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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN STATUTES CONCERNING THE STATE
COMPTROLLER.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 5-262 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Federation" means a [community chest or other organization
5 which is incorporated as a nonstock corporation, is] legally constituted
6 grouping of not less than five affiliated nonprofit charitable member
7 organizations that are exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of
8 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
9 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
10 amended, [and consists of not less than ten affiliated agencies]
11 conducting a single, annual, consolidated effort to secure funds for
12 distribution to its member agencies engaged in charitable and public
13 health, welfare, environmental, conservation or service purposes.

14 (2) ["Agency" means an organization which is exempt from taxation
15 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
16 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
17 as from time to time amended] "Principal combined fund-raising
18 organization" means a federation, charitable organization or
19 consultant, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this
20 section, that is selected by the State Employee Campaign Committee to
21 administer the State Employee Campaign under the direction and
22 control of said committee.

23 (3) "State Employee Campaign" means an annual campaign to raise
24 funds from state employees for charitable and public health, welfare,
25 environmental, conservation and service purposes.

26 (b) (1) There is established a State Employee Campaign Committee
27 consisting of: The Comptroller, or [his] the Comptroller's designee; the
28 Commissioner of Administrative Services, or [his] the commissioner's
29 designee; the executive director of the Joint Committee on Legislative
30 Management, or [his] the executive director's designee; ten state
31 employees appointed [as follows: Four by the Governor, two of whom
32 shall be a representative of organized labor, one by the speaker of the
33 House of Representatives, one by the majority leader of the House of
34 Representatives, one by the minority leader of the House of
35 Representatives, one by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
36 by the majority leader of the Senate and one by the minority leader of
37 the Senate] in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection; two
38 retired state employees, one appointed by the Governor and one
39 appointed by the Comptroller; one nonvoting representative from each
40 participating federation; and one nonvoting representative from the
41 principal combined fund-raising organization selected pursuant to
42 subsection (c) of this section. Not more than one state employee from
43 any state agency shall be appointed to the committee. All voting
44 members of the state employee campaign committee and their
45 successors shall serve in accordance with the provisions of section 4-1a.
46 The committee shall select one of its voting members to serve as

47 chairperson.

48 (2) The ten state employee members of the State Employee
49 Campaign Committee shall be appointed as follows: Four by the
50 Governor, two of whom shall be representatives of organized labor;
51 one by the speaker of the House of Representatives; one by the
52 majority leader of the House of Representatives; one by the minority
53 leader of the House of Representatives; one by the president pro
54 tempore of the Senate; one by the majority leader of the Senate; and
55 one by the minority leader of the Senate.

56 (c) (1) The State Employee Campaign Committee shall [select a
57 federation which has participated in the State Employee Campaign
58 and has workplace campaign experience to administer the State
59 Employee Campaign and shall supervise the campaign activities of
60 such federation. The federation selected shall be referred to as the
61 "principal combined fund-raising organization". If two or more
62 federations request that the State Employee Campaign Committee
63 select them to serve as the principal combined fund-raising
64 organization, the State Employee Campaign Committee shall select a
65 federation through a competitive process. During the fiscal year
66 ending June 30, 1993, the committee shall also conduct a
67 comprehensive review of the State Employee Campaign. Not later than
68 July 1, 1993, and annually thereafter, the committee shall submit to the
69 Governor and the General Assembly a report on the results of the most
70 recently completed State Employee Campaign and recommendations
71 for improvements in the upcoming campaign.] be responsible for (A)
72 the overall coordination of the State Employee Campaign, selection of
73 participating federations and approval of campaign materials to be
74 used for the State Employee Campaign, and (B) the selection and
75 supervision of a principal combined fund-raising organization to
76 administer the State Employee Campaign.

77 (2) Each federation, charitable organization or consultant submitting
78 an application to become the principal combined fund-raising

79 organization for the State Employee Campaign shall demonstrate that
80 such federation, charitable organization or consultant (A) has prior
81 workplace campaign experience, including, but not limited to, (i) the
82 development of financial procedures for processing and tracking
83 contributions and expenditures, and (ii) conducting campaign
84 operations such as a kick-off and other events for the State Employee
85 Campaign, (B) has staff necessary to administer the State Employee
86 Campaign, and (C) will administer the State Employee Campaign
87 equitably and fairly.

88 (3) If two or more federations, charitable organizations or
89 consultants submit an application to become the principal combined
90 fund-raising organization for the State Employee Campaign, the State
91 Employee Campaign Committee shall, through a competitive process,
92 select the lowest responsible qualified bidder, as defined in subsection
93 (a) of section 4a-59. If only one federation, charitable organization or
94 consultant submits such an application and meets the qualifications
95 prescribed in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the State Employee
96 Campaign Committee shall select such federation, charitable
97 organization or consultant to become the principal combined fund-
98 raising organization.

99 (4) The Comptroller, on behalf of the State Employee Campaign
100 Committee, shall contract with the selected principal combined fund-
101 raising organization to administer the State Employee Campaign.

102 (d) (1) [Each] Any federation [which] that did not participate in the
103 most recently completed State Employee Campaign and wishes to
104 participate in the next State Employee Campaign shall apply to the
105 State Employee Campaign Committee not later than January fifteenth
106 annually for approval to participate in the [campaign] next State
107 Employee Campaign. Such application shall contain information
108 required by regulations adopted by the office of the Comptroller in
109 accordance with chapter 54, pursuant to subsection (h) of this section.
110 The committee shall review such application and notify the federation

111 of [its] the committee's decision not later than May fifteenth. [A
112 federation whose] If a federation's application is denied, such
113 federation may appeal the decision of the committee in accordance
114 with the procedures set forth in such regulations adopted by the office
115 of the Comptroller.

116 (2) On or before January fifteenth, each federation which
117 participated in the most recently completed State Employee Campaign
118 and wishes to participate in the next State Employee Campaign shall
119 submit to the State Employee Campaign Committee a letter of intent to
120 participate in the upcoming campaign. On or before April fifteenth,
121 each such federation shall apply to the State Employee Campaign
122 Committee for approval to participate in the [campaign] next State
123 Employee Campaign. Such application shall contain information
124 required by regulations adopted by the office of the Comptroller in
125 accordance with chapter 54, pursuant to subsection (h) of this section.
126 The committee shall review such application and notify the federation
127 of [its] the committee's decision not later than May fifteenth. [A
128 federation whose] If a federation's application is denied, such
129 federation may appeal the decision of the committee in accordance
130 with the procedures set forth in such regulations adopted by the office
131 of the Comptroller.

132 (e) The Comptroller, upon written request of any state officer or
133 employee, shall deduct, each pay period, from the salary or wages of
134 such officer or employee the amount of money designated by such
135 officer or employee for payment to the participating federation or
136 federations indicated by the officer or employee. Upon collecting such
137 deductions the Comptroller shall transmit them to the principal
138 combined fund-raising organization selected pursuant to subdivision
139 (3) of subsection (c) of this section, together with a list of officers and
140 employees contributing to each federation or its member agencies,
141 provided the identity of officers or employees who have
142 communicated in writing that they desire to remain anonymous shall
143 not be so transmitted. Such organization shall, each month after

144 receiving funds from the Comptroller, distribute the funds among the
145 other federations, for distribution to the member agencies of the
146 federations.

147 (f) Prior to the [state campaign] annual commencement of the State
148 Employee Campaign, the principal combined fund-raising
149 organization shall submit for the approval of the State Employee
150 Campaign Committee an itemized budget of anticipated
151 administrative expenses, which shall not include campaign expenses.
152 Following the [state campaign] annual conclusion of the State
153 Employee Campaign, the principal combined fund-raising
154 organization shall recover an amount not to exceed one hundred ten
155 per cent of its preapproved actual administrative expenses from the
156 gross payroll deduction receipts of the campaign in accordance with
157 procedures set forth in regulations adopted by the office of the
158 Comptroller. Undesignated funds raised through the campaign shall
159 be distributed among the participating federations in proportion to the
160 amount of funds designated for each federation.

161 (g) [The] Not later than March first annually, the principal
162 combined fund-raising organization shall submit to the Auditors of
163 Public Accounts for audit [and a copy to the office of the Comptroller,
164 by March first annually,] a financial report of its activities relating to
165 the State Employee Campaign payroll deductions made during the
166 previous calendar year. The principal combined fund-raising
167 organization shall submit a copy of such financial report to the office of
168 the Comptroller.

169 (h) The Comptroller shall (1) adopt regulations in accordance with
170 the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section, [.]
171 The regulations shall set forth the competitive process by which the
172 State Employee Campaign Committee shall select a federation to serve
173 as the principal combined fund-raising organization and may include
174 criteria for approval of federations applying under this section to
175 participate in the State Employee Campaign] and (2) exercise general

176 supervision over all operations of the State Employee Campaign and
177 take any steps necessary to ensure achievement of campaign
178 objectives, and (3) have the authority, for purposes of compliance with
179 this section and any accompanying regulation, to audit, investigate
180 and report on the administration of the State Employee Campaign, the
181 principal combined fund-raising organization that administers the
182 campaign and any federation or federation member organization that
183 participates in the State Employee Campaign.

184 (i) Not later than April first annually, the State Employee Campaign
185 Committee shall conduct a comprehensive review of the State
186 Employee Campaign and submit to the Governor, the Comptroller and
187 the General Assembly, in accordance with section 11-4a, a report on
188 the results of the most recently completed State Employee Campaign
189 and recommendations for improvements in the next State Employee
190 Campaign.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	5-262

Statement of Purpose:

To enhance the State Employee Campaign for charitable giving by providing flexibility in its administration.

[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.]