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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5589

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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-718 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes and  
6 except as provided in subsection [(e)] (g) of this section, no town  
7 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership  
8 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the benefit of a  
9 participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating  
10 candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of state

11 senator in an amount that exceeds ten thousand dollars for the general  
12 election campaign.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes no party  
14 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership  
15 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the purposes  
16 described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of section 9-601, as  
17 amended by this act, for the benefit of a participating candidate or the  
18 candidate committee of a participating candidate in the Citizens'  
19 Election Program for the office of state senator for the primary  
20 campaign.

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

29 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no party  
30 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership  
31 committee shall make an organization expenditure for the purposes  
32 described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of section 9-601, as  
33 amended by this act, for the benefit of a participating candidate or the  
34 candidate committee of a participating candidate in the Citizens'  
35 Election Program for the office of state representative for the primary  
36 campaign.

37 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes and  
38 except as provided in subsection (h) of this section, no party committee  
39 shall make an organization expenditure for the benefit of a  
40 participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating  
41 candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of Governor  
42 in an amount that exceeds two hundred fifty thousand dollars, in the

43 aggregate, for the general election campaign.

44 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes and except  
45 as provided in subsection (h) of this section, no party committee shall  
46 make an organization expenditure for the benefit of a participating  
47 candidate or the candidate committee of a participating candidate in  
48 the Citizens' Election Program for the office of Lieutenant Governor,  
49 Secretary of the State, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Attorney  
50 General in an amount that exceeds seventy-five thousand dollars, in  
51 the aggregate, for the general election campaign.

52 ~~[(e)]~~ (g) For any election for state senator or state representative held  
53 in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the limitations on organization  
54 expenditures provided in subsections (a) and (c) of this section shall be  
55 adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than  
56 January 15, 2014, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any  
57 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as  
58 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
59 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending  
60 on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said  
61 adjustment is to be made.

62 (h) For any election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of  
63 the State, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Attorney General held  
64 in 2022, and thereafter, the amount of the limitations on organization  
65 expenditures provided in subsections (e) and (f) of this section shall be  
66 adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than  
67 January 15, 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any  
68 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as  
69 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
70 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2018, and ending  
71 on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said  
72 adjustment is to be made.

73 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 9-601c of the general statutes is  
74 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

75 passage):

76 (a) (1) As used in this chapter and chapter 157, [the term]  
77 "independent expenditure" means an expenditure, as defined in  
78 section 9-601b, that is made without the consent, coordination [,] or  
79 consultation of [,] a candidate, [or agent of the candidate,] candidate  
80 committee, political committee or party committee or any agent of  
81 such candidate or committee.

82 (2) As used in this section, (A) "coordinated spender" means, with  
83 respect to a candidate or committee, any person on whose behalf  
84 during an election cycle the candidate, committee or any agent of the  
85 candidate or committee solicits funds or engages in fundraising  
86 activity, (B) "candidate" includes any person who, during an election  
87 cycle, becomes a candidate later in such election cycle and benefits  
88 from any expenditure (i) made by a coordinated spender, or (ii) that is  
89 not an independent expenditure, and (C) "election cycle" means, with  
90 respect to an office to which a person seeks nomination or election, the  
91 period beginning the day after the previous regular election for such  
92 office and ending the day of the immediately following regular  
93 election for such office.

94 (3) Any expenditure made by a coordinated spender, as defined in  
95 subdivision (2) of this subsection, shall be deemed to have been made  
96 with the consent, coordination or consultation of the candidate,  
97 committee or any agent of the candidate or committee."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-718
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-601c(a)