



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 7889



Offered by:  
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5589      File No. 577      Cal. No. 379

(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. Subsection (b) of section 9-702 of the general statutes is  
4      repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
5      *passage*):

6      (b) Any such candidate committee is eligible to receive such grants  
7      for a primary campaign, if applicable, and a general election campaign  
8      if (1) the candidate certifies as a participating candidate under section  
9      9-703, as amended by this act, (2) the candidate's candidate committee  
10     receives the required amount of qualifying contributions under section  
11     9-704, (3) the candidate's candidate committee returns all contributions  
12     that do not meet the criteria for qualifying contributions under section  
13     9-704, (4) the candidate agrees to limit the campaign expenditures of  
14     the candidate's candidate committee in accordance with the provisions

15 of subsection (c) of this section, (5) the candidate agrees to limit any  
16 contribution by such candidate to a party committee, which  
17 contribution is derived from such candidate's personal funds, to two  
18 hundred fifty dollars, in the aggregate, and ~~[(5)]~~ (6) the candidate  
19 submits an application and the commission approves the application  
20 in accordance with the provisions of section 9-706.

21 Sec. 502. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-703 of the general  
22 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
23 (*Effective from passage*):

24 (a) Each candidate for nomination or election to the office of state  
25 senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of  
26 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,  
27 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, shall file  
28 an affidavit with the State Elections Enforcement Commission. The  
29 affidavit shall include a written certification that the candidate either  
30 intends to abide by the expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election  
31 Program set forth in subsection (c) of section 9-702, or does not intend  
32 to abide by said limits. Such affidavit shall also include a written  
33 certification that the candidate either intends to abide by the limit on  
34 contributions derived from such candidate's personal funds to a party  
35 committee under the Citizens' Election Program set forth in subsection  
36 (b) of section 9-702, as amended by this act, or does not intend to abide  
37 by said limit. If the candidate intends to abide by both of said limits,  
38 the affidavit shall also include written certifications (1) that the  
39 treasurer of the candidate committee for said candidate shall expend  
40 any moneys received from the Citizens' Election Fund in accordance  
41 with the provisions of subsection (g) of section 9-607, as amended by  
42 this act, and regulations adopted by the State Elections Enforcement  
43 Commission under subsection (e) of section 9-706, (2) that the  
44 candidate shall repay to the fund any such moneys that are not  
45 expended in accordance with subsection (g) of section 9-607, as  
46 amended by this act, and said regulations, (3) that the candidate and  
47 the treasurer shall comply with the provisions of subdivision (1) of  
48 subsection (a) of section 9-711, and (4) stating the candidate's status as

49 a major party, minor party or petitioning party candidate and, in the  
50 case of a major party or minor party candidate, the name of such party.  
51 The written certification described in subdivision (3) of this subsection  
52 shall be made by both the candidate and the treasurer of the candidate  
53 committee for said candidate. A candidate for nomination or election  
54 to any such office shall file such affidavit not later than four o'clock  
55 p.m. on the twenty-fifth day before the day of a primary, if applicable,  
56 or on the fortieth day before the day of the election for such office,  
57 except that in the case of a special election for the office of state senator  
58 or state representative, the candidate shall file such affidavit not later  
59 than four o'clock p.m. on the twenty-fifth day before the day of such  
60 special election. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a  
61 candidate who is not required to form a candidate committee pursuant  
62 to subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 9-604, files a  
63 certification with the commission pursuant to subsection (c) of section  
64 9-603 and does not intend to participate in the Citizens' Election  
65 Program shall not be required to file such affidavit of intent not to  
66 abide by the expenditure limits of said program. Any such candidate  
67 shall be referred to as a nonparticipating candidate, in accordance with  
68 subsection (b) of this section.

69 (b) A candidate who so certifies the candidate's intent to abide by  
70 the expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election Program set forth in  
71 subsection (c) of section 9-702, as well as the limit on contributions  
72 derived from such candidate's personal funds to a party committee  
73 under the Citizens' Election Program set forth in subsection (b) of  
74 section 9-702, as amended by this act, shall be referred to in sections 9-  
75 700 to 9-716, inclusive, as a "participating candidate" and a candidate  
76 who so certifies the candidate's intent to not abide by said limits shall  
77 be referred to in sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive, as a  
78 "nonparticipating candidate". The commission shall prepare a list of  
79 the participating candidates and a list of the nonparticipating  
80 candidates and shall make such lists available for public inspection.

81 Sec. 503. Subsection (f) of section 9-706 of the general statutes is  
82 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

83 *passage*):

84 (f) If a nominated participating candidate dies, withdraws the  
 85 candidate's candidacy or becomes disqualified to hold the office for  
 86 which the candidate has been nominated after the commission  
 87 approves the candidate's application for a grant under this section, the  
 88 candidate committee of the candidate who is nominated to replace said  
 89 candidate pursuant to section 9-460 shall be eligible to receive grants  
 90 from the fund without complying with the provisions of section 9-704,  
 91 if said replacement candidate files an affidavit under section 9-703, as  
 92 amended by this act, certifying the candidate's intent to abide by the  
 93 expenditure limits set forth in subsection (c) of section 9-702, as well as  
 94 the limit on contributions derived from such candidate's personal  
 95 funas to a party committee under the Citizens' Election Program set  
 96 forth in subsection (b) of section 9-702, as amended by this act, and  
 97 notifies the commission on a form prescribed by the commission. "

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-702(b)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-703(a) and (b)
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	9-706(f)