



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5552

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AN ACT CONCERNING SLATE COMMITTEES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-601 of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 As used in this chapter and chapter 157:

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

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

18 (3) "Political committee" means (A) a committee organized by a

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

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

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

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

47 (7) "Organization" means all labor organizations, (A) as defined in
48 the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as from
49 time to time amended, or (B) as defined in subdivision (9) of section
50 31-101, employee organizations as defined in subsection (d) of section

51 5-270 and subdivision (6) of section 7-467, bargaining representative
52 organizations for teachers, any local, state or national organization, to
53 which a labor organization pays membership or per capita fees, based
54 upon its affiliation or membership, and trade or professional
55 associations which receive their funds exclusively from membership
56 dues, whether organized in or outside of this state, but does not mean
57 a candidate committee, party committee or a political committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

113 (14) "Solicitor" means an individual appointed by a treasurer of a
114 committee to receive, but not to disburse, funds on behalf of the
115 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 partnership.
134 "Entity" includes any tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) of
135 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
136 internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to
137 time, and any tax-exempt political organization organized under
138 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 or a
156 slate committee for:

157 (A) The preparation, display or mailing or other distribution of a
158 party candidate listing. As used in this subparagraph, "party candidate
159 listing" means any communication that meets the following criteria: (i)
160 The communication lists the name or names of candidates for election
161 to public office, (ii) the communication is distributed through public
162 advertising such as broadcast stations, cable television, newspapers or
163 similar media, or through direct mail, telephone, electronic mail,
164 publicly accessible sites on the Internet or personal delivery, and (iii)
165 the communication is made to promote the success or defeat of any
166 candidate or slate of candidates seeking the nomination for election, or
167 election or for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat
168 of any referendum question or the success or defeat of any political
169 party, provided such communication is not a solicitation for or on
170 behalf of a candidate committee;

171 (B) A document in printed or electronic form, including a party
172 platform, an electronic page providing merchant account services to be
173 used by a candidate for the collection of on-line contributions, a copy
174 of an issue paper, information pertaining to the requirements of this
175 title, a list of registered voters and voter identification information,
176 which document is created or maintained by a party committee,

177 legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee for
178 the general purposes of party or caucus building and is provided (i) to
179 a candidate who is a member of the party that has established such
180 party committee, or (ii) to a candidate who is a member of the party of
181 the caucus or leader who has established such legislative caucus
182 committee or legislative leadership committee, whichever is
183 applicable;

184 (C) A campaign event at which a candidate or candidates are
185 present; or

186 (D) The retention of the services of an advisor to provide assistance
187 relating to campaign organization, financing, accounting, strategy, law
188 or media.

189 (26) "Solicit" means (A) requesting that a contribution be made, (B)
190 participating in any fundraising activities for a candidate committee,
191 exploratory committee, political committee or party committee,
192 including, but not limited to, forwarding tickets to potential
193 contributors, receiving contributions for transmission to any such
194 committee, serving on the committee that is hosting a fundraising
195 event, introducing the candidate or making other public remarks at a
196 fundraising event, being honored or otherwise recognized at a
197 fundraising event, or bundling contributions, (C) serving as
198 chairperson, treasurer or deputy treasurer of any such committee, or
199 (D) establishing a political committee for the sole purpose of soliciting
200 or receiving contributions for any committee. "Solicit" does not include
201 (i) making a contribution that is otherwise permitted under this
202 chapter, (ii) informing any person of a position taken by a candidate
203 for public office or a public official, (iii) notifying the person of any
204 activities of, or contact information for, any candidate for public office,
205 (iv) serving as a member in any party committee or as an officer of
206 such committee that is not otherwise prohibited in this subdivision, or
207 (v) mere attendance at a fundraiser.

208 (27) "Bundle" means the forwarding of five or more contributions to

209 a single committee by a communicator lobbyist, an agent of such
210 lobbyist, or a member of the immediate family of such lobbyist, or
211 raising contributions for a committee at a fundraising affair held by,
212 sponsored by, or hosted by a communicator lobbyist or an agent of
213 such lobbyist, or a member of the immediate family of such lobbyist.

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

220 (29) (A) "Covered transfer" means any donation, transfer or
221 payment of funds by a person to another person if the person receiving
222 the donation, transfer or payment makes independent expenditures or
223 transfers funds to another person who makes independent
224 expenditures.

225 (B) The term "covered transfer" does not include:

226 (i) A donation, transfer or payment made by a person in the
227 ordinary course of any trade or business;

228 (ii) A donation, transfer or payment made by a person, if the person
229 making the donation, transfer or payment prohibited the use of such
230 donation, transfer or payment for an independent expenditure or a
231 covered transfer and the recipient of the donation, transfer or payment
232 agreed to follow the prohibition and deposited the donation, transfer
233 or payment in an account which is segregated from any account used
234 to make independent expenditures or covered transfers;

235 (iii) Dues, fees or assessments that are transferred between affiliated
236 entities and paid by individuals on a regular, periodic basis in
237 accordance with a per-individual calculation that is made on a regular
238 basis;

239 (iv) For purposes of this subdivision, "affiliated" means (I) the
240 governing instrument of the entity requires it to be bound by decisions
241 of the other entity; (II) the governing board of the entity includes
242 persons who are specifically designated representatives of the other
243 entity or who are members of the governing board, officers, or paid
244 executive staff members of the other entity, or whose service on the
245 governing board is contingent upon the approval of the other entity; or
246 (III) the entity is chartered by the other entity. "Affiliated" includes
247 entities that are an affiliate of the other entity or where both of the
248 entities are an affiliate of the same entity.

249 (30) "Party building activity" includes, but is not limited to, any
250 political meeting, conference, convention, and other event, attendance
251 or involvement at which promotes or advances the interests of a party
252 at a local, state or national level, and any associated expenses,
253 including travel, lodging, and any admission fees or other costs,
254 whether or not any such meeting, conference, convention, or other
255 event is sponsored by the party.

256 (31) "Social media" means an electronic medium where users may
257 create and view user-generated content, such as uploaded or
258 downloaded videos or still photographs, blogs, video blogs, podcasts
259 or instant messages.

260 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) For purposes of chapter 155 of
261 the general statutes and notwithstanding the provisions of said
262 chapter, a slate committee shall be treated as a candidate committee.

263 Sec. 3. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-603 of the general statutes
264 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
265 *from passage*):

266 (a) Statements filed by party committees, political committees
267 formed to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum
268 question proposing a constitutional convention, constitutional
269 amendment or revision of the Constitution, individual lobbyists, and

270 those political committees and candidate committees formed to aid or
271 promote the success or defeat of any candidate for the office of
272 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,
273 State Comptroller, Attorney General, judge of probate and members of
274 the General Assembly, shall be filed with the State Elections
275 Enforcement Commission. [A political committee formed for a slate of
276 candidates in a primary for the office of justice of the peace shall file
277 statements with the town clerk of the municipality in which the
278 primary is to be held.]

279 (b) Statements filed by political committees formed solely to aid or
280 promote the success or defeat of a referendum question to be voted
281 upon by the electors of a single municipality and those political
282 committees, [or] candidate committees or slate committees formed to
283 aid or promote the success or defeat of any candidate or candidates for
284 public office, other than those enumerated in subsection (a) of this
285 section, or the position of town committee member shall be filed only
286 with the town clerk of the municipality in which the election or
287 referendum is to be held. Each unsalaried town clerk shall be entitled
288 to receive ten cents from the town for the filing of each such statement.

289 Sec. 4. Section 9-604 of the general statutes is repealed and the
290 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

291 (a) [Each] Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, each
292 candidate for a particular public office or the position of town
293 committee member shall form a single candidate committee for which
294 he shall designate a treasurer and a depository institution situated in
295 this state as the depository for the committee's funds and shall file a
296 committee statement containing such designations, not later than ten
297 days after becoming a candidate, with the proper authority as required
298 by section 9-603. The candidate may also designate a deputy treasurer
299 on such committee statement. The treasurer and any deputy treasurer
300 so designated shall sign a statement accepting such designation which
301 the candidate shall include as part of, or file with, the committee
302 statement.

303 (b) The formation of a candidate committee by a candidate and the
304 filing of statements pursuant to section 9-608 shall not be required if
305 the candidate files a certification with the proper authority required by
306 section 9-603, not later than ten days after becoming a candidate, and
307 any of the following conditions exist for the campaign: (1) The
308 candidate is one of a slate of candidates whose campaigns are funded
309 solely by a party committee or a political committee formed for a
310 single election or primary and expenditures made on behalf of the
311 candidate's campaign are reported by the committee sponsoring the
312 candidate's candidacy; (2) the candidate is part of a slate committee,
313 formed pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, that uses the slate
314 committee as the sole vehicle for funding the candidate's campaign; (3)
315 the candidate finances the candidate's campaign entirely from personal
316 funds and does not solicit or receive contributions, provided if said
317 candidate personally makes an expenditure or expenditures in excess
318 of one thousand dollars to, or for the benefit of, said candidate's
319 campaign for nomination at a primary or election to an office or
320 position, said candidate shall file statements according to the same
321 schedule and in the same manner as is required of a treasurer of a
322 candidate committee under section 9-608; [(3)] (4) the candidate does
323 not receive or expend funds in excess of one thousand dollars; or [(4)]
324 (5) the candidate does not receive or expend any funds, including
325 personal funds, for the candidate's campaign. If the candidate no
326 longer qualifies for the exemption under any of these conditions, the
327 candidate shall comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this
328 section, not later than three business days thereafter and shall provide
329 the candidate's designated treasurer with all information required for
330 completion of the treasurer's statements and filings as required by
331 section 9-608. If the candidate no longer qualifies for the exemption
332 due to the condition stated in the candidate's certification but so
333 qualifies due to a different condition specified in this subsection, the
334 candidate shall file an amended certification with the proper authority
335 and provide the new condition for the candidate's qualification not
336 later than three business days following the change in circumstances of
337 the financing of the candidate's campaign. The filing of a certification

338 under this subsection shall not relieve the candidate from compliance
339 with the provisions of this chapter.

340 (c) The chairman of a political committee formed to support a single
341 candidate for public office shall, not later than seven days after filing a
342 statement of organization with the proper authority under section 9-
343 603, send the candidate a notice, by certified mail, of such filing. If a
344 candidate (1) does not, within fourteen days after receiving such
345 notice, disavow such committee, in writing, to the proper authority
346 under section 9-603, or (2) disavows such committee within such
347 period, but, at any time before such disavowal, accepts funds from the
348 committee for his campaign, such committee shall be deemed to have
349 been authorized by such candidate and shall constitute a candidate
350 committee for the purposes of this chapter. No candidate shall
351 establish, agree to or assist in establishing, or give his consent or
352 authorization to establishing a committee other than a single candidate
353 committee to promote his candidacy for any public office except that a
354 candidate may establish an exploratory committee. The candidate shall
355 designate on the statement of organization for the exploratory
356 committee the type of office to which the candidate is determining
357 whether to seek nomination or election, as follows: (A) The General
358 Assembly, (B) a state office, or (C) any other public office. The
359 candidate may also certify on the statement of organization that the
360 candidate will not be a candidate for the office of state representative.
361 Not later than fifteen days after a public declaration by the candidate
362 of the candidate's intention to seek nomination or election to a
363 particular public office, the candidate shall form a single candidate
364 committee, except that in the case of a candidate establishing an
365 exploratory committee for purposes including aiding or promoting the
366 candidate's candidacy for nomination or election to the General
367 Assembly or a state office, the candidate shall form a single candidate
368 committee not later than fifteen days after the date that the treasurer of
369 such exploratory committee is required to file a notice of intent to
370 dissolve the committee under subsection (f) of section 9-608. As used
371 in this subsection, "state office" has the same meaning as provided in

372 subsection (e) of section 9-610.

373 (d) A slate [of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of the
374 peace] committee shall designate a chairperson to form a single
375 [political] committee to comply with the requirements of section 9-605,
376 except if the [individuals] individual candidates on the slate committee
377 unanimously consent to have their campaign financed solely by a town
378 committee and such committee consents to such financing by filing a
379 statement of consent with the town clerk of the municipality in which
380 the primary is to be held.

381 Sec. 5. Subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-608 of the 2014
382 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
383 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

384 (c) (1) Each statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this
385 section shall include, but not be limited to: (A) An itemized accounting
386 of each contribution, if any, including the full name and complete
387 address of each contributor and the amount of the contribution; (B) an
388 itemized accounting of each expenditure, if any, including the full
389 name and complete address of each payee, including secondary payees
390 whenever the primary or principal payee is known to include charges
391 which the primary payee has already paid or will pay directly to
392 another person, vendor or entity, the amount and the purpose of the
393 expenditure, the candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure,
394 whether the expenditure is made independently of the candidate
395 supported or is an in-kind contribution to the candidate, and a
396 statement of the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be; (C) an
397 itemized accounting of each expense incurred but not paid, provided if
398 the expense is incurred by use of a credit card, the accounting shall
399 include secondary payees, and the amount owed to each such payee;
400 (D) the name and address of any person who is the guarantor of a loan
401 to, or the cosigner of a note with, the candidate on whose behalf the
402 committee was formed, or the treasurer in the case of a party
403 committee or a political committee or who has advanced a security
404 deposit to a telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for

405 telecommunications service for a committee; (E) for each business
406 entity or person purchasing advertising space in a program for a fund-
407 raising affair or on signs at a fund-raising affair, the name and address
408 of the business entity or the name and address of the person, and the
409 amount and aggregate amounts of such purchases; (F) for each
410 individual who contributes in excess of one hundred dollars but not
411 more than one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, to the extent known,
412 the principal occupation of such individual and the name of the
413 individual's employer, if any; (G) for each individual who contributes
414 in excess of one thousand dollars in the aggregate, the principal
415 occupation of such individual and the name of the individual's
416 employer, if any; (H) for each itemized contribution made by a
417 lobbyist, the spouse of a lobbyist or any dependent child of a lobbyist
418 who resides in the lobbyist's household, a statement to that effect; and
419 (I) for each individual who contributes in excess of four hundred
420 dollars in the aggregate to or for the benefit of any candidate's
421 campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the office of chief
422 executive officer or a slate committee or town committee financing the
423 nomination or election or a candidate for chief executive officer of a
424 town, city or borough, a statement indicating whether the individual
425 or a business with which he is associated has a contract with said
426 municipality that is valued at more than five thousand dollars. Each
427 treasurer shall include in such statement (i) an itemized accounting of
428 the receipts and expenditures relative to any testimonial affair held
429 under the provisions of section 9-609 or any other fund-raising affair,
430 which is referred to in subsection (b) of section 9-601a, and (ii) the date,
431 location and a description of the affair, except that a treasurer shall not
432 be required to include the name of any individual who has purchased
433 items at a fund-raising affair or food at a town fair, county fair or
434 similar mass gathering, if the cumulative value of items purchased by
435 such individual does not exceed one hundred dollars, or the name of
436 any individual who has donated food or beverages for a meeting. A
437 treasurer shall not be required to report or retain any receipts or
438 expenditures related to any de minimis donations described in
439 subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of section 9-601a.

440 Sec. 6. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-611 of the 2014
441 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
442 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

443 (a) (1) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to,
444 for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a
445 candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's
446 campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign
447 for election, to the office of [(1)] (A) Governor, in excess of three
448 thousand five hundred dollars; [(2)] (B) Lieutenant Governor,
449 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in
450 excess of two thousand dollars; [(3)] (C) chief executive officer of a
451 town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; [(4)] (D) state
452 senator or probate judge, in excess of one thousand dollars; [or (5)] (E)
453 state representative, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or (F) any
454 other office of a municipality not previously included in this
455 subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars, except as provided
456 in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

457 (2) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to, for
458 the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a slate
459 committee in excess of two thousand dollars.

460 (3) The limits imposed by this subsection shall be applied separately
461 to primaries and elections.

462 (b) [(1)] No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to,
463 or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee, in excess of three
464 hundred seventy-five dollars, if the candidate establishing the
465 exploratory committee certifies on the statement of organization for
466 the exploratory committee pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-604
467 that the candidate will not be a candidate for the office of state
468 representative. No individual shall make a contribution or
469 contributions to, or for the benefit of, any exploratory committee, in
470 excess of two hundred fifty dollars, if the candidate establishing the
471 exploratory committee does not so certify.

472 [(2) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to, or
473 for the benefit of, a political committee formed by a slate of candidates
474 in a primary for the office of justice of the peace, in excess of two
475 hundred fifty dollars.]

476 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 9-612 of the 2014 supplement to the
477 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
478 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

479 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any
480 one calendar year in excess of ten thousand dollars to the state central
481 committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant
482 to its authorization or request; or two thousand dollars to a town
483 committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such committee
484 pursuant to its authorization or request; or two thousand dollars to a
485 legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee, or
486 one thousand dollars to any other political committee other than (1) a
487 political committee formed solely to aid or promote the success or
488 defeat of a referendum question, (2) an exploratory committee, or (3) a
489 political committee established by an organization, or for the benefit of
490 such committee pursuant to its authorization or request, [, or (4) a
491 political committee formed by a slate of candidates in a primary for the
492 office of justice of the peace of the same town.]

493 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 9-613 of the general statutes is
494 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
495 *passage*):

496 (a) No business entity shall make any contributions or expenditures
497 to, or for the benefit of, any [candidate's] campaign of a candidate,
498 including any candidate who is part of a slate committee, for election
499 to any public office or position subject to this chapter or for nomination
500 at a primary for any such office or position, or to promote the defeat of
501 any such candidate for any such office or position. No business entity
502 shall make any other contributions or expenditures to promote the
503 success or defeat of any political party, except as provided in

504 subsection (b) of this section. No business entity shall establish more
505 than one political committee. A political committee shall be deemed to
506 have been established by a business entity if the initial disbursement or
507 contribution to the committee is made under subsection (b) of this
508 section or by an officer, director, owner, limited or general partner or
509 holder of stock constituting five per cent or more of the total
510 outstanding stock of any class of the business entity.

511 Sec. 9. Subsection (d) of section 9-613 of the general statutes is
512 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
513 *passage*):

514 (d) (1) A political committee organized by a business entity shall not
515 make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of any
516 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any candidate's
517 campaign for election to the office of: [(1)] (A) Governor, in excess of
518 five thousand dollars; [(2)] (B) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the
519 State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of three
520 thousand dollars; [(3)] (C) state senator, probate judge or chief
521 executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand
522 five hundred dollars; [(4)] (D) state representative, in excess of seven
523 hundred fifty dollars; or [(5)] (E) any other office of a municipality not
524 included in [subdivision (3)] subparagraph (C) of this [subsection]
525 subdivision, in excess of three hundred seventy-five dollars, except as
526 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

527 (2) A political committee organized by a business entity shall not
528 make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of a slate
529 committee in excess of two thousand dollars.

530 (3) The limits imposed by this subsection shall apply separately to
531 primaries and elections and contributions by any such committee to
532 candidates designated in this subsection shall not exceed one hundred
533 thousand dollars in the aggregate for any single election and primary
534 preliminary thereto.

535 (4) Contributions to such committees shall also be subject to the
536 provisions of section 9-618 in the case of committees formed for
537 ongoing political activity or section 9-619 in the case of committees
538 formed for a single election or primary.

539 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 9-615 of the 2014 supplement to the
540 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
541 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

542 (a) (1) No political committee established by an organization shall
543 make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
544 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or for election to the
545 office of: [(1)] (A) Governor, in excess of five thousand dollars; [(2)] (B)
546 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or
547 Attorney General, in excess of three thousand dollars; [(3)] (C) chief
548 executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand
549 five hundred dollars; [(4)] (D) state senator or probate judge, in excess
550 of one thousand five hundred dollars; [(5)] (E) state representative, in
551 excess of seven hundred fifty dollars; or [(6)] (F) any other office of a
552 municipality not previously included in this [subsection] subdivision,
553 in excess of three hundred seventy-five dollars, except as provided in
554 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

555 (2) No political committee established by an organization shall
556 make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any slate
557 committee in excess of two thousand dollars.

558 Sec. 11. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-617 of the general
559 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
560 (*Effective from passage*):

561 (b) (1) (A) No state central committee shall make a contribution or
562 contributions to, for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or
563 request of, a candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any
564 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's
565 campaign for election, to the office of: [(A)] (i) Governor, in excess of

566 fifty thousand dollars; [(B)] (ii) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the
567 State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of thirty-
568 five thousand dollars; [(C)] (iii) state senator, probate judge or chief
569 executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of ten thousand
570 dollars; [(D)] (iv) state representative, in excess of five thousand
571 dollars; or [(E)] (v) any other office of a municipality not previously
572 included in this [subsection] subdivision, in excess of five thousand
573 dollars, [.] except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.
574 (B) No state central committee shall make a contribution or
575 contributions to, for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or
576 request of, a slate committee in excess of two thousand five hundred
577 dollars. (C) The limits imposed by this subdivision shall apply
578 separately to primaries and elections.

579 (2) No state central committee shall make a contribution or
580 contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of (A) a
581 legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee, in
582 excess of ten thousand dollars, or (B) any other political committee,
583 other than an exploratory committee or a committee formed solely to
584 aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum question, in
585 excess of two thousand five hundred dollars. No state central
586 committee shall make contributions in excess of three hundred
587 seventy-five dollars to an exploratory committee.

588 (c) (1) (A) No town committee shall make a contribution or
589 contributions to, for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or
590 request of, a candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any
591 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's
592 campaign for election, to the office of: [(A)] (i) Governor, in excess of
593 seven thousand five hundred dollars; [(B)] (ii) Lieutenant Governor,
594 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in
595 excess of five thousand dollars; [(C)] (iii) state senator, in excess of five
596 thousand dollars; [(D)] (iv) state representative, probate judge or chief
597 executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of three thousand
598 dollars; or [(E)] (v) any other office of a municipality not previously

599 included in this [subsection] subdivision, in excess of one thousand
600 five hundred dollars, [.] except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this
601 subdivision. (B) No town committee shall make a contribution or
602 contributions to, for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or
603 request of, a slate committee in excess of one thousand five hundred
604 dollars. (C) The limits imposed by this subdivision shall apply
605 separately to primaries and elections.

606 (2) No town committee shall make a contribution or contributions in
607 any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of (A) a legislative caucus
608 committee or legislative leadership committee, in excess of two
609 thousand dollars, or (B) any other political committee, other than an
610 exploratory committee or a committee formed solely to aid or promote
611 the success or defeat of a referendum question, in excess of one
612 thousand five hundred dollars. No town committee shall make
613 contributions in excess of three hundred seventy-five dollars to an
614 exploratory committee.

615 Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 9-618 of the general statutes is
616 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
617 *passage*):

618 (b) (1) No political committee organized for ongoing political
619 purposes, except a legislative caucus committee or legislative
620 leadership committee, shall make a contribution or contributions to,
621 for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a
622 candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's
623 campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign
624 for election, to the office of: [(1)] (A) Governor, in excess of five
625 thousand dollars; [(2)] (B) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,
626 Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of three
627 thousand dollars; [(3)] (C) chief executive officer of a town, city or
628 borough, in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars; [(4)] (D) state
629 senator or probate judge, in excess of one thousand five hundred
630 dollars; [(5)] (E) state representative, in excess of seven hundred fifty
631 dollars; or [(6)] (F) any other office of a municipality not previously

632 included in this [subsection] subdivision, in excess of three hundred
633 seventy-five dollars, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
634 subsection.

635 (2) No political committee organized for ongoing political purposes,
636 except a legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
637 committee, shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the
638 benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of a slate
639 committee in excess of two thousand dollars.

640 (3) The limits imposed by this subsection shall apply separately to
641 primaries and elections.

642 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 9-619 of the general statutes is
643 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
644 *passage*):

645 (b) (1) No political committee established for a single primary or
646 election, except a legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
647 committee, shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the
648 benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate
649 or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for
650 nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to
651 the office of: [(1)] (A) Governor, in excess of five thousand dollars; [(2)]
652 (B) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller
653 or Attorney General, in excess of three thousand dollars; [(3)] (C) chief
654 executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand
655 five hundred dollars; [(4)] (D) state senator or probate judge, in excess
656 of one thousand five hundred dollars; [(5)] (E) state representative, in
657 excess of seven hundred fifty dollars; or [(6)] (F) any other office of a
658 municipality not previously included in this [subsection] subdivision,
659 in excess of three hundred seventy-five dollars, except as provided in
660 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

661 (2) No political committee established for a single primary or
662 election, except a legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership

663 committee, shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the
 664 benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of a slate
 665 committee, in excess of two thousand dollars.

666 (3) The limits imposed by this subsection shall apply separately to
 667 primaries and elections.

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>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-603(a) and (b)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-604
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-608(c)(1)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-611(a) and (b)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-612(a)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-613(a)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-613(d)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-615(a)
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-617(b) and (c)
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	9-618(b)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	9-619(b)

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