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"AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subdivision (3) of section 9-601 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (3) "Political committee" means (A) a committee organized by a
7 business entity or organization, (B) persons other than individuals, or
8 two or more individuals organized or acting jointly conducting their
9 activities in or outside the state, (C) an exploratory committee, (D) a
10 committee established by or on behalf of a slate of candidates in a
11 primary for the office of justice of the peace, but does not mean a
12 candidate committee or a party committee, (E) a legislative caucus

13 committee, [or] (F) a legislative leadership committee, or (G) an
14 independent expenditure political committee, as defined in section 2 of
15 this act.

16 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) As used in chapters 155 and 157
17 of the general statutes, "independent expenditure political committee"
18 means a political committee that makes only (1) independent
19 expenditures, as defined in section 9-601c of the general statutes, and
20 (2) contributions to other independent expenditure political
21 committees.

22 Sec. 3. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 9-607 of the
23 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
24 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

25 (g) (1) As used in this subsection, (A) "the lawful purposes of the
26 committee" means: (i) For a candidate committee or exploratory
27 committee, the promoting of the nomination or election of the
28 candidate who established the committee, except that after a political
29 party nominates candidates for election to the offices of Governor and
30 Lieutenant Governor, whose names shall be so placed on the ballot in
31 the election that an elector will cast a single vote for both candidates,
32 as prescribed in section 9-181, a candidate committee established by
33 either such candidate may also promote the election of the other such
34 candidate; (ii) for a political committee, other than an independent
35 expenditure political committee described in subparagraph (A)(iv) of
36 this subdivision, the promoting of (I) a political party, including party
37 building activities, (II) the success or defeat of candidates for
38 nomination [and] or election to public office or position subject to the
39 requirements of this chapter, or (III) the success or defeat of
40 referendum questions, provided a political committee formed for a
41 single referendum question shall not promote the success or defeat of
42 any candidate, and provided further a legislative leadership committee
43 or a legislative caucus committee may expend funds to defray costs for
44 conducting legislative or constituency-related business which are not

45 reimbursed or paid by the state; [and] (iii) for a party committee, the
 46 promoting of the party, party building activities, the candidates of the
 47 party and continuing operating costs of the party; and (iv) for an
 48 independent expenditure political committee, the promoting of (I) a
 49 political party, (II) the success or defeat of candidates for nomination
 50 or election to public office or position subject to the requirements of
 51 this chapter, or (III) the success or defeat of referendum questions,
 52 provided an independent expenditure political committee shall act
 53 entirely independently of a candidate, candidate committee, party
 54 committee or political committee that is not an independent
 55 expenditure political committee, or any agent of such candidate or
 56 committee, and (B) "immediate family" means a spouse or dependent
 57 child of a candidate who resides in the candidate's household.

58 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 9-608 of the general statutes is
 59 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 60 *passage*):

61 (c) (1) Each statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this
 62 section shall include, but not be limited to: (A) An itemized accounting
 63 of each contribution, if any, including the full name and complete
 64 address of each contributor and the amount of the contribution; (B) an
 65 itemized accounting of each expenditure, if any, including the full
 66 name and complete address of each payee, including secondary payees
 67 whenever the primary or principal payee is known to include charges
 68 which the primary payee has already paid or will pay directly to
 69 another person, vendor or entity, the amount and the purpose of the
 70 expenditure, the candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure,
 71 whether the expenditure is made independently of the candidate
 72 supported or is an in-kind contribution to the candidate, and a
 73 statement of the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be; (C) an
 74 itemized accounting of each expense incurred but not paid, provided if
 75 the expense is incurred by use of a credit card, the accounting shall
 76 include secondary payees, and the amount owed to each such payee;
 77 (D) the name and address of any person who is the guarantor of a loan

78 to, or the cosigner of a note with, the candidate on whose behalf the
79 committee was formed, or the treasurer in the case of a party
80 committee or a political committee or who has advanced a security
81 deposit to a telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for
82 telecommunications service for a committee; (E) for each business
83 entity or person purchasing advertising space in a program for a fund-
84 raising affair or on signs at a fund-raising affair, the name and address
85 of the business entity or the name and address of the person, and the
86 amount and aggregate amounts of such purchases; (F) for each
87 individual who contributes in excess of one hundred dollars but not
88 more than one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, to the extent known,
89 the principal occupation of such individual and the name of the
90 individual's employer, if any; (G) for each individual who contributes
91 in excess of one thousand dollars in the aggregate, the principal
92 occupation of such individual and the name of the individual's
93 employer, if any; (H) for each itemized contribution made by a
94 lobbyist, the spouse of a lobbyist or any dependent child of a lobbyist
95 who resides in the lobbyist's household, a statement to that effect; and
96 (I) for each individual who contributes in excess of four hundred
97 dollars in the aggregate to or for the benefit of any candidate's
98 campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the office of chief
99 executive officer or a slate or town committee financing the
100 nomination or election or a candidate for chief executive officer of a
101 town, city or borough, a statement indicating whether the individual
102 or a business with which he is associated has a contract with said
103 municipality that is valued at more than five thousand dollars. Each
104 treasurer shall include in such statement (i) an itemized accounting of
105 the receipts and expenditures relative to any testimonial affair held
106 under the provisions of section 9-609 or any other fund-raising affair,
107 which is referred to in subsection (b) of section 9-601a, and (ii) the date,
108 location and a description of the affair, except that a treasurer shall not
109 be required to include the name of any individual who has purchased
110 items at a fund-raising affair or food at a town fair, county fair or
111 similar mass gathering, if the cumulative value of items purchased by

112 such individual does not exceed one hundred dollars, or the name of
113 any individual who has donated food or beverages for a meeting. A
114 treasurer shall not be required to report or retain any receipts or
115 expenditures related to any de minimis donations described in
116 subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of section 9-601a.

117 (2) Each contributor described in subparagraph (F), (G), (H) or (I) of
118 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall, at the time the contributor
119 makes such a contribution, provide the information that the treasurer
120 is required to include under said subparagraph in the statement filed
121 under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this section. Notwithstanding any
122 provision of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b, any contributor described
123 in subparagraph (F) of subdivision (1) of this subsection who does not
124 provide such information at the time the contributor makes such a
125 contribution and any treasurer shall not be subject to the provisions of
126 subdivision (2) of section 9-7b. If a treasurer receives a contribution
127 from an individual which separately, or in the aggregate, is in excess of
128 one thousand dollars and the contributor has not provided the
129 information required by said subparagraph (G) or if a treasurer
130 receives a contribution from an individual to or for the benefit of any
131 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the
132 office of chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, which
133 separately, or in the aggregate, is in excess of four hundred dollars and
134 the contributor has not provided the information required by said
135 subparagraph (I), the treasurer: (i) Not later than three business days
136 after receiving the contribution, shall send a request for such
137 information to the contributor by certified mail, return receipt
138 requested; (ii) shall not deposit the contribution until the treasurer
139 obtains such information from the contributor, notwithstanding the
140 provisions of section 9-606; and (iii) shall return the contribution to the
141 contributor if the contributor does not provide the required
142 information not later than fourteen days after the treasurer's written
143 request or the end of the reporting period in which the contribution
144 was received, whichever is later. Any failure of a contributor to

145 provide the information which the treasurer is required to include
146 under said subparagraph (F) or (H), which results in noncompliance
147 by the treasurer with the provisions of said subparagraph (F) or (H),
148 shall be a complete defense to any action against the treasurer for
149 failure to disclose such information.

150 (3) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (2) of this
151 subsection, each contributor who makes a contribution to a candidate
152 or exploratory committee for Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
153 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, State
154 Treasurer, state senator or state representative, any political committee
155 authorized to make contributions to such candidates or committees,
156 and any party committee that separately, or in the aggregate, exceeds
157 fifty dollars shall provide with the contribution: (A) The name of the
158 contributor's employer, if any; (B) the contributor's status as a
159 communicator lobbyist, as defined in section 1-91, a member of the
160 immediate family of a communicator lobbyist, a state contractor, a
161 prospective state contractor or a principal of a state contractor or
162 prospective state contractor, as defined in section 9-612, as amended by
163 this act; and (C) a certification that the contributor is not prohibited
164 from making a contribution to such candidate or committee. The State
165 Elections Enforcement Commission shall prepare a sample form for
166 such certification by the contributor and shall make it available to
167 treasurers and contributors. Such sample form shall include an
168 explanation of the terms "communicator lobbyist", "principal of a state
169 contractor or prospective state contractor", "immediate family", "state
170 contractor" and "prospective state contractor". The information on such
171 sample form shall be included in any written solicitation conducted by
172 any such committee. If a treasurer receives such a contribution and the
173 contributor has not provided such certification, the treasurer shall: (i)
174 Not later than three business days after receiving the contribution,
175 send a request for the certification to the contributor by certified mail,
176 return receipt requested; (ii) not deposit the contribution until the
177 treasurer obtains the certification from the contributor,

178 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-606; and (iii) return the
179 contribution to the contributor if the contributor does not provide the
180 certification not later than fourteen days after the treasurer's written
181 request or at the end of the reporting period in which the contribution
182 was received, whichever is later. No treasurer shall be required to
183 obtain and keep more than one certification from each contributor,
184 unless information certified to by the contributor, other than the
185 amount contributed, changes. If a treasurer deposits a contribution
186 based on a certification that is later determined to be false, the
187 treasurer shall have a complete defense to any action, including, but
188 not limited to, any complaint investigated by the State Elections
189 Enforcement Commission or any other investigation initiated by [said]
190 the commission, against such treasurer for the receipt of such
191 contribution.

192 (4) When an independent expenditure political committee discloses
193 a contribution or contributions pursuant to subparagraph (A) of
194 subdivision (1) of this subsection in excess of one thousand dollars, in
195 the aggregate, and the contributor is also a recipient of a covered
196 transfer, the independent expenditure political committee shall include
197 for any covered transfer or transfers in excess of five thousand dollars,
198 in the aggregate, the source and the amount of such covered transfer or
199 transfers to such contributor during the twelve-month period
200 immediately prior to the primary or election, as applicable.

201 (5) (A) If a person makes a contribution or contributions in excess of
202 one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, to an independent expenditure
203 political committee and such person derives all funds of such
204 contribution or contributions from a dedicated independent
205 expenditure account established by such person that is segregated
206 from all other accounts controlled by such person, such person shall
207 provide to the treasurer of such committee the source and the amount
208 of each donation, transfer or payment that is in excess of five thousand
209 dollars, in the aggregate, to such dedicated account. Such dedicated
210 independent expenditure account may receive covered transfers

211 directly from persons other than the person who established such
212 dedicated account and shall not receive covered transfers from any
213 other account controlled by the person who established such dedicated
214 account, except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.
215 The treasurer of such independent expenditure political committee
216 shall include the information so provided under this subdivision with
217 the disclosure of such contribution or contributions.

218 (B) If a person who made a covered transfer to any other account
219 controlled by the person who established a dedicated independent
220 expenditure account requests that such covered transfer be used for
221 the purpose of making an independent expenditure or expenditures
222 from such dedicated account, the amount of such covered transfer may
223 be transferred to such dedicated account and shall be treated as a
224 covered transfer directly to such dedicated account.

225 (6) If a person makes a contribution or contributions in excess of one
226 thousand dollars, in the aggregate, to an independent expenditure
227 political committee and such person derives any funds of such
228 contribution or contributions from any source other than a dedicated
229 independent expenditure account established by such person that is
230 segregated from all other accounts controlled by such person, such
231 person shall provide to the treasurer of such committee the source and
232 the amount of each donation, transfer or payment to such person that
233 is in excess of five thousand dollars, in the aggregate, during the
234 twelve-month period prior to the primary or election, as applicable, for
235 which an independent expenditure is made. The treasurer of such
236 independent expenditure political committee shall include the
237 information so provided under this subdivision with the disclosure of
238 such contribution or contributions.

239 (7) (A) The treasurer of an independent expenditure political
240 committee shall not accept a contribution or contributions in excess of
241 one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, unless the information required
242 to be provided under subdivision (8) of this subsection is so provided.

243 (B) The recipient of a covered transfer or transfers in excess of five
244 thousand dollars, in the aggregate, shall not knowingly make any
245 contribution to an independent expenditure political committee unless
246 the information required to be disclosed or provided, as applicable,
247 under subdivision (4), (5) or (6) of this subsection is so disclosed or
248 provided.

249 (8) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (2) of this
250 subsection, each contributor who is the recipient of any covered
251 transfer or transfers that, in the aggregate, exceed five thousand dollars
252 and who makes a contribution to an independent expenditure political
253 committee that separately, or in the aggregate, exceeds one thousand
254 dollars per calendar year shall provide with the contribution a
255 statement signed under penalty of false statement, which statement
256 shall include: (A) If the contributor is a human being, the name of the
257 contributor's employer or employers, if any; (B) the contributor's status
258 as a client lobbyist or communicator lobbyist, as defined in section 1-
259 91, or a member of the immediate family of a communicator lobbyist;
260 (C) a certification that the contributor is not a state contractor, a
261 principal of a state contractor, a foreign-influenced entity or otherwise
262 prohibited from making such contribution; and (D) the name of any
263 person required to be disclosed or provided, as applicable, under
264 subdivision (4), (5) or (6) of this subsection and the amounts of the
265 covered transfers of any such person. The State Elections Enforcement
266 Commission shall prepare a form for such certification by the
267 contributor and shall make it available to treasurers and contributors.
268 Such form shall include an explanation of the terms "covered transfer"
269 and "campaign-related disbursement", as they are defined in section 9-
270 601, as amended by this act, as well as notice of the prior authorization
271 requirements set forth in section 13 of this act. The information on such
272 sample form shall be included in any written solicitation conducted by
273 such independent expenditure political committee. If a treasurer
274 receives a contribution and the contributor has not provided such
275 certification, the treasurer shall: (i) Not later than three business days

276 after receiving the contribution, send a request for the certification to
277 the contributor by certified mail, return receipt requested; (ii) not
278 deposit the contribution until the treasurer obtains the certification
279 from the contributor, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-606;
280 and (iii) return the contribution to the contributor if the contributor
281 does not provide the certification not later than fourteen days after the
282 treasurer's written request or at the end of the reporting period in
283 which the contribution was received, whichever is later. If a treasurer
284 deposits a contribution based on a certification signed under penalty of
285 false statement that is later determined to be false, the treasurer shall
286 have a complete defense to any action, including, but not limited to,
287 any complaint investigated by the State Elections Enforcement
288 Commission or any other investigation initiated by the commission,
289 against such treasurer for the receipt of such contribution.

290 [(4)] (9) Contributions from a single individual to a treasurer in the
291 aggregate totaling fifty dollars or less need not be individually
292 identified in the statement, but a sum representing the total amount of
293 all such contributions made by all such individuals during the period
294 to be covered by such statement shall be a separate entry, identified
295 only by the words "total contributions from small contributors".

296 [(5)] (10) Each statement filed by the treasurer of a party committee,
297 a legislative caucus committee or a legislative leadership committee
298 shall include an itemized accounting of each organization expenditure
299 made by the committee. Concomitant with the filing of any such
300 statement containing an accounting of an organization expenditure
301 made by the committee for the benefit of any candidate for the office of
302 state senator, state representative, Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
303 Attorney General, Secretary of the State, State Comptroller or State
304 Treasurer such treasurer shall provide notice of the organization
305 expenditure to the candidate committee of such candidate.

306 [(6)] (11) The commission shall post a link on the home page of the
307 commission's Internet web site to a listing of all organizational

308 expenditures reported by a party, legislative leadership or caucus
309 committee under subdivision [(5)] (10) of this subsection. Such
310 information shall include reported information on the committee
311 making the expenditure, the committee receiving the expenditure and
312 the date and purpose for the expenditure.

313 [(7)] (12) Statements filed in accordance with this section shall
314 remain public records of the state for five years from the date such
315 statements are filed.

316 Sec. 5. Subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of
317 section 9-608 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
318 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

319 (C) (i) Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote the
320 success or defeat of any referendum question, which does not receive
321 contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall distribute
322 its surplus to a party committee, to a political committee organized for
323 ongoing political activities, to a national committee of a political party,
324 to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of contribution,
325 to state or municipal governments or agencies or to any organization
326 which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the
327 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
328 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
329 amended. (ii) Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote
330 the success or defeat of any referendum question, which receives
331 contributions from a business entity or an organization, and each
332 independent expenditure political committee other than an
333 independent expenditure political committee formed for ongoing
334 political activities, shall distribute its surplus to all contributors to the
335 committee on a prorated basis of contribution, to state or municipal
336 governments or agencies, or to any organization which is tax-exempt
337 under said provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding
338 the provisions of this subsection, a committee formed for a single
339 referendum shall not be required to expend its surplus not later than

340 ninety days after the referendum and may continue in existence if a
 341 substantially similar referendum question on the same issue will be
 342 submitted to the electorate within six months after the first
 343 referendum. If two or more substantially similar referenda on the same
 344 issue are submitted to the electorate, each no more than six months
 345 apart, the committee shall expend such surplus within ninety days
 346 following the date of the last such referendum;

347 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 9-612 of the general statutes is
 348 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 349 *passage*):

350 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any
 351 one calendar year in excess of ten thousand dollars to the state central
 352 committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant
 353 to its authorization or request; or two thousand dollars to a town
 354 committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such committee
 355 pursuant to its authorization or request; or two thousand dollars to a
 356 legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee; [,] or
 357 one thousand dollars to any other political committee other than (1) a
 358 political committee formed solely to aid or promote the success or
 359 defeat of a referendum question, (2) an exploratory committee, (3) a
 360 political committee established by an organization, or for the benefit of
 361 such committee pursuant to its authorization or request, [or] (4) a
 362 political committee formed by a slate of candidates in a primary for the
 363 office of justice of the peace of the same town, or (5) an independent
 364 expenditure political committee.

365 Sec. 7. Section 9-613 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 366 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

367 (a) [No] Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, a
 368 business entity shall not make any contributions or expenditures (1) to,
 369 or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign (A) for election to any
 370 public office or position subject to this chapter, or (B) for nomination at

371 a primary for any such office or position, or (2) to promote the defeat
 372 of any candidate for any such office or position. [No] A business entity
 373 shall not make any other contributions or expenditures to promote the
 374 success or defeat of any political party. [, except as provided in
 375 subsection (b) of this section. No] A business entity shall not establish
 376 more than one political committee. A political committee shall be
 377 deemed to have been established by a business entity if the initial
 378 disbursement or contribution to the committee is made under
 379 subsection (b) of this section or by an officer, director, owner, limited
 380 or general partner or holder of stock constituting five per cent or more
 381 of the total outstanding stock of any class of the business entity.

382 (b) A business entity may make reasonable and necessary transfers
 383 or disbursements to, or for the benefit of, a political committee
 384 established by such business entity, for the administration of, or
 385 solicitation of contributions to, such political committee. Nonmonetary
 386 contributions by a business entity which are incidental in nature and
 387 are directly attributable to the administration of such political
 388 committee shall be exempt from the reporting requirements of this
 389 chapter.

390 (c) The provisions of this section shall not preclude a business entity
 391 from making contributions or expenditures to promote the success or
 392 defeat of a referendum question.

393 (d) [A] Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, a
 394 political committee organized by a business entity shall not make a
 395 contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's
 396 campaign for nomination at a primary or any candidate's campaign for
 397 election to the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of five thousand
 398 dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer,
 399 Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of three thousand dollars;
 400 (3) state senator, probate judge or chief executive officer of a town, city
 401 or borough, in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars; (4) state
 402 representative, in excess of seven hundred fifty dollars; or (5) any other

403 office of a municipality not included in subdivision (3) of this
404 subsection, in excess of three hundred seventy-five dollars. The limits
405 imposed by this subsection shall apply separately to primaries and
406 elections and contributions by any such committee to candidates
407 designated in this subsection shall not exceed one hundred thousand
408 dollars in the aggregate for any single election and primary
409 preliminary thereto. Contributions to such committees shall also be
410 subject to the provisions of section 9-618, as amended by this act, in the
411 case of committees formed for ongoing political activity or section 9-
412 619, as amended by this act, in the case of committees formed for a
413 single election or primary.

414 (e) [No] Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, a
415 political committee organized by a business entity shall not make a
416 contribution or contributions to (1) a state central committee of a
417 political party, in excess of seven thousand five hundred dollars in any
418 calendar year, (2) a town committee of any political party, in excess of
419 one thousand five hundred dollars in any calendar year, (3) an
420 exploratory committee in excess of three hundred seventy-five dollars,
421 or (4) any other kind of political committee, in excess of two thousand
422 dollars in any calendar year.

423 (f) As used in this subsection, "investment services" means
424 investment legal services, investment banking services, investment
425 advisory services, underwriting services, financial advisory services or
426 brokerage firm services. [No] A political committee established by a
427 firm which provides investment services and to which the State
428 Treasurer pays compensation, expenses or fees or issues a contract
429 shall not make a contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of,
430 an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a
431 candidate for nomination or election to the office of State Treasurer
432 during the term of office of the State Treasurer who does business with
433 such firm.

434 (g) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of [this section, a

435 corporation, cooperative association, limited partnership, professional
 436 association, limited liability company or limited liability partnership,
 437 whether formed in this state or any other, acting alone,] subsections (a)
 438 to (f), inclusive, of this section, a business entity may make
 439 independent expenditures and contributions to an independent
 440 expenditure political committee.

441 (2) An independent expenditure political committee, as defined in
 442 section 2 of this act, organized by a business entity shall not make any
 443 contribution unless such contribution is to another independent
 444 expenditure political committee.

445 Sec. 8. Section 9-614 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 446 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

447 (a) An organization may make contributions or expenditures, other
 448 than [those made to promote] for the purpose of promoting the success
 449 or defeat of a referendum question, only by first forming its own
 450 political committee. [The] Unless such political committee is an
 451 independent expenditure political committee, the political committee
 452 shall then be authorized to (1) receive funds (A) exclusively from the
 453 organization's treasury or from voluntary contributions made by its
 454 members, but not both, (B) from another political committee, or (C)
 455 from a candidate committee distributing a surplus, and [(1) to] (2)
 456 make (A) contributions or expenditures to, or for the benefit of, a
 457 candidate's campaign or a political party, or [(2) to make] (B)
 458 contributions to another political committee. [No] An organization
 459 shall not form more than one political committee. A political
 460 committee shall be deemed to have been established by an
 461 organization if the initial contribution to the committee is made by the
 462 organization's treasury or an officer or director of the organization.

463 (b) A political committee established by an organization may elect
 464 to alter the manner in which it is funded if it complies with the
 465 requirements of this subsection. The committee chairperson shall

466 notify the repository with which the committee's most recent statement
 467 of organization is filed, in writing, of the committee's intent to alter its
 468 manner of funding. [Within] Not later than fifteen days after the date
 469 of receipt of such notification, the treasurer of such political committee
 470 shall return any funds remaining in the account of the committee to
 471 the organization's treasury after payment of each outstanding liability.
 472 [Within] Not later than seven days after the distribution and payments
 473 have been made, the treasurer shall file a statement with the same
 474 repository itemizing each such distribution and payment. Upon such
 475 filing, the treasurer may receive voluntary contributions from any
 476 member of the organization which established such committee subject
 477 to the limitations imposed in subsection (b) of section 9-612.

478 (c) The chairperson of each political committee established by an
 479 organization on or after July 1, 1985, shall designate the manner in
 480 which the committee shall be funded in the committee's statement of
 481 organization.

482 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, an organization
 483 [, acting alone,] may make independent expenditures and
 484 contributions to an independent expenditure political committee.

485 Sec. 9. Section 9-615 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 486 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

487 (a) [No] A political committee established by an organization shall
 488 not make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
 489 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or for election to the
 490 office of: (1) Governor, in excess of five thousand dollars; (2)
 491 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or
 492 Attorney General, in excess of three thousand dollars; (3) chief
 493 executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand
 494 five hundred dollars; (4) state senator or probate judge, in excess of
 495 one thousand five hundred dollars; (5) state representative, in excess of
 496 seven hundred fifty dollars; or (6) any other office of a municipality

497 not previously included in this subsection, in excess of three hundred
 498 seventy-five dollars.

499 (b) [No] Any such committee shall not make a contribution or
 500 contributions to, or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee, in
 501 excess of three hundred seventy-five dollars. Any such committee may
 502 make unlimited contributions to a political committee formed solely to
 503 aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum question.

504 (c) The limits imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall apply
 505 separately to primaries and elections and no such committee shall
 506 make contributions to the candidates designated in this section which
 507 in the aggregate exceed fifty thousand dollars for any single election
 508 and primary preliminary thereto.

509 (d) [No] Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, a
 510 political committee established by an organization shall not make
 511 contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of, (1) the
 512 state central committee of a political party, in excess of seven thousand
 513 five hundred dollars; (2) a town committee, in excess of one thousand
 514 five hundred dollars; or (3) any political committee, other than an
 515 exploratory committee or a committee formed solely to aid or promote
 516 the success or defeat of a referendum question, in excess of two
 517 thousand dollars.

518 (e) Contributions to a political committee established by an
 519 organization for the purpose of making contributions shall be subject
 520 to the provisions of section 9-618, as amended by this act, in the case of
 521 a committee formed for ongoing political activity or section 9-619, as
 522 amended by this act, in the case of a committee formed for a single
 523 election or primary.

524 (f) An independent expenditure political committee, as defined in
 525 section 2 of this act, established by an organization shall not make any
 526 contribution unless such contribution is to another independent
 527 expenditure political committee.

528 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 9-618 of the general statutes is
529 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
530 *passage*):

531 (a) (1) A political committee organized for ongoing political
532 activities may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of,
533 any national committee of a political party [;] or a committee of a
534 candidate for federal or out-of-state office. Except as provided in
535 subdivision (3) of subsection (d) of this section, no such political
536 committee shall make a contribution or contributions in excess of two
537 thousand dollars to another political committee in any calendar year.
538 No political committee organized for ongoing political activities shall
539 make a contribution in excess of three hundred seventy-five dollars to
540 an exploratory committee. If such an ongoing committee is established
541 by an organization or a business entity, its contributions shall be
542 subject to the limits imposed by sections 9-613 to 9-615, inclusive, as
543 amended by this act. A political committee organized for ongoing
544 political activities may make [contributions] donations to a charitable
545 organization which is a tax-exempt organization under Section
546 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended,
547 or make memorial [contributions] donations.

548 (2) An independent expenditure political committee organized for
549 ongoing political activities shall not make any contribution unless such
550 contribution is to another independent expenditure political
551 committee.

552 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 9-619 of the general statutes is
553 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
554 *passage*):

555 (a) (1) No political committee established for a single primary or
556 election shall make contributions to a national committee, or a
557 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office. If such a
558 political committee is established by an organization or a business

559 entity, its contributions shall also be subject to the limitations imposed
 560 by sections 9-613 to 9-615, inclusive, as amended by this act. Except as
 561 provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section, no political
 562 committee formed for a single election or primary shall, with respect to
 563 such election or primary, make a contribution or contributions in
 564 excess of two thousand dollars to another political committee,
 565 provided no such political committee shall make a contribution in
 566 excess of three hundred seventy-five dollars to an exploratory
 567 committee.

568 (2) An independent expenditure political committee shall not make
 569 any contribution unless such contribution is to another independent
 570 expenditure political committee.

571 Sec. 12. Section 9-620 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 572 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

573 (a) A political committee formed solely to aid or promote the
 574 success or defeat of a referendum question shall not make
 575 contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party committee, a political
 576 committee, a national committee, a committee of a candidate for
 577 federal or out-of-state office or a candidate committee, except in the
 578 distribution of a surplus, as provided in subsection (e) of section 9-608,
 579 as amended by this act.

580 (b) A political committee formed solely to aid or promote the
 581 success or defeat of a referendum question shall not receive
 582 contributions from a national committee or from a committee of a
 583 candidate for federal or out-of-state office.

584 (c) [No] A person, other than an individual or a committee, shall not
 585 make a contribution to a political committee formed solely to aid or
 586 promote the success or defeat of a referendum question, or to any
 587 other person [,] to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum
 588 question, in excess of ten cents for each individual residing in the state
 589 or political subdivision thereof in which such referendum question is

590 to be voted upon, in accordance with the last federal decennial census.

591 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c),
 592 inclusive, of this section, an independent expenditure political
 593 committee, as defined in section 2 of this act, formed solely to aid or
 594 promote the success or defeat of a referendum question shall not make
 595 any contribution unless such contribution is made to another
 596 independent expenditure political committee.

597 Sec. 13. (NEW) *(Effective from passage)* Notwithstanding any
 598 provision of the general statutes, the board of governance, if any, for
 599 any entity incorporated, organized or operating in this state, shall vote
 600 for prior authorization for each payment or distribution of money in
 601 an amount in excess of ten thousand dollars, in the aggregate for a
 602 calendar year, to be used as a campaign-related disbursement, as
 603 defined in section 9-601 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
 604 The board shall be informed of the specific use of the money, including
 605 any candidate that might be the target or beneficiary of an
 606 independent expenditure, as defined in section 9-601c of the general
 607 statutes, from such campaign-related disbursement prior to any such
 608 vote. Individual board member votes and the details of such
 609 expenditures shall be disclosed (1) to the public on the entity's Internet
 610 web site not later than forty-eight hours after the vote, and (2) to the
 611 State Elections Enforcement Commission electronically and in a
 612 manner prescribed by the commission.

613 Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 9-605 of the general statutes is
 614 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof *(Effective from*
 615 *passage)*:

616 (a) [The] Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the
 617 chairperson of each political committee shall be an individual who has
 618 direct, extensive and substantive decision-making authority over such
 619 committee's activities with respect to raising and spending funds, shall
 620 designate a treasurer and may designate a deputy treasurer. The

621 treasurer and any deputy treasurer so designated shall sign a
622 statement accepting the designation. The chairperson of each political
623 committee shall file a registration statement described in subsection (b)
624 of this section along with the statement signed by the designated
625 treasurer and deputy treasurer with the proper authority, within ten
626 days after its organization, provided that the chairperson of any
627 political committee organized within ten days prior to any primary,
628 election or referendum in connection with which it intends to make
629 any contributions or expenditures, shall immediately file a registration
630 statement.

631 Sec. 15. Section 9-601 of the general statutes is amended by adding
632 subdivisions (32) to (34), inclusive, as follows (*Effective from passage*):

633 (NEW) (32) "Foreign owner" means (A) a foreign national, as
634 defined in 52 USC 30121(b), as amended from time to time, or (B) an
635 entity of which a foreign national holds, owns, controls or otherwise
636 has directly or indirectly acquired beneficial ownership of equity or
637 voting shares in an amount equal to or greater than fifty per cent of
638 total equity or outstanding voting shares.

639 (NEW) (33) "Foreign-influenced entity" means any entity of which
640 (A) one foreign owner holds, owns, controls or otherwise has directly
641 or indirectly acquired beneficial ownership of equity or voting shares
642 in an amount equal to or greater than five per cent of total equity or
643 outstanding voting shares, (B) two or more foreign owners hold, own,
644 control or otherwise have directly or indirectly acquired beneficial
645 ownership of equity or voting shares in an amount equal to or greater
646 than twenty per cent of total equity or outstanding voting shares, or
647 (C) any foreign owner participates in any way, directly or indirectly, in
648 the process of making decisions with regard to the political activities of
649 such entity in the United States, including, but not limited to, the
650 political activities of such entity during an election in the state or any
651 town, city, municipality, borough or other unit of local government
652 within the state.

653 (NEW) (34) "Campaign-related disbursement" means an
 654 independent expenditure, as defined in section 9-601c, or a covered
 655 transfer to an independent expenditure political committee, as defined
 656 in section 2 of this act.

657 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) A foreign-influenced
 658 entity, as defined in section 9-601 of the general statutes, as amended
 659 by this act, shall not make any independent expenditure or any
 660 contribution to an independent expenditure political committee.

661 (b) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this
 662 section shall be subject to a civil penalty, imposed by the State
 663 Elections Enforcement Commission, of not more than five thousand
 664 dollars or three times the amount of any independent expenditure or
 665 contribution to an independent expenditure political committee made,
 666 whichever is greater.

667 (c) No violation of the prohibitions contained in subsection (a) of
 668 this section shall be deemed to have occurred if, and only if, the chief
 669 executive or chief financial officer, or an equivalent officer, of the entity
 670 made due inquiry to determine that such entity was not a foreign-
 671 influenced entity, as defined in section 9-601 of the general statutes, as
 672 amended by this act, prior to making the independent expenditure or
 673 contribution to an independent expenditure political committee in
 674 question.

675 Sec. 17. Subsection (c) of section 9-601d of the general statutes is
 676 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 677 *passage*):

678 (c) The independent expenditure long-form report shall identify: (1)
 679 The name of the person making or obligating to make such
 680 independent expenditure or expenditures and, in the case of a person
 681 other than a human being, the name of an individual who had direct,
 682 extensive and substantive decision-making authority over the
 683 independent expenditure or expenditures made or obligated to be

684 made; (2) the tax exempt status of such person, if applicable; (3) the
 685 mailing address of such person; (4) the principal business address of
 686 the person, if different from the mailing address; (5) the address,
 687 telephone number and electronic mail address of the agent for service
 688 of process in this state of such person; (6) the date of the primary or
 689 election for which the independent expenditure or expenditures were
 690 made or obligated to be made; (7) the name of any candidate who was
 691 the subject of any independent expenditure or expenditures and
 692 whether the independent expenditure or expenditures were in support
 693 of or in opposition to such candidate; and (8) the name, telephone
 694 number and electronic mail address for the individual filing such
 695 report. Such individual filing such report shall, under penalty of false
 696 statement, (A) affirm that the expenditure reported is an independent
 697 expenditure, [under penalty of false statement] and (B) certify that due
 698 inquiry has been made by the chief executive or chief financial officer,
 699 or an equivalent officer, of such person to determine that such person
 700 is not a foreign-influenced entity on the date such independent
 701 expenditure was made or obligated to be made.

702 Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 9-601d of the general statutes is
 703 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 704 *passage*):

705 (a) Any person, as defined in section 9-601, as amended by this act,
 706 may, unless otherwise restricted or prohibited by law, including, but
 707 not limited to, any provision of this chapter or chapter 157, (1) make
 708 unlimited independent expenditures, as defined in section 9-601c, and
 709 (2) accept [unlimited] covered transfers, as defined in said section 9-
 710 601, provided the amount of any such covered transfer or transfers
 711 accepted by an independent expenditure political committee, as
 712 defined in section 2 of this act, from any one person in any calendar
 713 year shall not exceed seventy thousand dollars in the aggregate. Except
 714 as provided pursuant to this section, any such person who makes or
 715 obligates to make an independent expenditure or expenditures in
 716 excess of one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, shall file statements

717 according to the same schedule and in the same manner as is required
718 of a treasurer of a candidate committee pursuant to section 9-608, as
719 amended by this act.

720 Sec. 19. Subsections (h) to (m), inclusive, of section 9-621 of the
721 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
722 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

723 (h) (1) No person shall make or incur an independent expenditure
724 for any written, typed or other printed communication, including on a
725 billboard, or any web-based, written communication, unless such
726 communication bears upon its face, as a disclaimer, (A) the words
727 "Paid for by", [and] (B) the name of such person and, if such person is
728 an entity, the name of such entity's chief executive officer or equivalent
729 and such entity's principal business address, and (C) the following
730 statement: "This message was made independent of any candidate or
731 political party." In the case of a person making or incurring such an
732 independent expenditure during the ninety-day period immediately
733 prior to the primary or election for which the independent expenditure
734 is made, such communication shall also bear upon its face the names of
735 the five persons who made the five largest aggregate covered transfers
736 to the person making such communication during the twelve-month
737 period immediately prior to such primary or election, as applicable.
738 The communication shall also state that additional information about
739 the person making such communication may be found on the State
740 Elections Enforcement Commission's Internet web site.

741 (2) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
742 subsection, and except as provided in this subdivision for an entity, no
743 person shall make or incur an independent expenditure for a video
744 broadcast by television, satellite or Internet, unless at the end of such
745 advertising there appears for a period of not less than four seconds as a
746 disclaimer, the following as an audio message and a written statement:
747 "This message was paid for by (person making the communication)
748 and made independent of any candidate or political party." If such

749 person is an entity, there shall simultaneously appear at the end of
 750 such advertising, for a period of not less than four seconds, (A) a
 751 clearly identifiable video, photographic or similar image of such
 752 entity's chief executive officer or equivalent, and (B) a personal audio
 753 message, in the following form: "I am (name of entity's chief
 754 executive officer or equivalent), (title) of (entity). This message
 755 was made independent of any candidate or political party, and I
 756 approved its content.". In the case of a person making or incurring
 757 such an independent expenditure during the ninety-day period
 758 immediately prior to the primary or election for which the
 759 independent expenditure is made, such communication shall also list
 760 the names of the five persons who made the five largest aggregate
 761 covered transfers to the person making such communication during
 762 the twelve-month period immediately prior to such primary or
 763 election, as applicable. The communication shall also state that
 764 additional information about the person making such communication
 765 may be found on the State Elections Enforcement Commission's
 766 Internet web site.

767 (3) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
 768 subsection, and except as provided in this subdivision for an entity, no
 769 person shall make or incur an independent expenditure for an audio
 770 communication broadcast by radio, satellite or Internet, unless the
 771 advertising ends with a disclaimer that is a personal audio statement
 772 by such person's agent or, if such person is an entity, such entity's chief
 773 executive officer or equivalent (A) identifying the person paying for
 774 the expenditure, and (B) indicating that the message was made
 775 independent of any candidate or political party, using the following
 776 form: "I am (name of the person's agent), (title), of (the
 777 person). This message was made independent of any candidate or
 778 political party.". If such person is an entity, the personal audio
 779 statement by such entity's chief executive officer or equivalent shall
 780 use the following form: "I am (name of entity's chief executive
 781 officer or equivalent), (title) of (entity). This message was made

782 independent of any candidate or political party, and I approved its
783 content.". In the case of a person making or incurring such an
784 independent expenditure during the ninety-day period immediately
785 prior to the primary or election for which the independent expenditure
786 is made, such communication shall state the names of the five persons
787 who made the five largest aggregate covered transfers to the person
788 making such communication during the twelve-month period
789 immediately prior to such primary or election, as applicable. The
790 communication shall also state that additional information about the
791 person making such communication may be found on the State
792 Elections Enforcement Commission's Internet web site.

793 (4) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
794 subsection, no person shall make or incur an independent expenditure
795 for telephone calls, unless the narrative of the telephone call identifies
796 the person making the expenditure and, if such person is an entity,
797 such entity's chief executive officer or equivalent. In the case of a
798 person making or incurring such an independent expenditure during
799 the ninety-day period immediately prior to the primary or election for
800 which the independent expenditure is made, such communication
801 shall state the names of the five persons who made the five largest
802 aggregate covered transfers to the person making such communication
803 during the twelve-month period immediately prior to such primary or
804 election, as applicable. The communication shall also state that
805 additional information about the person making such communication
806 may be found on the State Elections Enforcement Commission's
807 Internet web site.

808 (i) In any print, television or social media promotion of a slate of
809 candidates by a party committee, the party committee shall use
810 applicable disclaimers pursuant to the provisions of this section for
811 such promotion, and no individual candidate disclaimers shall be
812 required.

813 (j) [(1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this

814 subsection, if] If any person whose name is included on a disclaimer of
815 a communication pursuant to the provisions of this section, as a person
816 who made a covered transfer to the maker of the communication, is
817 also a recipient of a covered transfer, the maker of the communication,
818 as part of any report filed pursuant to section 9-601d, as amended by
819 this act, associated with the making of such communication, shall
820 include the names of the five persons who made the top five largest
821 aggregate covered transfers to such recipient during the twelve-month
822 period immediately prior to the primary or election, as applicable.

823 [(2) The name of any person who made a covered transfer to a tax-
824 exempt organization recognized under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal
825 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
826 revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time, that
827 has not had its tax exempt status revoked, shall not be disclosed
828 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

829 (3) The name of any person who made a covered transfer to a
830 person whose name is included on a disclaimer pursuant to the
831 provisions of this section shall not be disclosed pursuant to the
832 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection if the recipient of such
833 covered transfer accepts covered transfers from at least one hundred
834 different sources, provided no such source accounts for ten per cent or
835 more of the total amount of covered transfers accepted by the recipient
836 during the twelve-month period immediately prior to the primary or
837 election, as applicable.]

838 (k) Any disclaimer required to be on the face of a written, typed or
839 other printed communication pursuant to the provisions of this section
840 shall be printed in no smaller than eight-point type of uniform font
841 when such disclaimer is on a communication contained in a flyer or
842 leaflet, newspaper, magazine or similar literature, or that is delivered
843 by mail.

844 (l) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no person making

845 an independent expenditure for a communication shall be required to
846 list as part of any disclaimer pursuant to this section any person whose
847 covered transfers to the maker of the communication are not in an
848 aggregate amount of five thousand dollars or more during the twelve-
849 month period immediately prior to the primary, [or] election or
850 referendum, as applicable, for which such independent expenditure is
851 made.

852 (m) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any
853 disclaimer required to be on the face of any Internet text advertisement
854 communication [(1)] (A) that appears based on the result of a search
855 conducted by a user of an Internet search engine, and [(2)] (B) the text
856 of which contains two hundred or fewer characters, shall not be
857 required, (i) in the case of any such communication, which
858 communication is an independent expenditure, as defined in section 9-
859 601c, to list the names of the five persons who made the top five largest
860 aggregate covered transfers to the maker of such communication, as
861 otherwise required by this section, if such disclaimer [(A)] (I) includes
862 a link to an Internet web site that discloses the names of such five
863 persons, and [(B)] (II) otherwise contains any statement required
864 pursuant to the provisions of this section, and (ii) in the case of any
865 such communication made by a participating candidate, as described
866 in section 9-703, as amended by this act.

867 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any disclaimer
868 required to be on the face of an Internet text communication, which
869 communication (A) is transmitted from, appears on or is otherwise
870 generated by any social media account or Internet web site of a
871 candidate or agent of such candidate, and (B) contains a link to any
872 other communication described in this section, shall not be required if
873 such other communication complies with the requirements of this
874 section.

875 Sec. 20. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 9-7a of the
876 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

877 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

878 (g) (1) [Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, in]
 879 In the case of a written complaint filed with the commission pursuant
 880 to section 9-7b₂ [on or after January 1, 1988, if] commission staff shall
 881 conduct and complete a preliminary examination of such complaint by
 882 the fourteenth day following its receipt, at which time such staff shall,
 883 at its discretion, (A) dismiss the complaint for failure to allege any
 884 substantial violation of state election law supported by evidence, (B)
 885 engage the respondent in discussions in an effort to speedily resolve
 886 any matter pertaining to a de minimis violation, or (C) investigate and
 887 docket the complaint for a determination by the commission that
 888 probable cause or no probable cause exists for any such violation. If the
 889 commission staff dismisses a complaint pursuant to subparagraph (A)
 890 of this subdivision, such staff shall provide a brief written statement
 891 concisely setting forth the reasons for such dismissal. If the
 892 commission staff engages a respondent pursuant to subparagraph (B)
 893 of this subdivision but is unable to speedily resolve any such matter
 894 described in said subparagraph by the forty-fifth day following receipt
 895 of the complaint, such staff shall docket such complaint for a
 896 determination by the commission that probable cause or no probable
 897 cause exists for any violation of state election law. If the commission
 898 does not, by the sixtieth day following receipt of the complaint, either
 899 issue a decision or render its determination that probable cause or no
 900 probable cause exists for [one or more violations] any violation of state
 901 election laws, the complainant or respondent may apply to the
 902 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford for an order to show
 903 cause why the commission has not acted upon the complaint and to
 904 provide evidence that the commission has unreasonably delayed
 905 action. For any complaint received on or after January 1, 2018, if the
 906 commission does not, by one year following receipt of such complaint,
 907 issue a decision thereon, the commission shall dismiss such complaint,
 908 provided the length of time of any delay caused by (i) the commission
 909 or commission staff granting any extension or continuance to a

910 respondent prior to the issuance of any such decision, (ii) a subpoena
 911 issued in connection with such complaint, (iii) litigation in state or
 912 federal court related to such complaint, or (iv) investigation by the
 913 Chief State's Attorney, the Attorney General, the United States
 914 Department of Justice or the United States Attorney for Connecticut,
 915 shall be added to such one year.

916 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 9-703 of the general statutes is
 917 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 918 *October 1, 2017*):

919 (a) Each candidate for nomination or election to the office of state
 920 senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of
 921 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
 922 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, shall file
 923 an affidavit with the State Elections Enforcement Commission. The
 924 affidavit shall include a written certification that the candidate either
 925 intends to abide by the expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election
 926 Program set forth in subsection (c) of section 9-702, or does not intend
 927 to abide by said limits. If the candidate intends to abide by said limits,
 928 the affidavit shall also include written certifications (1) that the
 929 treasurer of the candidate committee for said candidate shall expend
 930 any moneys received from the Citizens' Election Fund in accordance
 931 with the provisions of subsection (g) of section 9-607, as amended by
 932 this act, and regulations adopted by the State Elections Enforcement
 933 Commission under subsection (e) of section 9-706, (2) that the
 934 candidate shall repay to the fund any such moneys that are not
 935 expended in accordance with subsection (g) of section 9-607 and said
 936 regulations, (3) that the candidate and the treasurer shall comply with
 937 the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-711, and
 938 (4) stating the candidate's status as a major party, minor party or
 939 petitioning party candidate and, in the case of a major party or minor
 940 party candidate, the name of such party. The written certification
 941 described in subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be made by both

942 the candidate and the treasurer of the candidate committee for said
 943 candidate. A candidate for nomination or election to any such office
 944 shall file such affidavit not later than four o'clock p.m. on the twenty-
 945 fifth day before the day of a primary, if applicable, or on the [fortieth
 946 day before the day of the election for such office] day set forth in
 947 section 9-423, as applicable to such office, in the year in which the
 948 election for such office is held, except that in the case of a special
 949 election for the office of state senator or state representative, the
 950 candidate shall file such affidavit not later than four o'clock p.m. on the
 951 twenty-fifth day before the day of such special election.
 952 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a candidate who is
 953 not required to form a candidate committee pursuant to subdivision
 954 (3) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 9-604, files a certification with the
 955 commission pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-603 and does not
 956 intend to participate in the Citizens' Election Program shall not be
 957 required to file such affidavit of intent not to abide by the expenditure
 958 limits of said program. Any such candidate shall be referred to as a
 959 nonparticipating candidate, in accordance with subsection (b) of this
 960 section.

961 Sec. 22. Section 9-452 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 962 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

963 All minor parties nominating candidates for any elective office shall
 964 make such nominations and certify and file a list of such nominations,
 965 as required by this section, not later than [the sixty-second day prior to
 966 the day of the election at which such candidates are to be voted for]
 967 four o'clock p.m. on the day set forth in section 9-423, as applicable to
 968 such office, in the year in which the election for such office is held. A
 969 list of nominees in printed or typewritten form that includes each
 970 candidate's name as authorized by each candidate to appear on the
 971 ballot, the signature of each candidate, the full street address of each
 972 candidate and the title and district of the office for which each
 973 candidate is nominated shall be certified by the presiding officer of the

974 committee, meeting or other authority making such nomination and
 975 shall be filed by such presiding officer with the Secretary of the State,
 976 in the case of any state, district or municipal office to be voted upon at
 977 a state election, or with the clerk of the municipality, in the case of any
 978 municipal office to be voted upon at a municipal election, not later
 979 than the sixty-second day prior to the day of the election. The
 980 registrars of voters of such municipality shall promptly verify and
 981 correct the names on any such list filed with him, or the names of
 982 nominees forwarded to the clerk of the municipality by the Secretary
 983 of the State, in accordance with the registry list of such municipality
 984 and endorse the same as having been so verified and corrected. For
 985 purposes of this section, a list of nominations shall be deemed to be
 986 filed when it is received by the Secretary of the State or clerk of the
 987 municipality, as appropriate. If such certificate of a party's nomination
 988 is not received by the Secretary of the State or clerk of the municipality,
 989 as appropriate, by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and such
 990 party, for purposes of sections 9-460, 9-461 and 9-462, shall be deemed
 991 to have neither made nor certified any nomination of any candidate for
 992 such office. A candidacy for nomination by a minor party to a district
 993 or municipal office may be filed on behalf of any person whose name
 994 appears on the last-completed registry list of the district or
 995 municipality represented by such office, as the case may be. A
 996 candidacy for nomination by a minor party to a state office may be
 997 filed on behalf of any person whose name appears on the last-
 998 completed registry list of the state.

999 Sec. 23. Subsection (a) of section 9-453i of the general statutes is
 1000 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 1001 *October 1, 2017*):

1002 (a) Each page of a nominating petition proposing a candidate for an
 1003 office to be filled at a regular election shall be submitted to the
 1004 appropriate town clerk or to the Secretary of the State not later than
 1005 four o'clock p.m. on the [ninetieth day preceding the day of the regular

1006 election] day set forth in section 9-423, as applicable to such office, in
1007 the year in which the election for such office is held.

1008 Sec. 24. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-705 of the
1009 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1010 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1011 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
1012 Governor who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on
1013 the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of
1014 part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund
1015 for the general election campaign in the amount of six million dollars,
1016 provided (A) any such committee shall receive seventy-five per cent of
1017 said amount if such committee applies for such grant, in accordance
1018 with section 9-706, on or after the seventieth day but before the fifty-
1019 sixth day preceding the election, (B) any such committee shall receive
1020 sixty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or
1021 after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-second day preceding the
1022 election, (C) any such committee shall receive fifty-five per cent of said
1023 amount if such committee so applies on or after the forty-second day
1024 but before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, (D) any such
1025 committee shall receive forty per cent of said amount if such
1026 committee so applies on or after the twenty-eighth day preceding the
1027 election, and (E) in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter,
1028 said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

1029 Sec. 25. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 9-705 of the
1030 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1031 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1032 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
1033 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
1034 Treasurer who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on
1035 the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of
1036 part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund

1037 for the general election campaign in the amount of seven hundred fifty
 1038 thousand dollars, provided (A) any such committee shall receive
 1039 seventy-five per cent of said amount if such committee applies for such
 1040 grant, in accordance with section 9-706, on or after the seventieth day
 1041 but before the fifty-sixth day preceding the election, (B) any such
 1042 committee shall receive sixty-five per cent of said amount if such
 1043 committee so applies on or after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-
 1044 second day preceding the election, (C) any such committee shall
 1045 receive fifty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies
 1046 on or after the forty-second day but before the twenty-eighth day
 1047 preceding the election, (D) any such committee shall receive forty per
 1048 cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the
 1049 twenty-eighth day preceding the election, and (E) in the case of an
 1050 election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
 1051 under subsection (d) of this section.

1052 Sec. 26. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 9-705 of the
 1053 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 1054 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1055 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
 1056 state senator who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on
 1057 the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter
 1058 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
 1059 election campaign in the amount of eighty-five thousand dollars,
 1060 provided (A) any such committee shall receive seventy-five per cent of
 1061 said amount if such committee applies for such grant, in accordance
 1062 with section 9-706, on or after the seventieth day but before the fifty-
 1063 sixth day preceding the election, (B) any such committee shall receive
 1064 sixty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or
 1065 after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-second day preceding the
 1066 election, (C) any such committee shall receive fifty-five per cent of said
 1067 amount if such committee so applies on or after the forty-second day
 1068 but before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, (D) any such

1069 committee shall receive forty per cent of said amount if such
 1070 committee so applies on or after the twenty-eighth day preceding the
 1071 election, and (E) in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter,
 1072 said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

1073 Sec. 27. Subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 9-705 of the
 1074 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 1075 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1076 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
 1077 state representative who has been nominated, or has qualified to
 1078 appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of
 1079 chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
 1080 general election campaign in the amount of twenty-five thousand
 1081 dollars, provided (A) any such committee shall receive seventy-five
 1082 per cent of said amount if such committee applies for such grant, in
 1083 accordance with section 9-706, on or after the seventieth day but before
 1084 the fifty-sixth day preceding the election, (B) any such committee shall
 1085 receive sixty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies
 1086 on or after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-second day
 1087 preceding the election, (C) any such committee shall receive fifty-five
 1088 per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the
 1089 forty-second day but before the twenty-eighth day preceding the
 1090 election, (D) any such committee shall receive forty per cent of said
 1091 amount if such committee so applies on or after the twenty-eighth day
 1092 preceding the election, and (E) in the case of an election held in 2010,
 1093 or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of
 1094 this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-601(3)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-607(g)(1)

Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-608(c)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-608(e)(1)(C)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-612(a)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-613
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-614
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-615
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-618(a)
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-619(a)
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	9-620
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	9-605(a)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	9-601
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	9-601d(c)
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	9-601d(a)
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	9-621(h) to (m)
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	9-7a(g)(1)
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	9-703(a)
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	9-452
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	9-453i(a)
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	9-705(a)(2)
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	9-705(b)(2)
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	9-705(e)(2)
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	9-705(f)(2)