity's chief executive officer or
910 equivalent), (title) of (entity). This message was made
911 independent of any candidate or political party, and I approved its
912 content.". In the case of an entity making or incurring such an
913 independent expenditure, [which entity is a tax-exempt organization
914 under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
915 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,

916 as amended from time to time, or an incorporated tax-exempt political
917 organization organized under Section 527 of said code, such
918 advertising shall also include a written message in the following form:
919 "The top five contributors to the organization responsible for this
920 advertisement are" followed by a list of the five persons or entities
921 making the largest contributions during the twelve-month period
922 before the date of such advertisement] such communication shall also
923 include a written message listing at least five of the donors to the entity
924 whose donations, in the aggregate, are in the top five largest amounts
925 to the entity during the two years preceding the expenditure and
926 whose donations are not excluded from disclosure under
927 subparagraph (C) of subdivision (6) of subsection (e) of section 9-612,
928 as amended by this act, and an address to an Internet web site that lists
929 all donors subject to disclosure under said section 9-612 and such
930 donors' addresses.

931 (3) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
932 subsection, no individual or entity shall make or incur an independent
933 expenditure for [radio advertising or Internet audio advertising, that
934 promotes the election or defeat of any candidate for nomination or
935 election or promotes or opposes any political party or solicits funds to
936 benefit any political party or committee] an audio communication
937 broadcast by radio, satellite or Internet, unless the advertising ends
938 with a disclaimer that is a personal audio statement by the individual
939 or entity's chief executive officer or equivalent (A) identifying the
940 individual or entity paying for the expenditure, and (B) indicating that
941 the message was made independent of any candidate or political party,
942 using the following form: "I am (name of individual or entity's chief
943 executive officer or equivalent), (title), of (entity). This message
944 was made independent of any candidate or political party, and I
945 approved its content.". In the case of an entity making or incurring
946 such an independent expenditure, [which entity is a tax-exempt
947 organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of
948 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
949 United States, as amended from time to time, or an incorporated tax-

950 exempt political organization organized under Section 527 of said
951 code, such advertising shall also include (i) an audio message in the
952 following form: "The top five contributors to the organization
953 responsible for this advertisement are" followed by a list of the five
954 persons or entities making the largest contributions during the twelve-
955 month period before the date of such advertisement, or (ii) in the case
956 of such an advertisement that is thirty seconds in duration or shorter,
957 an audio message providing a web site address that lists such five
958 persons or entities. In such case, the organization shall establish and
959 maintain such a web site with such listing for the entire period during
960 which such organization makes such advertisement] such
961 communication shall end with a list of at least five of the donors to the
962 entity making such communication whose donations, in the aggregate,
963 are in the top five largest amounts to the entity during the two years
964 preceding the expenditure and whose donations are not excluded from
965 disclosure under subparagraph (C) of subdivision (6) of subsection (e)
966 of section 9-612, as amended by this act, and an address to an Internet
967 web site that lists all donors subject to disclosure under said section 9-
968 612 and such donors' addresses.

969 (4) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
970 subsection, no individual or entity shall make or incur an independent
971 expenditure for [automated] telephone calls, [that promote the election
972 or defeat of any candidate for nomination or election or promotes or
973 opposes any political party or solicits funds to benefit any political
974 party or committee,] including those which are automated, unless the
975 narrative of the telephone call identifies the individual or entity
976 making the expenditure and its chief executive officer or equivalent [.
977 In the case of an entity making or incurring such an independent
978 expenditure, which entity is a tax-exempt organization under Section
979 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent
980 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended
981 from time to time, or an incorporated tax-exempt political organization
982 organized under Section 527 of said code, such narrative shall also
983 include an audio message in the following form: "The top five

984 contributors to the organization responsible for this telephone call are"
985 followed by a list of the five persons or entities making the largest
986 contributions during the twelve-month period before the date of such
987 telephone call] and such narrative ends with a list of at least five of the
988 donors to the entity making such telephone call whose donations, in
989 the aggregate, are in the top five largest amounts to the entity during
990 the two years preceding the expenditure and whose donations are not
991 excluded from disclosure under subparagraph (C) of subdivision (6) of
992 subsection (e) of section 9-612, as amended by this act, and an address
993 to an Internet web site that lists all donors subject to disclosure under
994 said section 9-612 and such donors' addresses.

995 (i) In any print, television or social media promotion of a slate of
996 candidates by a party committee, the party committee shall use
997 appropriate disclaimers pursuant to the provisions of this section for
998 such promotion, and no individual candidate disclaimers shall be
999 required.

1000 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any entity that is
1001 required under the provisions of this section to list or identify donors
1002 in any disclaimer made in the case of an independent expenditure shall
1003 list such donors as individuals. In any case where a donor is another
1004 entity that made a covered transfer to such entity, then the individual
1005 donors to the entity making the covered transfer shall also be listed in
1006 any required Internet web site listing, and, if any such individual
1007 donor is a donor to the entity making the independent expenditure
1008 whose donations, in the aggregate, are in the top five largest amounts
1009 to the entity during the two years preceding the expenditure and
1010 whose donations are not excluded from disclosure under
1011 subparagraph (C) of subdivision (6) of subsection (e) of section 9-612,
1012 as amended by this act, then at least five of such individual donors
1013 shall be listed pursuant to the provisions of this section.

1014 (k) Any disclaimer required to be on the face of a written, typed or
1015 other printed communication pursuant to the provisions of this section
1016 shall be printed in no smaller than eight-point type of uniform font

1017 when such disclaimer is on a communication contained in a flyer or
1018 leaflet, newspaper, magazine or similar literature, or that is delivered
1019 by mail.

1020 (l) Any requirement to list donors as part of a disclaimer or on an
1021 Internet web site pursuant to the provisions of this section shall only
1022 apply to donors whose donations, in the aggregate, are in an amount
1023 of one thousand dollars or greater to the entity.

1024 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any
1025 provision of the general statutes, the board of governance, if any, for
1026 any entity incorporated, organized or operating in this state, shall vote
1027 for prior authorization for each payment or distribution of money in
1028 an amount more than four thousand dollars to be used as a campaign-
1029 related disbursement. The board shall be informed of the specific use
1030 of the money, including any candidate that might be the target or
1031 beneficiary of an independent expenditure, as defined in section 9-601c
1032 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, from such campaign-
1033 related disbursement prior to any such vote. Individual board member
1034 votes and the details of such expenditures shall be disclosed to the
1035 public on the entity's Internet web site not later than forty-eight hours
1036 after the vote and filed electronically with the State Elections
1037 Enforcement Commission under the provisions of section 9-612 of the
1038 general statutes, as amended by this act.

1039 (b) Any such entity required to file a statement under section 9-612
1040 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, after making or
1041 obligating to make an independent expenditure shall do at least one of
1042 the following: (1) If the entity submits regular, periodic reports to its
1043 shareholders, members or donors, on the entity's finances or activities,
1044 include in each such report (A) the identity of the individual making
1045 any campaign-related disbursement and the business address of such
1046 individual, (B) the amount and date of each such disbursement and the
1047 identity of the individual to whom such disbursement was made, (C)
1048 the candidate or candidates or ballot issue to which such
1049 disbursements are related, and (D) the identity of any individual who

1050 made a donation in excess of one thousand dollars to the entity, for
1051 any campaign-related disbursements made by the entity during the
1052 period such report covers, or (2) provide on the entity's Internet web
1053 site a link to the entity's filed disclosure reports under said section 9-
1054 612.

1055 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) If the State Elections
1056 Enforcement Commission finds that an expenditure, as defined in
1057 section 9-601b of the general statutes, as amended by this act, is
1058 coordinated with a candidate committee or candidate or an agent of
1059 the candidate, in a manner not permissible under the provisions of
1060 chapter 155 of the general statutes, then the candidate, agent of the
1061 candidate, if applicable, and treasurer of said committee shall be
1062 jointly and severally liable for paying any penalty levied by the
1063 commission under section 9-7b of the general statutes. If such
1064 candidate is a participating candidate, the candidate shall return grant
1065 money awarded under chapter 157 of the general statutes to the
1066 Citizens' Election Fund, established in section 9-701 of the general
1067 statutes, in an amount determined by the commission.

1068 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) Wherever the term
1069 "campaign treasurer" is used in the following sections of the general
1070 statutes, the term "treasurer" shall be substituted in lieu thereof; and (2)
1071 wherever the term "deputy campaign treasurer" is used in the
1072 following sections of the general statutes, the term "deputy treasurer"
1073 shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 9-7b, 9-602, 9-604, 9-605, 9-606, 9-
1074 607, 9-608, 9-609, 9-610, 9-612, 9-614, 9-622, 9-623, 9-624, 9-675, 9-700, 9-
1075 703, 9-704, 9-706, 9-707, 9-709, 9-711 and 9-712, as amended by this act.

1076 (b) The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall, in codifying the
1077 provisions of this section, make such technical, grammatical and
1078 punctuation changes as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this
1079 section.

1080 Sec. 13. Subsection (c) of section 9-605 of the general statutes is
1081 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

1082 *passage*):

1083 (c) The [chairman] treasurer of each political committee shall report
1084 any addition to or change in information previously submitted in a
1085 statement of organization to the proper authority not later than ten
1086 days after the addition or change, provided if an officer of the
1087 committee has changed, such amended statement shall be filed by the
1088 chairperson of the committee.

1089 Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 9-608 of the 2012 supplement to the
1090 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1091 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1092 (a) (1) Each treasurer of a committee, other than a state central
1093 committee, shall file a statement, sworn under penalty of false
1094 statement with the proper authority in accordance with the provisions
1095 of section 9-603, (A) on the tenth calendar day in the months of
1096 January, April, July and October, provided, if such tenth calendar day
1097 is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the statement shall be filed on
1098 the next business day, except that in the case of a candidate or
1099 exploratory committee established for an office to be elected at a
1100 special election, statements pursuant to this subparagraph shall not be
1101 required, (B) on the seventh day preceding each regular state election,
1102 except that (i) in the case of a candidate or exploratory committee
1103 established for an office to be elected at a municipal election, the
1104 statement shall be filed on the seventh day preceding a regular
1105 municipal election in lieu of such date, except if the candidate's name
1106 is not eligible to appear on the ballot, in which case such statement
1107 shall not be required, (ii) in the case of a town committee, the
1108 statement shall be filed on the seventh day preceding each municipal
1109 election in addition to such date, [and] (iii) in the case of a candidate
1110 committee in a state election that is required to file any supplemental
1111 campaign finance statements pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of
1112 subsection (a) of section 9-712, as amended by this act, such
1113 supplemental campaign finance statements shall satisfy the filing
1114 requirement under this subdivision, and (iv) in the case of a candidate

1115 committee established by a candidate whose name is not eligible to
1116 appear on the ballot, such statement shall not be required, and (C) if
1117 the committee has made or received a contribution or expenditure in
1118 connection with any other election, a primary or a referendum, on the
1119 seventh day preceding the election, primary or referendum, except that
1120 in the case of a candidate committee in a primary that is required to
1121 file statements pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of
1122 section 9-712, as amended by this act, such statements shall satisfy the
1123 filing requirement under this subdivision. The statement shall be
1124 complete as of eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the last day of the
1125 month preceding the month in which the statement is required to be
1126 filed, except that for the statement required to be filed on the seventh
1127 day preceding the election, primary or referendum, the statement shall
1128 be complete as of eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the second day
1129 immediately preceding the required filing day. The statement shall
1130 cover a period to begin with the first day not included in the last filed
1131 statement. In the case of a candidate committee, the statement required
1132 to be filed in January shall be in lieu of the statement formerly required
1133 to be filed within forty-five days following an election.

1134 (2) Each [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee [, within]
1135 established by a candidate in a primary, not later than thirty days
1136 following [any] such primary, and each [campaign] treasurer of a
1137 political committee formed for a single primary, election or
1138 referendum, [within] not later than forty-five days after any election or
1139 referendum not held in November, shall file statements in the same
1140 manner as is required of them under subdivision (1) of this subsection.
1141 A candidate committee established by a candidate who is unsuccessful
1142 in the primary shall not be required to file any statements required
1143 under subdivision (1) of this subsection following the primary unless
1144 the candidate is eligible to appear on the general election ballot. If the
1145 [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee established by a
1146 candidate, who is unsuccessful in the primary or has terminated his
1147 candidacy prior to the primary, distributes all surplus funds within
1148 thirty days following the scheduled primary and discloses the

1149 distribution on the postprimary statement, such [campaign] treasurer
1150 shall not be required to file any subsequent statement unless the
1151 committee has a deficit, in which case he shall file any required
1152 statements in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (3) of
1153 subsection (e) of this section.

1154 (3) In the case of state central committees, (A) on the tenth calendar
1155 day in the months of January, April and July, provided, if such tenth
1156 calendar day is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, on the next
1157 business day, [and] (B) on the twelfth day preceding any regular
1158 election, and (C) if the committee has made or received a contribution
1159 or expenditure in connection with any other election, or any primary
1160 or referendum, on the twelfth day preceding the election, primary or
1161 referendum, the [campaign] treasurer of each such committee shall file
1162 with the proper authority, a statement, sworn under penalty of false
1163 statement, complete as of the last day of the month immediately
1164 preceding the month in which such statement is to be filed in the case
1165 of statements required to be filed in January, April and July, and
1166 complete as of the nineteenth day preceding an election, primary or
1167 referendum in the case of the statement required to be filed on the
1168 twelfth day preceding an election, primary or referendum, and in each
1169 case covering a period to begin with the first day not included in the
1170 last filed statement.

1171 Sec. 15. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 9-608 of the 2012
1172 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
1173 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1174 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter, in the event
1175 of a surplus the [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee or of a
1176 political committee, other than a political committee formed for
1177 ongoing political activities or an exploratory committee, shall
1178 distribute or expend such surplus not later than ninety days, or for the
1179 purposes of subparagraph (H) of this subdivision, one hundred twenty
1180 days after a primary which results in the defeat of the candidate, an
1181 election or referendum not held in November or by March thirty-first

1182 following an election or referendum held in November, or for the
1183 purposes of subparagraph (H) of this subdivision, June thirtieth
1184 following an election or referendum held in November, in the
1185 following manner:

1186 (A) Such committees may distribute their surplus to a party
1187 committee, or a political committee organized for ongoing political
1188 activities, return such surplus to all contributors to the committee on a
1189 prorated basis of contribution, distribute all or any part of such surplus
1190 to the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-701 or distribute
1191 such surplus to any charitable organization which is a tax-exempt
1192 organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
1193 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
1194 United States, as from time to time amended, provided (i) no candidate
1195 committee may distribute such surplus to a committee which has been
1196 established to finance future political campaigns of the candidate, (ii) a
1197 candidate committee which received moneys from the Citizens'
1198 Election Fund shall distribute such surplus to such fund, and (iii) a
1199 candidate committee for a nonparticipating candidate, as described in
1200 subsection (b) of section 9-703, may only distribute any such surplus to
1201 the Citizens' Election Fund or to a charitable organization;

1202 (B) Each such political committee established by an organization
1203 which received its funds from the organization's treasury shall return
1204 its surplus to its sponsoring organization;

1205 (C) (i) Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote the
1206 success or defeat of any referendum question, which does not receive
1207 contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall distribute
1208 its surplus to a party committee, to a political committee organized for
1209 ongoing political activities, to a national committee of a political party,
1210 to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of contribution,
1211 to state or municipal governments or agencies or to any organization
1212 which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the
1213 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
1214 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time

1215 amended. (ii) Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote
1216 the success or defeat of any referendum question, which receives
1217 contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall distribute
1218 its surplus to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of
1219 contribution, to state or municipal governments or agencies, or to any
1220 organization which is tax-exempt under said provisions of the Internal
1221 Revenue Code. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a
1222 committee formed for a single referendum shall not be required to
1223 expend its surplus not later than ninety days after the referendum and
1224 may continue in existence if a substantially similar referendum
1225 question on the same issue will be submitted to the electorate within
1226 six months after the first referendum. If two or more substantially
1227 similar referenda on the same issue are submitted to the electorate,
1228 each no more than six months apart, the committee shall expend such
1229 surplus within ninety days following the date of the last such
1230 referendum;

1231 (D) The [campaign] treasurer of the candidate committee of a
1232 candidate who is elected to office may, upon the authorization of such
1233 candidate, expend surplus campaign funds to pay for the cost of
1234 clerical, secretarial or other office expenses necessarily incurred by
1235 such candidate in preparation for taking office; except such surplus
1236 shall not be distributed for the personal benefit of any individual or to
1237 any organization;

1238 (E) The [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee, or of a
1239 political committee, other than a political committee formed for
1240 ongoing political activities or an exploratory committee, shall, prior to
1241 the dissolution of such committee, either (i) distribute any equipment
1242 purchased, including, but not limited to, computer equipment, to any
1243 recipient as set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or (ii) sell
1244 any equipment purchased, including but not limited to computer
1245 equipment, to any person for fair market value and then distribute the
1246 proceeds of such sale to any recipient as set forth in said subparagraph
1247 (A);

1248 (F) The [campaign] treasurer of a qualified candidate committee
1249 may, following an election or unsuccessful primary, provide a post-
1250 primary thank you meal or a post-election thank you meal for
1251 committee workers, provided such meal (i) occurs not later than
1252 fourteen days after the applicable election or primary day, and (ii) the
1253 cost for such meal does not exceed thirty dollars per worker;

1254 (G) The [campaign] treasurer of a qualified candidate committee
1255 may, following an election or unsuccessful primary, exclusive of any
1256 payments that have been rendered pursuant to a written service
1257 agreement, make payment to a [campaign] treasurer for services
1258 rendered to the candidate committee, provided such payment does not
1259 exceed one thousand dollars; and

1260 (H) The [campaign] treasurer of a candidate committee may,
1261 following an election or unsuccessful primary, utilize funds for the
1262 purpose of complying with any audit conducted by the State Elections
1263 Enforcement Commission pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (a)
1264 of section 9-7b.

1265 Sec. 16. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (f) of section 9-610 of
1266 the 2012 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the
1267 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1268 (f) (1) A political committee established by two or more individuals
1269 under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (3) of section 9-601, as
1270 amended by this act, other than a committee established solely for the
1271 purpose of aiding or promoting any candidate or candidates for
1272 municipal office or the success or defeat of a referendum question,
1273 shall be subject to the prohibition on acceptance of lobbyist
1274 contributions under subsection (e) of this section unless the [campaign]
1275 treasurer of the committee has filed a registration statement as
1276 described in subsection (b) of section 9-605 with the State Elections
1277 Enforcement Commission, on or before November 15, 2012, for all such
1278 political committees in existence on such date, or, if the committee is
1279 not in existence on such date, not later than ten days after the

1280 organization of the committee pursuant to subsection (a) of section 9-
1281 605, and on or before November fifteenth of each even-numbered year
1282 thereafter. Such statements shall be filed even if there are no changes,
1283 additions or deletions to the registration statement previously filed
1284 with the commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
1285 subdivision, if an officer of the committee has changed since the last
1286 registration statement filed with the commission, such registration
1287 statement shall be filed by the chairperson of the committee.

1288 (2) A political committee established for ongoing political activities
1289 and required pursuant to subsection (a) of section 9-603 to file
1290 statements with the commission shall be subject to the prohibition on
1291 making contributions under subsection (e) of this section unless the
1292 [campaign] treasurer of the committee has filed a registration
1293 statement as described in subsection (b) of section 9-605 with the
1294 commission, on forms prescribed by the commission, on or before
1295 November 15, 2012, for all such political committees in existence on
1296 such date, or, if the committee is not in existence on such date, not later
1297 than ten days after the organization of the committee pursuant to
1298 subsection (a) of section 9-605, and on or before November fifteenth of
1299 each even-numbered year thereafter. Such statements shall be filed
1300 even if there are no changes, additions or deletions to the registration
1301 statement previously filed with the commission. Notwithstanding the
1302 provisions of this subdivision, if an officer of the committee has
1303 changed since the last registration statement filed with the
1304 commission, such registration statement shall be filed by the
1305 chairperson of the committee.

1306 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 9-712 of the 2012 supplement to the
1307 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1308 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1309 (a) (1) The [campaign] treasurer of each candidate committee in a
1310 primary campaign or a general election campaign in which there is at
1311 least one participating candidate shall file weekly supplemental
1312 campaign finance statements with the commission in accordance with

1313 the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection. Such weekly
1314 statements shall be in lieu of the campaign finance statements due
1315 pursuant to subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection
1316 (a) of section 9-608, as amended by this act.

1317 (2) Each such [campaign] treasurer shall file weekly supplemental
1318 campaign finance statements with the commission pursuant to the
1319 following schedule: (A) In the case of a primary campaign, on the
1320 [next] second Thursday following the date in July on which treasurers
1321 are required to file campaign finance statements pursuant to
1322 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-608,
1323 as amended by this act, and each Thursday thereafter up to and
1324 including the Thursday before the day of the primary, and (B) in the
1325 case of a general election campaign, on the [next] second Thursday
1326 following the date in October on which candidates are required to file
1327 campaign finance statements pursuant to subparagraph (A) of
1328 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-608, as amended by this
1329 act, and each Thursday thereafter up to and including the Thursday
1330 before the day of the election. The statement shall be complete as of
1331 eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the second day immediately preceding
1332 the required filing day. The statement shall cover the period beginning
1333 with the first day not included in the last filed statement.

1334 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of
1335 this subsection, if a participating candidate committee in a primary
1336 campaign or a general election campaign in which there is at least one
1337 participating candidate makes expenditures or incurs an obligation to
1338 make expenditures that, in the aggregate, exceed one hundred per cent
1339 of the applicable expenditure limit for the applicable primary or
1340 general election campaign period, the [campaign] treasurer of any such
1341 candidate committee shall file a declaration of excess expenditures
1342 statement with the commission, pursuant to the following schedule:
1343 (A) If a candidate committee makes expenditures or incurs an
1344 obligation to make such expenditures more than twenty days before
1345 the day of such primary or election, the [campaign] treasurer of such
1346 candidate shall file such statement with the commission not later than

1347 forty-eight hours after making such expenditures or incurring an
1348 obligation to make such expenditures, and (B) if a candidate committee
1349 makes such expenditures or incurs an obligation to make such
1350 expenditures twenty days or less before the day of such primary or
1351 election, the [campaign] treasurer of such candidate shall file such
1352 statement with the commission not later than twenty-four hours after
1353 making such expenditures or incurring an obligation to make such
1354 expenditures. The statement shall be complete as of eleven fifty-nine
1355 o'clock p.m. of the first day immediately preceding the required filing
1356 day. The statement shall cover a period beginning with the first day
1357 not included in the last filed statement.

1358 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the
1359 statements required to be filed pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of
1360 this subsection shall not be required to be filed by (A) a candidate
1361 committee of a candidate that is exempt from filing campaign finance
1362 statements pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-608 unless or until
1363 such a candidate committee receives or expends an amount in excess
1364 of one thousand dollars for purposes of the primary or election for
1365 which such committee was formed, (B) a candidate committee of a
1366 candidate that is no longer eligible for a position on the ballot, or [(B)]
1367 (C) a candidate committee of a participating candidate that is
1368 unopposed, except that such candidate committee shall file a
1369 supplemental statement on the last Thursday before the applicable
1370 primary or general election. Such statement shall be complete as of
1371 eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the second day immediately preceding
1372 the required filing day. The statement shall cover a period beginning
1373 with the first day not included in the last filed statement.

1374 (5) Each supplemental statement required under subdivision (1), (2)
1375 or (3) of this subsection for a candidate shall disclose the information
1376 required under subsection (c) of section 9-608, as amended by this act.
1377 The commission shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
1378 provisions of chapter 54, specifying permissible media for the
1379 transmission of such statements to the commission, which shall
1380 include electronic [mail] filing.

1381 Sec. 18. Subsection (e) of section 9-615 of the general statutes is
1382 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1383 *passage*):

1384 (e) [No political committee established by an organization shall
1385 make contributions to the committees designated in subsection (d) of
1386 this section, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars in
1387 any one calendar year.] Contributions to a political committee
1388 established by an organization shall also be subject to the provisions of
1389 section 9-618 in the case of a committee formed for ongoing political
1390 activity or section 9-619 in the case of a committee formed for a single
1391 election or primary.

1392 Sec. 19. Subsection (c) of section 9-611 of the general statutes is
1393 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1394 *passage*):

1395 (c) No individual shall make contributions to such candidates or
1396 committees which in the aggregate exceed [~~fifteen~~] thirty thousand
1397 dollars for any single election and primary preliminary [~~thereto~~] to
1398 such election.

1399 Sec. 20. Section 9-391 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1400 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1401 (a) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the
1402 nomination of candidates for municipal office to be voted upon at a
1403 municipal election, or for the election of town committee members
1404 shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not earlier than the
1405 fifty-sixth day or later than the forty-ninth day preceding the day of
1406 such primary. Such endorsement may be made of a candidate whose
1407 name appears upon the last-completed enrollment list of such party
1408 within the municipality or political subdivision within which such
1409 candidate is to run for nomination. The endorsement shall be certified
1410 to the clerk of the municipality by either (1) the chairman or presiding
1411 officer, or (2) the secretary of the town committee, caucus or
1412 convention, as the case may be, not later than four o'clock p.m. on the

1413 forty-eighth day preceding the day of such primary. Such certification
1414 shall contain the name and street address of each person so endorsed,
1415 the title of the office or the position as committee member and the
1416 name or number of the political subdivision or district, if any, for
1417 which each such person is endorsed. If such a certificate of a party's
1418 endorsement is not received by the town clerk by such time, such
1419 certificate shall be invalid and such party, for purposes of sections 9-
1420 417, 9-418 and 9-419, shall be deemed to have neither made nor
1421 certified such endorsement of any candidate for such office.

1422 (b) Each selection of delegates to a state or district convention shall
1423 be made in accordance with the provisions of section 9-390 not earlier
1424 than the one-hundred-fortieth day and not later than the one-hundred-
1425 thirty-third day preceding the day of the primary for such state or
1426 district office. Such selection shall be certified to the clerk of the
1427 municipality by the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of
1428 the town committee or caucus, as the case may be, not later than four
1429 o'clock p.m. on the one-hundred-thirty-second day preceding the day
1430 of such primary. Each such certification shall contain the name and
1431 street address of each person so selected, the position as delegate, and
1432 the name or number of the political subdivision or district, if any, for
1433 which each such person is selected. If such a certificate of a party's
1434 selection is not received by the town clerk by such time, such certificate
1435 shall be invalid and such party, for purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-
1436 420, shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any selection
1437 of any person for the position of delegate.

1438 (c) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the
1439 nomination of candidates for a municipal office to be voted upon at a
1440 state election shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not
1441 earlier than the eighty-fourth day or later than the seventy-seventh day
1442 preceding the day of such primary. Any certification to be filed under
1443 this subsection shall be received by the Secretary of the State, in the
1444 case of a candidate for the office of state senator or state representative,
1445 or the town clerk, in the case of a candidate for any other municipal
1446 office to be voted upon at a state election, not later than four o'clock

1447 p.m. on the fourteenth day after the close of the town committee
1448 meeting, caucus or convention, as the case may be. If such a certificate
1449 of a party's endorsement is not received by the Secretary of the State or
1450 the town clerk, as the case may be, by such time, such certificate shall
1451 be invalid and such party, for the purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-418,
1452 shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any endorsement of
1453 any candidate for such office. The candidate so endorsed for a
1454 municipal office to be voted upon at a state election, other than the
1455 office of justice of the peace, shall file with the Secretary of the State or
1456 the town clerk, as the case may be, a certificate, signed by that
1457 candidate, stating that such candidate was so endorsed, the candidate's
1458 name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the
1459 candidate's full street address and the title and district of the office for
1460 which the candidate was endorsed. Such certificate may be filed by a
1461 candidate whose name appears upon the last-completed enrollment
1462 list of such party within the senatorial district within which the
1463 candidate is endorsed to run for nomination in the case of the
1464 municipal office of state senator, or the assembly district within which
1465 a person is endorsed to run for nomination in the case of the municipal
1466 office of state representative, or the municipality or political
1467 subdivision within which a person is to run for nomination for other
1468 municipal offices to be voted on at a state election. Such certificate
1469 shall be attested by the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary
1470 of the town committee, caucus or convention which made such
1471 endorsement. The endorsement of candidates for the office of justice of
1472 the peace shall be certified to the clerk of the municipality by the
1473 chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of the town committee,
1474 caucus or convention, and shall contain the name and street address of
1475 each person so endorsed and the title of the office for which each such
1476 person is endorsed.

1477 Sec. 21. Section 9-406 of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes
1478 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1479 *from passage*):

1480 A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a municipal

1481 office or a candidacy for election as a member of a town committee
1482 may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon
1483 the last-completed enrollment list of such party within the
1484 [municipality or within the political subdivision,] senatorial district [or
1485 assembly district] within which a person is to be nominated [or] in the
1486 case of the municipal office of state senator, or the assembly district
1487 within which a person is to be nominated in the case of the municipal
1488 office of state representative, or the municipality or political
1489 subdivision within which a person is to be nominated in the case of a
1490 town committee member [is to be elected, as the case may be] or for
1491 any other municipal office. Any such candidacy shall be filed by filing
1492 with the registrar within the applicable time specified in section 9-405
1493 a petition signed by (1) at least five per cent of the electors whose
1494 names appear upon the last-completed enrollment list of such party in
1495 such municipality or in such political subdivision, senatorial district or
1496 assembly district, or (2) such lesser number of such electors as such
1497 party by its rules prescribes, as the case may be. For the purpose of
1498 computing five per cent of the last-completed enrollment list, the
1499 registrar shall use the last printed enrollment list and the printed
1500 updated list, if any, of a political party certified and last completed by
1501 the registrars of voters prior to the date the first primary petition was
1502 issued, excluding therefrom the names of individuals who have ceased
1503 to be electors.

1504 Sec. 22. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
1505 chapter 155 of the general statutes, any penalty imposed by the State
1506 Elections Enforcement Commission due to a filing that was not
1507 deemed to be received in a timely manner by said commission in
1508 accordance with the provisions of section 9-608 of the general statutes,
1509 as amended by this act, may be waived by said commission, provided
1510 (1) such filing was due to be received by said commission during
1511 January, 2012, and (2) said commission determines that the treasurer's
1512 actions were such that the filing reasonably should have been received
1513 on or before the deadline applicable to such filing.

1514 Sec. 23. Section 9-153e of the general statutes is repealed and the

1515 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1516 A member of the armed forces who is an elector or an applicant for
1517 admission as an elector, or the member's spouse or dependent if living
1518 where such member is stationed, may apply before a regular election
1519 for a blank absentee ballot to vote for all offices being contested at the
1520 election. The clerk shall make such ballots available for this purpose
1521 beginning not earlier than ninety days before the election. Application
1522 shall be made upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State or
1523 on the federal postcard application form provided pursuant to the
1524 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 100 Stat. 924,
1525 42 USC 1973ff et seq., as amended from time to time, or any other
1526 applicable law and shall be issued only if the applicant states that due
1527 to military contingencies the regular application procedure, as set forth
1528 in section 9-140, cannot be followed. Upon receipt of the application,
1529 the municipal clerk shall issue the ballot and a cover sheet pursuant to
1530 section 25 of this act, either by mail or electronic means, as requested
1531 by the elector, which shall be prescribed and provided by the Secretary
1532 of the State, and a list of the offices to be voted upon indicating the
1533 number of individuals for which each elector may vote. As soon as a
1534 complete list of nominated candidates, including the party
1535 designations of such candidates, and questions is available, the clerk
1536 shall send such list to each applicant. If the list of candidates and
1537 questions is not available when the ballot is issued, the clerk shall
1538 include a statement indicating that such list shall be mailed as soon as
1539 it becomes available. The ballot shall permit the elector to vote by
1540 writing in the names of specific candidates and offices for which he is
1541 voting. The elector may also vote on the questions in a manner
1542 prescribed by the Secretary of the State. If such ballot is issued by
1543 electronic means, the clerk shall include a certification prescribed by
1544 the Secretary of the State that the elector shall be required to complete,
1545 sign and return with the completed ballot in order for such ballot to be
1546 counted. If the military contingency no longer exists, application for an
1547 additional ballot for all offices may be made pursuant to the provisions
1548 of section 9-153b.

1549 Sec. 24. Section 9-153f of the general statutes is repealed and the
1550 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1551 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-140, any elector who is
1552 living, or expects to be living or traveling before and on election day,
1553 outside the territorial limits of the several states of the United States
1554 and the District of Columbia and any member of the armed forces who
1555 is an elector or an applicant for admission as an elector, or the
1556 member's spouse or dependent if living where such member is
1557 stationed, may apply for a blank absentee ballot to vote for all offices
1558 being contested at an election or primary. Application shall be made
1559 upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State or on the federal
1560 postcard application form provided pursuant to the Uniformed and
1561 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 100 Stat. 924, 42 USC 1973ff et
1562 seq., as amended from time to time, or any other applicable law. The
1563 municipal clerk receiving such an application shall, as soon as a
1564 complete list of candidates and questions to be voted upon at such
1565 election or primary becomes available, issue the ballot and a cover
1566 sheet pursuant to section 25 of this act, either by mail or electronic
1567 means, as requested by the elector, which shall be the blank ballot
1568 prescribed and provided by the Secretary of the State under section 9-
1569 153e, as amended by this act. The clerk shall include with the ballot a
1570 complete list of the offices to be voted upon, the number of individuals
1571 for which each elector may vote, the candidates, and, in the case of an
1572 election, the party designation of each candidate and questions to be
1573 voted upon. If such ballot is issued by electronic means, the clerk shall
1574 include a certification prescribed by the Secretary of the State that the
1575 elector shall be required to complete, sign and return with the
1576 completed ballot in order for such ballot to be counted. If application
1577 for an absentee ballot is made at the time of availability of regular
1578 absentee ballots as provided in section 9-140, the provisions of section
1579 9-140 shall prevail. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
1580 procedures governing the issuance of ballots under this section shall
1581 conform as nearly as may be to the procedures provided in section 9-
1582 140.

1583 Sec. 25. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the
1584 provisions of chapter 145 of the general statutes, for any election or
1585 primary held on or after August 14, 2012, an elector or an applicant for
1586 admission as an elector who applies for an absentee ballot pursuant to
1587 the provisions of section 9-153e or 9-153f of the general statutes, as
1588 amended by this act, may return such ballot, and certification, if
1589 required by said section 9-153e or 9-153f, and the cover sheet
1590 prescribed by the Secretary of the State pursuant to subsection (b) of
1591 this section, by facsimile or electronic mail and such ballot shall be
1592 counted with other absentee ballots in accordance with the provisions
1593 of section 9-150a of the general statutes, provided (1) the municipal
1594 clerk receives such electronically returned ballot, certification and
1595 signed cover sheet prior to the closing of the polls on the day of the
1596 election or primary, as applicable, and (2) such elector does not also
1597 mail the original ballot or a hard copy of the ballot to the municipal
1598 clerk.

1599 (b) Not later than June 1, 2012, the Secretary of the State shall
1600 prescribe a cover sheet for electronic transmission of absentee ballots.
1601 Such sheet shall provide instructions for returning a ballot by
1602 electronic means and to include the elector's name, telephone number,
1603 facsimile number or electronic mail address from which the ballot was
1604 returned, as applicable. Such cover sheet shall include the following
1605 statement: "I understand that by faxing or emailing my voted ballot I
1606 am voluntarily waiving my right to a secret ballot only to the extent
1607 that the appropriate election official must receive and process my
1608 ballot.

1609 Signature: Date: "

1610 Sec. 26. Subsection (d) of section 9-608 of the 2012 supplement to the
1611 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1612 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1613 (d) At the time of filing statements required under this section, the
1614 [campaign] treasurer of each candidate committee shall send to the

1615 candidate a duplicate statement and the [campaign] treasurer of each
1616 party committee and each political committee other than an
1617 exploratory committee shall send to the chairman of the committee a
1618 duplicate statement. Each statement required to be filed with the
1619 commission under this section, subsection (e) of section 9-612, section
1620 9-706 or section 9-712 shall be deemed to be filed in a timely manner if:
1621 (1) For a statement filed as a hard copy, including, but not limited to, a
1622 statement delivered by the United States Postal Service, courier
1623 service, parcel service or hand delivery, the statement is received by
1624 the commission by five o'clock p.m. on the day the statement is
1625 required to be filed, (2) for a statement authorized by the commission
1626 to be filed electronically, including, but not limited to, a statement filed
1627 via dedicated electronic mail, facsimile machine, a web-based program
1628 created by the commission or other electronic means, the statement is
1629 transmitted to the commission not later than eleven fifty-nine o'clock
1630 p.m. on the day the statement is required to be filed, or (3) for a
1631 statement required to be filed pursuant to subsection (e) of section 9-
1632 612, section 9-706 or section 9-712, by the deadline specified in each
1633 such section. Any other filing required to be filed with a town clerk
1634 pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be filed in a timely manner
1635 if it is delivered by hand to the office of the town clerk in accordance
1636 with the provisions of section 9-603 before four-thirty o'clock p.m. or
1637 postmarked by the United States Postal Service before midnight on the
1638 required filing day. If the day for any filing falls on a Saturday, Sunday
1639 or legal holiday, the statement shall be filed on the next business day
1640 thereafter. The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall not levy
1641 a penalty upon a treasurer for failure to file a hard copy of a statement
1642 in a timely manner in accordance with the provisions of this section, if
1643 such treasurer has a copy of the statement time stamped by the State
1644 Elections Enforcement Commission which shows timely receipt of the
1645 statement, or the treasurer has return receipt from the United States
1646 Postal Service or a similar receipt from a commercial delivery service
1647 confirming timely receipt of such statement by said commission."

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| 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> | 9-601c |
| Sec. 5 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-606(a) |
| Sec. 6 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-607(g)(1) |
| Sec. 7 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-612(a) |
| Sec. 8 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-612(e) |
| Sec. 9 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-621 |
| Sec. 10 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 11 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 12 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 13 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-605(c) |
| Sec. 14 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-608(a) |
| Sec. 15 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-608(e)(1) |
| Sec. 16 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-610(f)(1) and (2) |
| Sec. 17 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-712(a) |
| Sec. 18 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-615(e) |
| Sec. 19 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-611(c) |
| Sec. 20 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-391 |
| Sec. 21 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-406 |
| Sec. 22 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 23 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-153e |
| Sec. 24 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-153f |
| Sec. 25 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 26 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-608(d) |