

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 6110**

LCO No. 5965

**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. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) At any state convention
2 called by a party, a purpose of which is to choose candidates for
3 nomination for the state offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor,
4 no endorsement for either such office shall be made unless a joint
5 endorsement for nomination as a ticket for both such offices is made at
6 a single roll-call vote of delegates at such convention or poll of such
7 convention by delegation.

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9 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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

11 (a) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a state office
12 may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon
13 the last-completed enrollment list of such party in any municipality
14 within the state and who has either (1) received at least fifteen per cent
15 of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-
16 call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a
17 candidate for such state office, whether or not the party-endorsed
18 candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot,

19 or (2) circulated a petition and obtained the signatures of at least two
20 per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the state, in
21 accordance with the provisions of sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive,
22 as amended by this act, except that no candidacy for nomination by a
23 political party to the state office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor
24 shall be filed unless a joint candidacy for such party's nomination as a
25 ticket for both such offices is filed. Candidacies described in
26 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be filed by submitting to the
27 Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth
28 day following the close of the state convention, a certificate, signed by
29 such candidate and attested by either (A) the chairman or presiding
30 officer, or (B) the secretary of the convention, that such candidate
31 received at least fifteen per cent of such votes, and that such candidate
32 consents to be a candidate in a primary of such party for such state
33 office. Such certificate shall specify the candidate's name as the
34 candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the candidate's full
35 residence address and the title of the office for which the candidacy is
36 being filed. A single such certificate or petition for state office may be
37 filed on behalf of two or more candidates for different state offices who
38 consent to have their names appear on a single row of the primary
39 ballot under subsection (b) of section 9-437. Candidacies described in
40 subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be filed by submitting said
41 petition not later than four o'clock p.m. on the sixty-third day
42 preceding the day of the primary for such office to the registrar of
43 voters of the towns in which the respective petition pages were
44 circulated. Each registrar shall file each page of such petition with the
45 Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
46 404c. A petition filed by or on behalf of a candidate for state office shall
47 be invalid for such candidate if such candidate is certified as the party-
48 endorsed candidate pursuant to section 9-388, as amended by this act,
49 or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the convention vote for such
50 office pursuant to this subsection. Except as provided in section 9-416a,
51 upon the expiration of the time period for party endorsement and
52 circulation and tabulation of petitions and signatures, if any, if one or
53 more candidacies for such state office have been filed pursuant to the

54 provisions of this section, the Secretary of the State shall notify all
55 town clerks and registrars of voters in accordance with the provisions
56 of section 9-433, that a primary for such state office shall be held in
57 each municipality in accordance with the provisions of section 9-415.

58 Sec. 3. Section 9-388 of the general statutes is repealed and the
59 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

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

88 accordance with the provisions of section 9-175.

89 Sec. 4. Section 9-404a of the general statutes is repealed and the
90 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

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

122 duplicates. The duplicates may be filed in the same manner and shall
123 be subject to the same requirements as original petition pages. All
124 information relative to primary petitions shall be a public record.

125 Sec. 5. Section 9-451 of the general statutes is repealed and the
126 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

127 The nomination by a minor party of any candidate for office,
128 including an office established after the last-preceding election, and the
129 selection in a municipality by a minor party of town committee
130 members or delegates to conventions may be made in the manner
131 prescribed in the rules of such party, or alterations or amendments
132 thereto, filed with the Secretary of the State in accordance with section
133 9-374, except that no nomination by a minor party for the state office of
134 Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall be filed unless a joint
135 nomination by such party as a ticket for both such offices is filed.

136 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 9-437 of the general statutes is
137 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
138 *January 1, 2016*):

139 (a) At the top of each ballot shall be printed the name of the party
140 holding the primary, and each ballot shall contain the names of all
141 candidates to be voted upon at such primary, except the names of
142 justices of the peace. The vertical columns shall be headed by the
143 designation of the office or position and instructions as to the number
144 for which an elector may vote for such office or position, in the same
145 manner as a ballot used in a regular election, except that the
146 designations for the state offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor
147 shall be in the same vertical column. The name of each candidate for
148 town committee or municipal office, except for the municipal offices of
149 state senator and state representative, shall appear on the ballot as it
150 appears on the registry list of such candidate's town of voting
151 residence, except as provided in section 9-42a. The name of each
152 candidate for state or district office or for the municipal offices of state
153 senator or state representative shall appear on the ballot as it appears
154 on the certificate or statement of consent filed under section 9-388, as

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

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

177 (g) (1) As used in this subsection, (A) "the lawful purposes of the
178 committee" means: (i) For a candidate committee or exploratory
179 committee, the promoting of the nomination or election of the
180 candidate who established the committee, except that after a joint
181 endorsement for nomination as a ticket, pursuant to section 1 of this
182 act, the filing of a joint candidacy for nomination as a ticket, pursuant
183 to section 9-400, as amended by this act, or 9-404a, as amended by this
184 act, or a political party nominates candidates for election to the offices
185 of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, whose names shall be so placed
186 on the ballot in the election that an elector will cast a single vote for
187 both candidates, as prescribed in section 9-181, a candidate committee
188 established by either such candidate may also promote the nomination

189 or election of the other such candidate; (ii) for a political committee,
190 the promoting of a political party, including party building activities,
191 the success or defeat of candidates for nomination and election to
192 public office or position subject to the requirements of this chapter, or
193 the success or defeat of referendum questions, provided a political
194 committee formed for a single referendum question shall not promote
195 the success or defeat of any candidate, and provided further a
196 legislative leadership committee or a legislative caucus committee may
197 expend funds to defray costs for conducting legislative or
198 constituency-related business which are not reimbursed or paid by the
199 state; and (iii) for a party committee, the promoting of the party, party
200 building activities, the candidates of the party and continuing
201 operating costs of the party, and (B) "immediate family" means a
202 spouse or dependent child of a candidate who resides in the
203 candidate's household.

204 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 9-616 of the general statutes is
205 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
206 *passage*):

207 (a) A candidate committee shall not make contributions to, or for the
208 benefit of, (1) a party committee, (2) a political committee, (3) a
209 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office, (4) a national
210 committee, or (5) another candidate committee except that (A) a pro
211 rata sharing of certain expenses in accordance with subsection (b) of
212 section 9-610 shall be permitted, and (B) after a joint endorsement for
213 nomination as a ticket, pursuant to section 1 of this act, the filing of a
214 joint candidacy for nomination as a ticket, pursuant to section 9-400, as
215 amended by this act, or 9-404a, as amended by this act, or a political
216 party nominates candidates for election to the offices of Governor and
217 Lieutenant Governor, whose names shall be so placed on the ballot in
218 the election or primary, as the case may be, that an elector will cast a
219 single vote for both candidates, as prescribed in section 9-181 or 9-437,
220 as amended by this act, as the case may be, an expenditure by a
221 candidate committee established by either such candidate that benefits
222 the candidate committee established by the other such candidate shall

223 be permitted.

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

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

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

252 (2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
253 of [Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
254 Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in
255 the aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which sixty-

256 seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by
257 individuals residing in the state. The provisions of this subdivision
258 shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate committee shall
259 return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any
260 individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars,
261 and such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating such
262 amounts, and (B) all contributions received by an exploratory
263 committee established by said candidate that meet the criteria for
264 qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section
265 shall be considered in calculating such amounts.

266 (3) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
267 of state senator for a district, contributions from individuals in the
268 aggregate amount of fifteen thousand dollars, including contributions
269 from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities
270 included, in whole or in part, in said district. The provisions of this
271 subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate
272 committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
273 from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one
274 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
275 calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision,
276 (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes of the
277 requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least
278 three hundred individuals residing in municipalities included, in
279 whole or in part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or
280 more, and (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee
281 established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying
282 contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be
283 considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under
284 this subdivision and all such exploratory committee contributions that
285 also meet the requirement under this subdivision for contributions
286 from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities
287 included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be counted for the
288 purposes of said requirement.

289 (4) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office

290 of state representative for a district, contributions from individuals in
291 the aggregate amount of five thousand dollars, including contributions
292 from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities
293 included, in whole or in part, in said district. The provisions of this
294 subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate
295 committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
296 from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one
297 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
298 calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision,
299 (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes of the
300 requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least one
301 hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole
302 or in part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or more,
303 and (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee
304 established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying
305 contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be
306 considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under
307 this subdivision and all such exploratory committee contributions that
308 also meet the requirement under this subdivision for contributions
309 from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities
310 included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be counted for the
311 purposes of said requirement.

312 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (3) and (4) of
313 this subsection, in the case of a special election for the office of state
314 senator or state representative for a district, (A) the aggregate amount
315 of qualifying contributions that the candidate committee of a candidate
316 for such office shall be required to receive in order to be eligible for a
317 grant from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be seventy-five per cent or
318 more of the corresponding amount required under the applicable said
319 subdivision (3) or (4), and (B) the number of contributions required
320 from individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in
321 part, in said district shall be seventy-five per cent or more of the
322 corresponding number required under the applicable said subdivision
323 (3) or (4).

324 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 9-705 of the
325 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
326 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

327 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of [a major party
328 candidate for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination
329 to said office] major party candidates campaigning jointly for
330 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as
331 amended by this act, who have a primary for nomination as a ticket to
332 said offices shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens'
333 Election Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of one million
334 two hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a primary
335 held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under
336 subsection (d) of this section.

337 (2) The qualified candidate committee of [a candidate for the office
338 of Governor who has been nominated, or who has] candidates
339 nominated as a ticket and campaigning jointly for the offices of
340 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as
341 amended by this act, or candidates campaigning jointly who have
342 qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with the
343 provisions of subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to
344 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the
345 amount of six million dollars, provided in the case of an election held
346 in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
347 (d) of this section.

348 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
349 for the office of [Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
350 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a
351 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant
352 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three
353 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a
354 primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
355 under subsection (d) of this section.

356 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of

357 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
358 Treasurer who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on
359 the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of
360 part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund
361 for the general election campaign in the amount of seven hundred fifty
362 thousand dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2014, or
363 thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this
364 section.

365 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of
366 this section, the qualified candidate committee of eligible minor party
367 candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
368 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this
369 act, or the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party
370 candidate for the office of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney
371 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer
372 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
373 election campaign if the candidate of the same minor party for the
374 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten
375 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said
376 office at said election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the
377 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
378 (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if
379 the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
380 preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the
381 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
382 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of
383 the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
384 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the
385 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
386 election received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes
387 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the
388 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign
389 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the
390 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2014, or
391 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this

392 section.

393 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
394 section, the qualified candidate committee of eligible petitioning party
395 candidates campaigning jointly for the office of Governor and
396 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this
397 act, or the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
398 party candidate for the office of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,]
399 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
400 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
401 general election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has
402 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per
403 cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last
404 preceding regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third
405 of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection
406 (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided
407 (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a
408 number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the
409 whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
410 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
411 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
412 (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if said
413 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
414 qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number
415 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
416 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general
417 election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a
418 candidate for the same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in
419 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d)
420 of this section.

421 (3) In addition to the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
422 subsection, the qualified candidate committee of eligible petitioning
423 party candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
424 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this
425 act, the qualified candidate committee of eligible minor party

426 candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
427 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said section and the qualified
428 candidate committee of an eligible petitioning party candidate and the
429 qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party candidate for
430 the office of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
431 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer shall be eligible
432 to receive a supplemental grant from the fund after the general election
433 if the treasurer of such candidate committee reports a deficit in the first
434 statement filed after the general election, pursuant to section 9-608, and
435 such candidate received a greater percentage of the whole number of
436 votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election than the
437 percentage of votes utilized by such candidate to obtain a general
438 election campaign grant described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this
439 subsection. The amount of such supplemental grant shall be calculated
440 as follows:

441 (A) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than ten
442 per cent, but not more than fifteen per cent, of the whole number of
443 votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant
444 shall be the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the
445 difference between the percentage of such whole number of votes
446 received by such candidate and ten per cent and the denominator is
447 ten, and (ii) two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign
448 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party
449 candidate for the same office.

450 (B) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than fifteen
451 per cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the whole number of votes
452 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be
453 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference
454 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by
455 such candidate and fifteen per cent and the denominator is five, and
456 (ii) one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant
457 under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate
458 for the same office.

459 (C) The sum of the general election campaign grant received by any
460 such candidate and a supplemental grant under this subdivision shall
461 not exceed one hundred per cent of the amount of the general election
462 campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major
463 party candidate for the same office.

464 Sec. 11. Subdivision (5) of subsection (j) of section 9-705 of the
465 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
466 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

467 (5) The amount of the primary grant or general election campaign
468 grant for a qualified candidate committee shall be reduced, pursuant to
469 the provisions of this subdivision, if such candidate committee has
470 control and custody over lawn signs from any prior election or
471 primary in the following applicable amount: (A) Five hundred or more
472 lawn signs for the qualified candidate committee of major party
473 candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
474 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this
475 act, the qualified candidate committee of eligible minor party
476 candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
477 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said section or the qualified
478 candidate committee of eligible petitioning party candidates
479 campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant
480 Governor, pursuant to said section or the qualified candidate
481 committee of a candidate for the office of [Governor, Lieutenant
482 Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
483 or State Treasurer, (B) one hundred or more lawn signs for the
484 qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state
485 senator, or (C) fifty or more lawn signs for the qualified candidate
486 committee of a candidate for the office of state representative. If such
487 qualified candidate committee has custody and control over lawn
488 signs in the applicable amount, as described in this subdivision, the
489 grant from the fund for the primary campaign or general election
490 campaign, as applicable, for such qualified candidate committee shall
491 be reduced as follows: (i) Two thousand five hundred dollars for the
492 qualified candidate committee of major party candidates campaigning

493 jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant
494 to section 9-709, as amended by this act, the qualified candidate
495 committee of eligible minor party candidates campaigning jointly for
496 the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said
497 section or the qualified candidate committee of eligible petitioning
498 party candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
499 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said section or the qualified
500 candidate committee of a candidate for the office of [Governor,
501 Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary
502 of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) five hundred dollars for the
503 qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state
504 senator, or (iii) two hundred fifty dollars for the qualified candidate
505 committee of a candidate for the office of state representative. In no
506 event shall such a reduction be made both to a qualified candidate
507 committee's primary campaign grant and to such candidate
508 committee's general election grant. No reduction in either the primary
509 campaign or general election campaign for a qualified candidate
510 committee's grant shall be taken for any lawn sign that is not in the
511 custody or control of the qualified candidate committee. Nothing in
512 this subdivision shall be construed to apply to any item other than
513 lawn signs.

514 Sec. 12. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-706 of
515 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in
516 lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

517 (a) (1) A participating candidate for nomination [to] for the office of
518 state senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office
519 of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
520 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, or a
521 participating candidate campaigning jointly with another participating
522 candidate for nomination to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant
523 Governor, in 2010, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections
524 Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens'
525 Election Program for a primary campaign, after the close of the state
526 convention of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of

527 choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is
528 seeking, if a primary is required under chapter 153, and (A) said party
529 endorses the candidate for the office that the candidate is seeking, (B)
530 the candidate is seeking nomination to the office of Governor,
531 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
532 Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator
533 or state representative and receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes
534 of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote
535 taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for
536 the office the candidate is seeking, or (C) the candidate circulates a
537 petition and obtains the required number of signatures for (i) filing a
538 joint candidacy for nomination as a ticket for the offices of Governor
539 and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by
540 this act, (ii) filing a candidacy for nomination for [(i)] the office of
541 [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
542 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district
543 office of state senator or state representative, pursuant to section 9-400,
544 as amended by this act, or [(ii)] (iii) filing a candidacy for nomination
545 for the municipal office of state senator or state representative,
546 pursuant to section 9-406, whichever is applicable. The State Elections
547 Enforcement Commission shall make any such grants to participating
548 candidates in accordance with the provisions of subsections (d) to (g),
549 inclusive, of this section.

550 (2) A participating candidate for nomination [to] for the office of
551 state senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office
552 of [Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the
553 State or State Treasurer, or a participating candidate campaigning
554 jointly with another participating candidate for nomination as a ticket
555 to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, in 2010, or
556 thereafter, may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission
557 for a grant from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a
558 general election campaign:

559 (A) After the close of the state or district convention or municipal
560 caucus, convention or town committee meeting, whichever is

561 applicable, of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of
562 choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is
563 seeking, if (i) said party endorses said candidate for the office that the
564 candidate is seeking and no other candidate of said party files a
565 candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
566 provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this act, or 9-406, whichever
567 is applicable, (ii) the candidate is seeking election to the office of
568 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
569 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state
570 senator or state representative and receives at least fifteen per cent of
571 the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-
572 call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a
573 candidate for the office the candidate is seeking, no other candidate for
574 said office at such convention either receives the party endorsement or
575 said percentage of said votes for said endorsement or files a certificate
576 of endorsement with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
577 provisions of section 9-388, as amended by this act, or a candidacy
578 with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of
579 section 9-400, as amended by this act, and no other candidate for said
580 office circulates a petition and obtains the required number of
581 signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for said office
582 pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by this act, (iii) the candidate is
583 seeking election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
584 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of
585 the State or the district office of state senator or state representative,
586 circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for
587 filing a candidacy for nomination for said office pursuant to section 9-
588 400, as amended by this act, and no other candidate for said office at
589 the state or district convention either receives the party endorsement
590 or said percentage of said votes for said endorsement or files a
591 certificate of endorsement with the Secretary of the State in accordance
592 with the provisions of section 9-388, as amended by this act, or a
593 candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
594 provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this act, or (iv) the
595 candidate is seeking election to the municipal office of state senator or

596 state representative, circulates a petition and obtains the required
597 number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for the
598 office the candidate is seeking pursuant to section 9-406 and no other
599 candidate for said office at the caucus, convention or town committee
600 meeting either receives the party endorsement or files a certification of
601 endorsement with the town clerk in accordance with the provisions of
602 section 9-391;

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

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

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

612 Sec. 13. Section 9-709 of the general statutes is repealed and the
613 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

614 (a) For purposes of this section, expenditures made to aid or
615 promote the success of both a candidate for nomination or election to
616 the office of Governor and a candidate for nomination or election to
617 the office of Lieutenant Governor jointly, shall be considered
618 expenditures made to aid or promote the success of a candidate for
619 nomination or election to the office of Governor. The party-endorsed
620 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
621 Governor and the party-endorsed candidate for nomination or election
622 to the office of Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or promoting
623 the success of both candidates jointly [upon the earliest of the
624 following: (1) The primary, whether held for the office of Governor, the
625 office of Lieutenant Governor, or both; (2) if no primary is held for the
626 office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the fourteenth day
627 following the close of the convention; or (3) a declaration by the party-

628 endorsed candidates that they will campaign jointly. Any other
629 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
630 Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or promoting the success of
631 such candidacy for the office of Lieutenant Governor and the success
632 of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor
633 jointly upon a declaration by the candidates that they shall campaign
634 jointly.] upon: (1) In the case of major party candidates, the earlier of
635 (A) the joint endorsement for nomination as a ticket, or (B) the filing of
636 a joint candidacy for nomination as a ticket; (2) in the case of eligible
637 minor party candidates, the joint nomination as a ticket; or (3) in the
638 case of eligible petitioning party candidates, the approval of such
639 candidates' nominating petition by the Secretary of the State.

640 (b) If a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
641 Lieutenant Governor is campaigning jointly with a candidate for
642 nomination or election to the office of Governor, the candidate
643 committee and any exploratory committee for the candidate for the
644 office of Lieutenant Governor shall be dissolved as of the applicable
645 date set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Not later than fifteen
646 days after said date, the treasurer of the candidate committee formed
647 to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination or
648 election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall file a statement with
649 the proper authority under section 9-603, identifying all contributions
650 received or expenditures made by the committee since the previous
651 statement and the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be. Not
652 later than thirty days after the applicable date set forth in subsection
653 (a) of this section, (1) the treasurer of a qualified candidate committee
654 formed to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination
655 or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall distribute any
656 surplus to the fund, and (2) the treasurer of a nonqualified candidate
657 committee formed to aid or promote the success of said candidate for
658 nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall
659 distribute such surplus in accordance with the provisions of subsection
660 (e) of section 9-608.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-400(a)
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-388
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-404a
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-451
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-437(a)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-607(g)(1)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-616(a)
Sec. 9	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-704(a)
Sec. 10	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-705(a) to (c)
Sec. 11	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-705(j)(5)
Sec. 12	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-706(a)(1) and (2)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	9-709