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***AN ACT REQUIRING JOINT CAMPAIGNING BY CANDIDATES FOR
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN PRIMARIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-400 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *January 1, 2016*):

4 (a) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a state office
5 may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon
6 the last-completed enrollment list of such party in any municipality
7 within the state and who has either (1) received at least fifteen per cent
8 of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-
9 call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a
10 candidate for such state office, whether or not the party-endorsed
11 candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot,
12 or (2) circulated a petition and obtained the signatures of at least two
13 per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the state, in
14 accordance with the provisions of sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive,
15 as amended by this act, except that no candidacy for nomination by a

16 political party to the state office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor
17 may be so filed unless such candidacy is filed jointly with that of
18 another person for the same party's nomination to the other office.
19 Candidacies described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be
20 filed by submitting to the Secretary of the State not later than four
21 o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day following the close of the state
22 convention, a certificate, signed by such candidate and attested by
23 either (A) the chairman or presiding officer, or (B) the secretary of the
24 convention, that such candidate received at least fifteen per cent of
25 such votes, and that such candidate consents to be a candidate in a
26 primary of such party for such state office. Such certificate shall specify
27 the candidate's name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the
28 ballot, the candidate's full residence address and the title of the office
29 for which the candidacy is being filed. A single such certificate or
30 petition for state office may be filed on behalf of two or more
31 candidates for different state offices who consent to have their names
32 appear on a single row of the primary ballot under subsection (b) of
33 section 9-437. Candidacies described in subdivision (2) of this
34 subsection shall be filed by submitting said petition not later than four
35 o'clock p.m. on the sixty-third day preceding the day of the primary
36 for such office to the registrar of voters of the towns in which the
37 respective petition pages were circulated. Each registrar shall file each
38 page of such petition with the Secretary of the State in accordance with
39 the provisions of section 9-404c. A petition filed by or on behalf of a
40 candidate for state office shall be invalid for such candidate if such
41 candidate is certified as the party-endorsed candidate pursuant to
42 section 9-388, as amended by this act, or as receiving at least fifteen per
43 cent of the convention vote for such office pursuant to this subsection.
44 Except as provided in section 9-416a, upon the expiration of the time
45 period for party endorsement and circulation and tabulation of
46 petitions and signatures, if any, if one or more candidacies for such
47 state office have been filed pursuant to the provisions of this section,
48 the Secretary of the State shall notify all town clerks and registrars of
49 voters in accordance with the provisions of section 9-433, that a

50 primary for such state office shall be held in each municipality in
51 accordance with the provisions of section 9-415.

52 Sec. 2. Section 9-388 of the general statutes is repealed and the
53 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

54 Whenever a convention of a political party is held for the
55 endorsement of candidates for nomination to state or district office,
56 each candidate endorsed at such convention shall file with the
57 Secretary of the State a certificate, signed by him, stating that he was
58 endorsed by such convention, his name as he authorizes it to appear
59 on the ballot, his full residence address and the title and district, if
60 applicable, of the office for which he was endorsed, except that in the
61 case of candidates of the same political party endorsed at a state
62 convention of such party for nomination to the state offices of
63 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, such certificate, signed by and
64 including all such information for both candidates, shall be filed
65 jointly. Such certificate shall be attested by either (1) the chairman or
66 presiding officer, or (2) the secretary of such convention and shall be
67 received by the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m. on
68 the fourteenth day after the close of such convention. Such certificate
69 shall either be mailed to the Secretary of the State by certified mail,
70 return receipt requested, or delivered in person, in which case a receipt
71 indicating the date and time of delivery shall be provided by the
72 Secretary of the State to the person making delivery. If a certificate of a
73 party's endorsement for a particular state or district office is not
74 received by the Secretary of the State by such time, such certificate
75 shall be invalid and such party, for purposes of section 9-416 and
76 section 9-416a shall be deemed to have made no endorsement of any
77 candidate for such office. If applicable, the chairman of a party's state
78 convention shall, forthwith upon the close of such convention, file with
79 the Secretary of the State the names and full residence addresses of
80 persons selected by such convention as the nominees of such party for
81 electors of President and Vice-President of the United States in
82 accordance with the provisions of section 9-175.

83 Sec. 3. Section 9-404a of the general statutes is repealed and the
84 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

85 Petition forms for candidacies for nomination by a political party to
86 a state office, as defined in section 9-372, or the district office of
87 representative in Congress shall be available from the Secretary of the
88 State beginning on the one-hundred-fifth day preceding the day of the
89 primary for such state and district offices. Petition forms for
90 candidacies for nomination by a political party to the district office of
91 judge of probate, state senator or state representative shall be available
92 from the Secretary of the State beginning on the seventy-seventh day
93 preceding the day of the primary for such office. Any person who
94 requests a petition form shall give the person's name and address and
95 the name, address and office sought of each candidate for whom the
96 petition is being obtained and shall file a statement signed by each
97 such candidate that such candidate consents to be a candidate for such
98 office, except that no petition form for candidacy for nomination by a
99 political party to the state office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor
100 may be so requested unless such petition is being obtained for the joint
101 candidacy of two persons, one of whom shall be candidate for
102 Governor and one of whom shall be candidate for Lieutenant
103 Governor, for the same party's nomination. Each such candidate shall
104 include on the statement of consent the candidate's name as the
105 candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot. Upon receiving such
106 information and statement, the Secretary shall type or print on a
107 petition form the name and address of each such candidate, the office
108 sought and the political party holding the primary. The Secretary shall
109 give to any person requesting such form one or more petition pages,
110 suitable for duplication, as the Secretary deems necessary. If the person
111 is requesting the form on behalf of an indigent candidate or a group of
112 indigent candidates listed on the same petition, the Secretary shall give
113 the person the number of original pages that the person requests or the
114 number which the Secretary deems sufficient. An original petition
115 page filled in by the Secretary may be duplicated by or on behalf of the
116 candidate or candidates listed on the page and signatures may be

117 obtained on such duplicates. The duplicates may be filed in the same
118 manner and shall be subject to the same requirements as original
119 petition pages. All information relative to primary petitions shall be a
120 public record.

121 Sec. 4. Section 9-451 of the general statutes is repealed and the
122 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

123 The nomination by a minor party of any candidate for office,
124 including an office established after the last-preceding election, and the
125 selection in a municipality by a minor party of town committee
126 members or delegates to conventions may be made in the manner
127 prescribed in the rules of such party, or alterations or amendments
128 thereto, filed with the Secretary of the State in accordance with section
129 9-374, except that no nomination by a minor party of any candidate for
130 the state office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor may be so filed
131 unless such candidacy is filed jointly with that of another person for
132 the same party's nomination to the other office.

133 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 9-437 of the general statutes is
134 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
135 *January 1, 2016*):

136 (a) At the top of each ballot shall be printed the name of the party
137 holding the primary, and each ballot shall contain the names of all
138 candidates to be voted upon at such primary, except the names of
139 justices of the peace. The vertical columns shall be headed by the
140 designation of the office or position and instructions as to the number
141 for which an elector may vote for such office or position, in the same
142 manner as a ballot used in a regular election, except that the
143 designations for the state offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor
144 shall appear jointly in the same vertical column. The name of each
145 candidate for town committee or municipal office, except for the
146 municipal offices of state senator and state representative, shall appear
147 on the ballot as it appears on the registry list of such candidate's town
148 of voting residence, except as provided in section 9-42a. The name of

149 each candidate for state or district office or for the municipal offices of
150 state senator or state representative shall appear on the ballot as it
151 appears on the certificate or statement of consent filed under section 9-
152 388, as amended by this act, 9-391, 9-400, as amended by this act, or 9-
153 409, except that the names of the respective candidates for the state
154 offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall further appear
155 jointly on the ballot in any such primary so that an elector will cast a
156 single vote for both candidates. On the first horizontal line, below the
157 designation of the office or position in each column, shall be placed the
158 name of the party-endorsed candidate for such office or position, such
159 name to be marked with an asterisk; provided, where more than one
160 person may be voted for for any office or position, the names of the
161 party-endorsed candidates shall be arranged in alphabetical order
162 from left to right under the appropriate office or position designation
163 and shall continue, if necessary, from left to right on the next lower
164 line or lines. In the case of no party endorsement there shall be inserted
165 the designation "no party endorsement" at the head of the vertical
166 column, immediately beneath the designation of the office or position.
167 On the horizontal lines below the line for party-endorsed candidates
168 shall be placed, in the appropriate columns, the names of all other
169 candidates as hereinafter provided.

170 Sec. 6. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 9-607 of the
171 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
172 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

173 (g) (1) As used in this subsection, (A) "the lawful purposes of the
174 committee" means: (i) For a candidate committee or exploratory
175 committee, the promoting of the nomination or election of the
176 candidate who established the committee, except that after [a political
177 party nominates candidates for election to] the filing of a joint
178 candidacy, pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by this act, 9-404a, as
179 amended by this act, or 9-451, as amended by this act, for the offices of
180 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, whose names shall be so placed
181 on the ballot in the election or primary, as the case may be, that an

182 elector will cast a single vote for both candidates, as prescribed in
183 section 9-181 or 9-437, as amended by this act, as the case may be, a
184 candidate committee established by either such candidate may also
185 promote the election of the other such candidate; (ii) for a political
186 committee, the promoting of a political party, including party building
187 activities, the success or defeat of candidates for nomination and
188 election to public office or position subject to the requirements of this
189 chapter, or the success or defeat of referendum questions, provided a
190 political committee formed for a single referendum question shall not
191 promote the success or defeat of any candidate, and provided further a
192 legislative leadership committee or a legislative caucus committee may
193 expend funds to defray costs for conducting legislative or
194 constituency-related business which are not reimbursed or paid by the
195 state; and (iii) for a party committee, the promoting of the party, party
196 building activities, the candidates of the party and continuing
197 operating costs of the party, and (B) "immediate family" means a
198 spouse or dependent child of a candidate who resides in the
199 candidate's household.

200 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 9-616 of the general statutes is
201 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
202 *January 1, 2016*):

203 (a) A candidate committee shall not make contributions to, or for the
204 benefit of, (1) a party committee, (2) a political committee, (3) a
205 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office, (4) a national
206 committee, or (5) another candidate committee except that (A) a pro
207 rata sharing of certain expenses in accordance with subsection (b) of
208 section 9-610 shall be permitted, and (B) after [a political party
209 nominates candidates for election to] the filing of a joint candidacy,
210 pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by this act, 9-404a, as amended
211 by this act, or 9-451, as amended by this act, for the offices of Governor
212 and Lieutenant Governor, whose names shall be so placed on the
213 ballot in the election or primary, as the case may be, that an elector will
214 cast a single vote for both candidates, as prescribed in section 9-181 or

215 9-437, as amended by this act, as the case may be, an expenditure by a
216 candidate committee established by either such candidate that benefits
217 the candidate committee established by the other such candidate shall
218 be permitted.

219 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 9-704 of the general statutes is
220 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
221 *January 1, 2016*):

222 (a) The amount of qualifying contributions that the candidate
223 committee of a candidate shall be required to receive in order to be
224 eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be:

225 (1) [In] Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection for
226 candidates campaigning jointly for nomination or election to the
227 offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, in the case of [a] an
228 eligible minor party candidate for nomination [or election] to the office
229 of Governor, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount
230 of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, of which two hundred twenty-
231 five thousand dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in
232 the state. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the
233 following: (A) The candidate committee shall return the portion of any
234 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
235 candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, and such excess portion
236 shall not be considered in calculating such amounts, and (B) all
237 contributions received by [(i)] an exploratory committee established by
238 said candidate [, or (ii) an exploratory committee or candidate
239 committee of a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor who is
240 deemed to be jointly campaigning with a candidate for nomination or
241 election to the office of Governor under subsection (a) of section 9-709,]
242 which meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate
243 committees under this section shall be considered in calculating such
244 amounts; [and]

245 (2) [In] Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection for
246 candidates campaigning jointly for nomination or election to the

247 offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, in the case of [a] an
248 eligible minor party candidate for nomination to the office of
249 Lieutenant Governor or a candidate for nomination or election to the
250 office of [Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller,
251 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from
252 individuals in the aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars,
253 of which sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is
254 contributed by individuals residing in the state. The provisions of this
255 subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate
256 committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
257 from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one
258 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
259 calculating such amounts, and (B) all contributions received by an
260 exploratory committee established by said candidate that meet the
261 criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this
262 section shall be considered in calculating such amounts; and

263 (3) In the case of candidates campaigning jointly for nomination or
264 election to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant
265 to section 9-709, as amended by this act, contributions from individuals
266 in the aggregate amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, of
267 which two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars or more is
268 contributed by individuals residing in the state. The provisions of this
269 subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate
270 committee of the candidate for nomination or election to the office of
271 Governor shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
272 from any individual, including said candidates, that exceeds one
273 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
274 calculating such amounts, and (B) all contributions received by any
275 exploratory committee or candidate committee established by said
276 candidates which meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to
277 candidate committees under this section shall be considered in
278 calculating such amounts.

279 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the

280 office of state senator for a district, contributions from individuals in
281 the aggregate amount of fifteen thousand dollars, including
282 contributions from at least three hundred individuals residing in
283 municipalities included, in whole or in part, in said district. The
284 provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) The
285 candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or
286 contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that
287 exceeds one hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be
288 considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under
289 this subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes
290 of the requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at
291 least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities included, in
292 whole or in part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or
293 more, and (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee
294 established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying
295 contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be
296 considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under
297 this subdivision and all such exploratory committee contributions that
298 also meet the requirement under this subdivision for contributions
299 from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities
300 included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be counted for the
301 purposes of said requirement.

302 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the
303 office of state representative for a district, contributions from
304 individuals in the aggregate amount of five thousand dollars,
305 including contributions from at least one hundred fifty individuals
306 residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in said district.
307 The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A)
308 The candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution
309 or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that
310 exceeds one hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be
311 considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under
312 this subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes
313 of the requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at

314 least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities included,
315 in whole or in part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars
316 or more, and (C) all contributions received by an exploratory
317 committee established by said candidate that meet the criteria for
318 qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section
319 shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount
320 under this subdivision and all such exploratory committee
321 contributions that also meet the requirement under this subdivision for
322 contributions from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in
323 municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be
324 counted for the purposes of said requirement.

325 [(5)] (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions [(3) and] (4)
326 and (5) of this subsection, in the case of a special election for the office
327 of state senator or state representative for a district, (A) the aggregate
328 amount of qualifying contributions that the candidate committee of a
329 candidate for such office shall be required to receive in order to be
330 eligible for a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be seventy-
331 five per cent or more of the corresponding amount required under the
332 applicable said subdivision [(3) or] (4) or (5), and (B) the number of
333 contributions required from individuals residing in municipalities
334 included, in whole or in part, in said district shall be seventy-five per
335 cent or more of the corresponding number required under the
336 applicable said subdivision [(3) or] (4) or (5).

337 Sec. 9. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 9-705 of the general
338 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
339 (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

340 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of [a major party
341 candidate for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination
342 to said office] candidates of the same major party campaigning jointly
343 for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as
344 amended by this act, who have a primary for nominations to said
345 offices shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election

346 Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of one million two
347 hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held
348 in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
349 (d) of this section.

350 (2) The qualified candidate committee of [a candidate for the office
351 of Governor who has been nominated, or who has] candidates of the
352 same major party campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
353 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this
354 act, or candidates of the same eligible minor party campaigning jointly
355 for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to
356 section 9-709, as amended by this act, who have been nominated, or
357 candidates campaigning jointly who have qualified to appear on the
358 election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of part
359 III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for
360 the general election campaign in the amount of six million dollars,
361 provided in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said
362 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

363 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
364 for the office of [Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
365 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a
366 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant
367 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three
368 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a
369 primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
370 under subsection (d) of this section.

371 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
372 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
373 Treasurer who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on
374 the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of
375 part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund
376 for the general election campaign in the amount of seven hundred fifty
377 thousand dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2014, or

378 thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this
379 section.

380 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of
381 this section, the qualified candidate committee of candidates of the
382 same eligible minor party campaigning jointly for the offices of
383 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as
384 amended by this act, who have been nominated, or the qualified
385 candidate committee of an eligible minor party candidate for the office
386 of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
387 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer shall be eligible
388 to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign if
389 the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
390 preceding regular election received at least ten per cent of the whole
391 number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election.
392 The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the amount of the
393 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
394 section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if the
395 candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
396 preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the
397 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
398 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of
399 the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
400 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the
401 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
402 election received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes
403 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the
404 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign
405 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the
406 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2014, or
407 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this
408 section.

409 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
410 section, the qualified candidate committee of eligible petitioning party

411 candidates campaigning jointly for the office of Governor and
412 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this
413 act, or the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
414 party candidate for the office of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,]
415 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
416 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
417 general election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has
418 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per
419 cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last
420 preceding regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third
421 of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection
422 (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided
423 (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a
424 number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the
425 whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
426 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
427 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
428 (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if said
429 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
430 qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number
431 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
432 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general
433 election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a
434 candidate for the same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in
435 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d)
436 of this section.

437 (3) In addition to the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
438 subsection, the qualified candidate committee of eligible petitioning
439 party candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
440 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this
441 act, the qualified candidate committee of candidates of the same
442 eligible minor party campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor
443 and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said section and the qualified
444 candidate committee of an eligible petitioning party candidate and the

445 qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party candidate for
446 the office of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
447 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer shall be eligible
448 to receive a supplemental grant from the fund after the general election
449 if the treasurer of such candidate committee reports a deficit in the first
450 statement filed after the general election, pursuant to section 9-608, and
451 such candidate received a greater percentage of the whole number of
452 votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election than the
453 percentage of votes utilized by such candidate to obtain a general
454 election campaign grant described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this
455 subsection. The amount of such supplemental grant shall be calculated
456 as follows:

457 (A) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than ten
458 per cent, but not more than fifteen per cent, of the whole number of
459 votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant
460 shall be the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the
461 difference between the percentage of such whole number of votes
462 received by such candidate and ten per cent and the denominator is
463 ten, and (ii) two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign
464 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party
465 candidate for the same office.

466 (B) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than fifteen
467 per cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the whole number of votes
468 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be
469 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference
470 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by
471 such candidate and fifteen per cent and the denominator is five, and
472 (ii) one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant
473 under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate
474 for the same office.

475 (C) The sum of the general election campaign grant received by any
476 such candidate and a supplemental grant under this subdivision shall

477 not exceed one hundred per cent of the amount of the general election
478 campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major
479 party candidate for the same office.

480 Sec. 10. Subdivision (5) of subsection (j) of section 9-705 of the
481 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
482 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

483 (5) The amount of the primary grant or general election campaign
484 grant for a qualified candidate committee shall be reduced, pursuant to
485 the provisions of this subdivision, if such candidate committee has
486 control and custody over lawn signs from any prior election or
487 primary in the following applicable amount: (A) Five hundred or more
488 lawn signs for the qualified candidate committee of candidates of the
489 same major party campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
490 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this
491 act, the qualified candidate committee of candidates of the same
492 eligible minor party campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor
493 and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said section or the qualified
494 candidate committee of eligible petitioning party candidates
495 campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant
496 Governor, pursuant to said section or the qualified candidate
497 committee of a candidate for the office of [Governor, Lieutenant
498 Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
499 or State Treasurer, (B) one hundred or more lawn signs for the
500 qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state
501 senator, or (C) fifty or more lawn signs for the qualified candidate
502 committee of a candidate for the office of state representative. If such
503 qualified candidate committee has custody and control over lawn
504 signs in the applicable amount, as described in this subdivision, the
505 grant from the fund for the primary campaign or general election
506 campaign, as applicable, for such qualified candidate committee shall
507 be reduced as follows: (i) Two thousand five hundred dollars for the
508 qualified candidate committee of candidates of the same major party
509 campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant

510 Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this act, the
511 qualified candidate committee of candidates of the same eligible minor
512 party campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant
513 Governor, pursuant to said section or the qualified candidate
514 committee of eligible petitioning party candidates campaigning jointly
515 for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said
516 section or the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the
517 office of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
518 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) five hundred
519 dollars for the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the
520 office of state senator, or (iii) two hundred fifty dollars for the qualified
521 candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state
522 representative. In no event shall such a reduction be made both to a
523 qualified candidate committee's primary campaign grant and to such
524 candidate committee's general election grant. No reduction in either
525 the primary campaign or general election campaign for a qualified
526 candidate committee's grant shall be taken for any lawn sign that is not
527 in the custody or control of the qualified candidate committee.
528 Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to apply to any item
529 other than lawn signs.

530 Sec. 11. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-706 of
531 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in
532 lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

533 (a) (1) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state
534 senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of
535 [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
536 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, or a
537 participating candidate campaigning jointly with another participating
538 candidate for nomination to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant
539 Governor, in 2010, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections
540 Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens'
541 Election Program for a primary campaign, after the close of the state
542 convention of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of

543 choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is
544 seeking, if a primary is required under chapter 153, and (A) said party
545 endorses the candidate for the office that the candidate is seeking, (B)
546 the candidate is seeking nomination to the office of Governor,
547 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
548 Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator
549 or state representative and receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes
550 of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote
551 taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for
552 the office the candidate is seeking, or (C) the candidate circulates a
553 petition and obtains the required number of signatures for (i) filing a
554 joint candidacy for nomination for the offices of Governor and
555 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by this
556 act, (ii) filing a candidacy for nomination for [(i)] the office of
557 [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
558 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district
559 office of state senator or state representative, pursuant to section 9-400,
560 as amended by this act, or [(ii)] (iii) filing a candidacy for nomination
561 for the municipal office of state senator or state representative,
562 pursuant to section 9-406, whichever is applicable. The State Elections
563 Enforcement Commission shall make any such grants to participating
564 candidates in accordance with the provisions of subsections (d) to (g),
565 inclusive, of this section.

566 (2) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state
567 senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of
568 [Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
569 or State Treasurer, or a participating candidate campaigning jointly
570 with another participating candidate for nomination to the offices of
571 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, in 2010, or thereafter, may apply
572 to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from the
573 fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a general election
574 campaign:

575 (A) After the close of the state or district convention or municipal

576 caucus, convention or town committee meeting, whichever is
577 applicable, of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of
578 choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is
579 seeking, if (i) said party endorses said candidate for the office that the
580 candidate is seeking and no other candidate of said party files a
581 candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
582 provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this act, or 9-406, whichever
583 is applicable, (ii) the candidate is seeking election to the office of
584 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
585 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state
586 senator or state representative and receives at least fifteen per cent of
587 the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-
588 call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a
589 candidate for the office the candidate is seeking, no other candidate for
590 said office at such convention either receives the party endorsement or
591 said percentage of said votes for said endorsement or files a certificate
592 of endorsement with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
593 provisions of section 9-388, as amended by this act, or a candidacy
594 with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of
595 section 9-400, as amended by this act, and no other candidate for said
596 office circulates a petition and obtains the required number of
597 signatures for filing a candidacy or joint candidacy for nomination for
598 said office or offices pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by this act,
599 (iii) the candidate is seeking election to the office of Governor,
600 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
601 Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator
602 or state representative, circulates a petition and obtains the required
603 number of signatures for filing a candidacy or joint candidacy for
604 nomination for said office or offices pursuant to section 9-400, as
605 amended by this act, and no other candidate for said office at the state
606 or district convention either receives the party endorsement or said
607 percentage of said votes for said endorsement or files a certificate of
608 endorsement with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
609 provisions of section 9-388, as amended by this act, or a candidacy

610 with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of
611 section 9-400, as amended by this act, or (iv) the candidate is seeking
612 election to the municipal office of state senator or state representative,
613 circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for
614 filing a candidacy for nomination for the office the candidate is seeking
615 pursuant to section 9-406 and no other candidate for said office at the
616 caucus, convention or town committee meeting either receives the
617 party endorsement or files a certification of endorsement with the
618 town clerk in accordance with the provisions of section 9-391;

619 (B) After any primary held by such party for nomination for said
620 office, if the Secretary of the State declares that the candidate is the
621 party nominee in accordance with the provisions of section 9-440;

622 (C) In the case of a minor party candidate, after the nomination of
623 such candidate is certified and filed with the Secretary of the State
624 pursuant to section 9-452; or

625 (D) In the case of a petitioning party candidate, after approval by
626 the Secretary of the State of such candidate's nominating petition
627 pursuant to section 9-453o.

628 Sec. 12. Section 9-709 of the general statutes is repealed and the
629 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

630 (a) For purposes of this section, expenditures made to aid or
631 promote the success of both a candidate for nomination or election to
632 the office of Governor and a candidate for nomination or election to
633 the office of Lieutenant Governor jointly, shall be considered
634 expenditures made to aid or promote the success of a candidate for
635 nomination or election to the office of Governor. The party-endorsed
636 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
637 Governor and the party-endorsed candidate for nomination or election
638 to the office of Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or promoting
639 the success of both candidates jointly upon the [earliest of the
640 following: (1) The primary, whether held for the office of Governor, the

641 office of Lieutenant Governor, or both; (2) if no primary is held for the
642 office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor,] earlier of (1) the
643 fourteenth day following the close of the convention; or [(3)] (2) a
644 declaration by the party-endorsed candidates that they will campaign
645 jointly. [Any other] An eligible minor party candidate for nomination
646 [or election] to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall be deemed to be
647 aiding or promoting the success of such candidacy for the office of
648 Lieutenant Governor and the success of a candidate of the same
649 eligible minor party for nomination [or election] to the office of
650 Governor jointly upon a declaration by the candidates that they shall
651 campaign jointly.

652 (b) If a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
653 Lieutenant Governor is campaigning jointly with a candidate for
654 nomination or election to the office of Governor, the candidate
655 committee and any exploratory committee for the candidate for the
656 office of Lieutenant Governor shall be dissolved as of the applicable
657 date set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Not later than fifteen
658 days after said date, the treasurer of the candidate committee formed
659 to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination or
660 election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall file a statement with
661 the proper authority under section 9-603, identifying all contributions
662 received or expenditures made by the committee since the previous
663 statement and the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be. Not
664 later than thirty days after the applicable date set forth in subsection
665 (a) of this section, (1) the treasurer of a qualified candidate committee
666 formed to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination
667 or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall distribute any
668 surplus to the fund, and (2) the treasurer of a nonqualified candidate
669 committee formed to aid or promote the success of said candidate for
670 nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall
671 distribute such surplus in accordance with the provisions of subsection
672 (e) of section 9-608.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-400(a)
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-388
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-404a
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-451
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-437(a)
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-607(g)(1)
Sec. 7	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-616(a)
Sec. 8	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-704(a)
Sec. 9	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-705(a) to (c)
Sec. 10	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-705(j)(5)
Sec. 11	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-706(a)(1) and (2)
Sec. 12	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-709

Statement of Purpose:

To mandate that candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor campaign as a single ticket and appear on the primary ballot as they do on the general election ballot, and to reduce grant expenditures from the Citizens' Elections Fund.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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