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"AN ACT CONCERNING TAX FAIRNESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) No treasurer of a qualified
4 candidate committee, as defined in section 9-700 of the general
5 statutes, shall pay the expenses of compensation in excess of one
6 thousand dollars, in the aggregate, for any member of the immediate
7 family, as defined in section 9-601 of the general statutes, or any entity
8 owned or partially owned by a member of the immediate family of any
9 candidate participating in the Citizens' Election Program.

10 Sec. 502. Section 9-718 of the general statutes is repealed and the
11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

12 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes and
13 except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, no [town] party
14 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
15 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the benefit of a
16 participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating
17 candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of state
18 senator in an amount that exceeds ten thousand dollars for the general
19 election campaign.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no party
21 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
22 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the purposes
23 described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of section 9-601 for
24 the benefit of a participating candidate or the candidate committee of a
25 participating candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office
26 of state senator for the primary campaign.

27 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes and
28 except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, no [town] party
29 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
30 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the benefit of a
31 participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating
32 candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of state
33 representative in an amount that exceeds three thousand five hundred
34 dollars for the general election campaign.

35 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no party
36 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
37 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the purposes
38 described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of section 9-601 for
39 the benefit of a participating candidate or the candidate committee of a
40 participating candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office
41 of state representative for the primary campaign.

42 (e) For any election for the office of state senator or state
43 representative held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the
44 limitations on organization expenditures provided in subsections (a)
45 and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
46 Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2014, and
47 biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer
48 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
49 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
50 beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December thirty-first in
51 the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

52 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes and except
53 as provided in subsection (j) of this section, no state central committee
54 shall make an organization expenditure for the benefit of a
55 participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating
56 candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of Governor
57 in an amount that exceeds two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the
58 general election campaign.

59 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no state
60 central committee shall make an organization expenditure for the
61 purposes described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of section
62 9-601 for the benefit of a participating candidate or the candidate
63 committee of a participating candidate in the Citizens' Election
64 Program for the office of Governor for the primary campaign.

65 (h) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes and
66 except as provided in subsection (j) of this section, no state central
67 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the benefit of a
68 participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating
69 candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of Lieutenant
70 Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or
71 Secretary of the State in an amount that exceeds seventy-five thousand
72 dollars for the general election campaign.

73 (i) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no state

74 central committee shall make an organization expenditure for the
75 purposes described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of section
76 9-601 for the benefit of a participating candidate or the candidate
77 committee of a participating candidate in the Citizens' Election
78 Program for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
79 Treasurer, State Comptroller or Secretary of the State for the primary
80 campaign.

81 (j) For any election for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
82 Attorney General, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Secretary of
83 the State held in 2018, and thereafter, the amount of the limitations on
84 organization expenditures provided in subsections (f) and (h) of this
85 section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
86 Commission not later than January 15, 2018, and quadrennially
87 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
88 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
89 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
90 January 1, 2016, and ending on December thirty-first in the year
91 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

92 Sec. 503. Subsection (a) of section 9-612 of the general statutes is
93 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
94 *passage*):

95 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any
96 one calendar year in excess of [ten] five thousand dollars to the state
97 central committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee
98 pursuant to its authorization or request; or two thousand dollars to a
99 town committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such
100 committee pursuant to its authorization or request; or two thousand
101 dollars to a legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
102 committee, or one thousand dollars to any other political committee
103 other than (1) a political committee formed solely to aid or promote the
104 success or defeat of a referendum question, (2) an exploratory
105 committee, (3) a political committee established by an organization, or
106 for the benefit of such committee pursuant to its authorization or

107 request, or (4) a political committee formed by a slate of candidates in
108 a primary for the office of justice of the peace of the same town.

109 Sec. 504. Section 9-705 of the general statutes is repealed and the
110 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

111 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
112 for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said
113 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election
114 Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of [one million two
115 hundred fifty thousand] one million fifteen thousand six hundred
116 eighty-eighty dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held in [2014]
117 2018, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d)
118 of this section.

119 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
120 Governor who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on
121 the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of
122 part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund
123 for the general election campaign in the amount of [six million] four
124 million eight hundred seventy-five thousand three hundred dollars,
125 provided in the case of an election held in [2014] 2018, or thereafter,
126 said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

127 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
128 for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
129 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a
130 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant
131 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of [three
132 hundred seventy-five thousand] three hundred four thousand seven
133 hundred six dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held in [2014]
134 2018, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d)
135 of this section.

136 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
137 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State

138 Treasurer who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on
139 the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of
140 part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund
141 for the general election campaign in the amount of [seven hundred
142 fifty thousand] six hundred nine thousand four hundred twelve
143 dollars, provided in the case of an election held in [2014] 2018, or
144 thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this
145 section.

146 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of
147 this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor
148 party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
149 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
150 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
151 general election campaign if the candidate of the same minor party for
152 the same office at the last preceding regular election received at least
153 ten per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for
154 said office at said election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third
155 of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection
156 (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided
157 (A) if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the
158 last preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the
159 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
160 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of
161 the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
162 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the
163 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
164 election received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes
165 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the
166 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign
167 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the
168 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in [2014] 2018, or
169 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this
170 section.

171 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
172 section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
173 party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
174 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
175 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
176 general election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has
177 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per
178 cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last
179 preceding regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third
180 of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection
181 (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided
182 (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a
183 number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the
184 whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
185 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
186 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
187 (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if said
188 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
189 qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number
190 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
191 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general
192 election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a
193 candidate for the same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in
194 [2014] 2018, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under
195 subsection (d) of this section.

196 (3) In addition to the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
197 subsection, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
198 party candidate and the qualified candidate committee of an eligible
199 minor party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
200 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
201 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a supplemental grant from the
202 fund after the general election if the treasurer of such candidate
203 committee reports a deficit in the first statement filed after the general
204 election, pursuant to section 9-608, and such candidate received a

205 greater percentage of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates
206 for said office at said election than the percentage of votes utilized by
207 such candidate to obtain a general election campaign grant described
208 in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection. The amount of such
209 supplemental grant shall be calculated as follows:

210 (A) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than ten
211 per cent, but not more than fifteen per cent, of the whole number of
212 votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant
213 shall be the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the
214 difference between the percentage of such whole number of votes
215 received by such candidate and ten per cent and the denominator is
216 ten, and (ii) two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign
217 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party
218 candidate for the same office.

219 (B) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than fifteen
220 per cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the whole number of votes
221 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be
222 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference
223 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by
224 such candidate and fifteen per cent and the denominator is five, and
225 (ii) one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant
226 under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate
227 for the same office.

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

233 (d) For elections held in [2014] 2018, and thereafter, the amount of
234 the grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted
235 by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January
236 15, [2014] 2018, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any

237 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
238 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
239 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, [2010] 2014, and
240 ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in
241 which said adjustment is to be made.

242 (e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
243 for the office of state senator who has a primary for nomination to said
244 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary
245 campaign in the amount of [thirty-five thousand] twenty-nine
246 thousand two hundred forty-three dollars, provided (A) if the
247 percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who are
248 enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors in
249 said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least twenty
250 percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be [seventy-five
251 thousand] sixty-two thousand six hundred sixty-three dollars, and (B)
252 in the case of a primary held in [2010] 2016, or thereafter, said amounts
253 shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section. For the purposes
254 of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the number of enrolled
255 members of a major party and the number of electors in a district shall
256 be determined by the latest enrollment and voter registration records
257 in the office of the Secretary of the State submitted in accordance with
258 the provisions of section 9-65. The names of electors on the inactive
259 registry list compiled under section 9-35 shall not be counted for such
260 purposes.

261 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
262 state senator who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on
263 the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter
264 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
265 election campaign in the amount of [eighty-five thousand] seventy-one
266 thousand seventeen dollars, provided in the case of an election held in
267 [2010] 2016, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under
268 subsection (h) of this section.

269 (3) (A) In the case of an adjourned primary pursuant to section 9-

270 446, a qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the
271 office of state senator who appears on the ballot for such adjourned
272 primary shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
273 adjourned primary in an amount of [fifteen thousand] eleven thousand
274 two hundred fifty dollars, provided in the case of a primary held in
275 2016, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h)
276 of this section.

277 (B) In the case of an adjourned election pursuant to section 9-332, a
278 qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state
279 senator who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on the
280 election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter 153,
281 and who appears on the ballot for such adjourned election shall be
282 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election
283 campaign in the amount of [fifteen thousand] eleven thousand two
284 hundred fifty dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2016,
285 or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of
286 this section.

287 (f) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
288 for the office of state representative who has a primary for nomination
289 to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
290 primary campaign in the amount of [ten thousand] eight thousand
291 three hundred fifty-five dollars, provided (A) if the percentage of the
292 electors in the district served by said office who are enrolled in said
293 major party exceeds the percentage of the electors in said district who
294 are enrolled in another major party by at least twenty percentage
295 points, the amount of said grant shall be [twenty-five thousand]
296 twenty thousand eight hundred eighty-eight dollars, and (B) in the
297 case of a primary held in [2010] 2016, or thereafter, said amounts shall
298 be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section. For the purposes of
299 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the number of enrolled members
300 of a major party and the number of electors in a district shall be
301 determined by the latest enrollment and voter registration records in
302 the office of the Secretary of the State submitted in accordance with the

303 provisions of section 9-65. The names of electors on the inactive
304 registry list compiled under section 9-35 shall not be counted for such
305 purposes.

306 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
307 state representative who has been nominated, or has qualified to
308 appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of
309 chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
310 general election campaign in the amount of [twenty-five thousand]
311 twenty thousand eight hundred eighty-eight dollars, provided in the
312 case of an election held in [2010] 2016, or thereafter, said amount shall
313 be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

314 (3) (A) In the case of an adjourned primary pursuant to section 9-
315 446, a qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the
316 office of state representative who appears on the ballot for such
317 adjourned primary shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for
318 the adjourned primary in an amount of [five thousand] three thousand
319 seven hundred fifty dollars, provided in the case of a primary held in
320 2016, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h)
321 of this section.

322 (B) In the case of an adjourned election pursuant to section 9-332, a
323 qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state
324 representative who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on
325 the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter
326 153, and who appears on the ballot for such adjourned election shall be
327 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election
328 campaign in the amount of [five thousand] three thousand seven
329 hundred fifty dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2016,
330 or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of
331 this section.

332 (g) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e) and (f) of
333 this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor
334 party candidate for the office of state senator or state representative

335 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
336 election campaign if the candidate of the same minor party for the
337 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten
338 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said
339 office at said election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the
340 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or
341 (f) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if the
342 candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
343 preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the
344 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
345 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of
346 the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
347 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the
348 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
349 election received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes
350 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the
351 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign
352 grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a candidate for the
353 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in [2010] 2016, or
354 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
355 section.

356 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e) and (f) of this
357 section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
358 party candidate for the office of state senator or state representative
359 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
360 election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has been
361 signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per cent of
362 the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
363 regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the
364 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or
365 (f) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if
366 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
367 qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the whole number
368 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,

369 the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the
370 general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
371 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if said candidate's
372 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
373 equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes cast for
374 the same office at the last preceding regular election, the amount of the
375 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign
376 grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a candidate for the
377 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in [2010] 2016, or
378 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
379 section.

380 (3) In addition to the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
381 subsection, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
382 party candidate and the qualified candidate committee of an eligible
383 minor party candidate for the office of state senator or state
384 representative shall be eligible to receive a supplemental grant from
385 the fund after the general election if the treasurer of such candidate
386 committee reports a deficit in the first statement filed after the general
387 election, pursuant to section 9-608, and such candidate received a
388 greater percentage of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates
389 for said office at said election than the percentage of votes utilized by
390 such candidate to obtain a general election campaign grant described
391 in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection. The amount of such
392 supplemental grant shall be calculated as follows:

393 (A) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than ten
394 per cent, but less than fifteen per cent, of the whole number of votes
395 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be
396 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference
397 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by
398 such candidate and ten per cent and the denominator is ten, and (ii)
399 two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under
400 subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a major party candidate for the
401 same office.

402 (B) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than fifteen
403 per cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the whole number of votes
404 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be
405 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference
406 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by
407 such candidate and fifteen per cent and the denominator is five, and
408 (ii) one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant
409 under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a major party candidate
410 for the same office.

411 (C) The sum of the general election campaign grant received by any
412 such candidate and a supplemental grant under this subdivision shall
413 not exceed one hundred per cent of the amount of the general election
414 campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a major
415 party candidate for the same office.

416 (h) For elections held in [2010] 2016, and thereafter, the amount of
417 the grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted
418 by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January
419 15, [2010] 2016, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any
420 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
421 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
422 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, [2008] 2014, and
423 ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in
424 which said adjustment is to be made.

425 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e), (f) and (g) of
426 this section, in the case of a special election for the office of state
427 senator or state representative, the amount of the grant for a general
428 election campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the amount
429 authorized under the applicable said subsection (e), (f) or (g).

430 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,
431 of this section:

432 (1) The initial grant that a qualified candidate committee for a

433 candidate is eligible to receive under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of
434 this section shall be reduced by the amount of any personal funds that
435 the candidate provides for the candidate's campaign for nomination or
436 election pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-710;

437 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
438 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized
439 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section, the amount of the
440 grant for the general election campaign shall be reduced by the total
441 amount of any such unexpended primary campaign grant and
442 moneys;

443 (3) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election does
444 not have any opponent in the general election campaign, [the amount
445 of the general election campaign grant for which the qualified
446 candidate committee for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty
447 per cent of the applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i),
448 inclusive, of this section] the qualified candidate committee for said
449 candidate shall be ineligible to receive a grant from the Citizens'
450 Election Fund. For purposes of this subdivision, a participating
451 candidate shall be deemed to have an opponent if (A) a major party
452 has properly endorsed any other candidate and made the requisite
453 filing with the Secretary of the State within the time specified in section
454 9-391 or 9-400, as applicable, (B) any candidate of any other major
455 party has received not less than fifteen per cent of the vote of
456 convention delegates and has complied with the filing requirements
457 set forth in section 9-400, or (C) any candidate of any other major party
458 has circulated a petition and obtained the required number of
459 signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination and has either
460 qualified for the primary or been deemed the party's nominee;

461 (4) If the only opponent or opponents of a participating candidate
462 who is nominated for election to an office are eligible minor party
463 candidates or eligible petitioning party candidates and no such eligible
464 minor party candidate's or eligible petitioning party candidate's
465 candidate committee has received a total amount of contributions of

466 any type that is equal to or greater than the amount of the qualifying
467 contributions that a candidate for such office is required to receive
468 under section 9-704 to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election
469 Fund, the amount of the general election campaign grant for such
470 participating candidate shall be sixty per cent of the applicable amount
471 set forth in this section; and

472 (5) The amount of the primary grant or general election campaign
473 grant for a qualified candidate committee shall be reduced, pursuant to
474 the provisions of this subdivision, if such candidate committee has
475 control and custody over lawn signs from any prior election or
476 primary in the following applicable amount: (A) Five hundred or more
477 lawn signs for the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the
478 office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
479 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (B) one hundred
480 or more lawn signs for the qualified candidate committee of a
481 candidate for the office of state senator, or (C) fifty or more lawn signs
482 for the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
483 state representative. If such qualified candidate committee has custody
484 and control over lawn signs in the applicable amount, as described in
485 this subdivision, the grant from the fund for the primary campaign or
486 general election campaign, as applicable, for such qualified candidate
487 committee shall be reduced as follows: (i) Two thousand five hundred
488 dollars for the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the
489 office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
490 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) five hundred
491 dollars for the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the
492 office of state senator, or (iii) two hundred fifty dollars for the qualified
493 candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state
494 representative. In no event shall such a reduction be made both to a
495 qualified candidate committee's primary campaign grant and to such
496 candidate committee's general election grant. No reduction in either
497 the primary campaign or general election campaign for a qualified
498 candidate committee's grant shall be taken for any lawn sign that is not
499 in the custody or control of the qualified candidate committee.

500 Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to apply to any item
501 other than lawn signs.

502 Sec. 505. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No treasurer of a federal
503 account, as defined in section 9-601 of the general statutes, shall make
504 any contribution or expenditure from such federal account to, or for
505 the benefit of, any candidate seeking any elective office subject to the
506 provisions of chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, of the general statutes or
507 the candidate committee of any such candidate.

508 (b) Any candidate participating in and having received a grant
509 under the Citizens' Election Program, pursuant to chapter 157 of the
510 general statutes, or the candidate committee of any such candidate that
511 receives, or is benefited by, any contribution or expenditure described
512 in subsection (a) of this section shall, upon a finding by the State
513 Elections Enforcement Commission of a violation under subparagraph
514 (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the general
515 statutes, as amended by this act, be liable for repayment of the full
516 amount of such grant to the Citizens' Election Fund.

517 Sec. 506. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the
518 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
519 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

520 (2) To levy a civil penalty not to exceed (A) two thousand dollars
521 per offense against any person the commission finds to be in violation
522 of any provision of chapter 145, part V of chapter 146, part I of chapter
523 147, chapter 148, section 7-9, section 9-12, subsection (a) of section 9-17,
524 section 9-19b, 9-19e, 9-19g to 9-19k, inclusive, 9-20, 9-21, 9-23a, 9-23g, 9-
525 23h, 9-23j to 9-23o, inclusive, 9-23r, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, 9-35c,
526 9-40a, 9-42, 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56, 9-59, 9-168d, 9-170, 9-171, 9-172, 9-232i to
527 9-232o, inclusive, 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, 9-409, 9-410, 9-412, 9-436,
528 9-436a, 9-453e to 9-453h, inclusive, 9-453k or 9-453o, (B) two thousand
529 dollars per offense against any town clerk, registrar of voters, an
530 appointee or designee of a town clerk or registrar of voters, or any
531 other election or primary official whom the commission finds to have

532 failed to discharge a duty imposed by any provision of chapter 146 or
 533 147, (C) two thousand dollars per offense against any person the
 534 commission finds to have (i) improperly voted in any election, primary
 535 or referendum, and (ii) not been legally qualified to vote in such
 536 election, primary or referendum, [or] (D) except as provided in
 537 subparagraph (E) of this subdivision, two thousand dollars per offense
 538 or twice the amount of any improper payment or contribution,
 539 whichever is greater, against any person the commission finds to be in
 540 violation of any provision of chapter 155 or 157, or (E) two thousand
 541 dollars per offense or three times the amount of any improper
 542 contribution or expenditure from a federal account, whichever is
 543 greater, against the treasurer of such federal account who the
 544 commission finds to be in violation of section 505 of this act. The
 545 commission may levy a civil penalty against any person under
 546 subparagraph (A), (B), (C), [or] (D) or (E) of this subdivision only after
 547 giving the person an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in
 548 accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive. In the case of
 549 failure to pay any such penalty levied pursuant to this subsection
 550 within thirty days of written notice sent by certified or registered mail
 551 to such person, the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford,
 552 on application of the commission, may issue an order requiring such
 553 person to pay the penalty imposed and such court costs, state
 554 marshal's fees and attorney's fees incurred by the commission as the
 555 court may determine. Any civil penalties paid, collected or recovered
 556 under subparagraph (D) of this subdivision for a violation of any
 557 provision of chapter 155 applying to the office of the Treasurer shall be
 558 deposited on a pro rata basis in any trust funds, as defined in section 3-
 559 13c, affected by such violation."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-718
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	9-612(a)
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	9-705

Sec. 505	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 506	<i>from passage</i>	9-7b(a)(2)