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"AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM."

- 1 Strike section 4 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
- 2 and internal references accordingly.
- 3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 4 internal references accordingly:
- 5 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (Effective from passage) At any state convention
- 6 called by a party, the purpose of which is to choose candidates for
- 7 nomination for the state offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor,
- 8 no endorsement for either such office shall be made unless a joint
- 9 endorsement for nomination as a ticket to both such offices is made at
- 10 a single roll-call vote of delegates at such convention or poll of such
- 11 convention by delegation.

Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 9-400 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a state office may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon the last-completed enrollment list of such party in any municipality within the state and who has either (1) received at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any rollcall vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for such state office, whether or not the party-endorsed candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot, or (2) circulated a petition and obtained the signatures of at least two per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the state, in accordance with the provisions of sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, as amended by this act, except that no candidacy for nomination by a political party to the state office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor may be filed unless a joint candidacy for such party's nomination as a ticket to both such offices is filed. Candidacies described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be filed by submitting to the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day following the close of the state convention, a certificate, signed by such candidate and attested by either (A) the chairman or presiding officer, or (B) the secretary of the convention, that such candidate received at least fifteen per cent of such votes, and that such candidate consents to be a candidate in a primary of such party for such state office. Such certificate shall specify the candidate's name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the candidate's full residence address and the title of the office for which the candidacy is being filed. A single such certificate or petition for state office may be filed on behalf of two or more candidates for different state offices who consent to have their names appear on a single row of the primary ballot under subsection (b) of section 9-437. Candidacies described in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be filed by submitting said petition not later than four o'clock p.m. on the sixty-third day

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preceding the day of the primary for such office to the registrar of voters of the towns in which the respective petition pages were circulated. Each registrar shall file each page of such petition with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-404c. A petition filed by or on behalf of a candidate for state office shall be invalid for such candidate if such candidate is certified as the partyendorsed candidate pursuant to section 9-388 or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the convention vote for such office pursuant to this subsection. Except as provided in section 9-416a, upon the expiration of the time period for party endorsement and circulation and tabulation of petitions and signatures, if any, if one or more candidacies for such state office have been filed pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Secretary of the State shall notify all town clerks and registrars of voters in accordance with the provisions of section 9-433, that a primary for such state office shall be held in each municipality in accordance with the provisions of section 9-415.

Sec. 503. Section 9-388 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Whenever a convention of a political party is held for the endorsement of candidates for nomination to state or district office, each candidate endorsed at such convention shall file with the Secretary of the State a certificate, signed by him, stating that he was endorsed by such convention, his name as he authorizes it to appear on the ballot, his full residence address and the title and district, if applicable, of the office for which he was endorsed, except that no such certificate of such party's endorsement for nomination to the state office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor may be filed unless such certificate is of a joint endorsement of such party for nomination as a ticket to both such offices, in accordance with section 501 of this act. Such certificate shall be attested by either (1) the chairman or presiding officer, or (2) the secretary of such convention and shall be received by the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day after the close of such convention. Such certificate shall either be mailed to the Secretary of the State by certified mail, return

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receipt requested, or delivered in person, in which case a receipt indicating the date and time of delivery shall be provided by the Secretary of the State to the person making delivery. If a certificate of a party's endorsement for a particular state or district office is not received by the Secretary of the State by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and such party, for purposes of section 9-416 and section 9-416a shall be deemed to have made no endorsement of any candidate for such office. If applicable, the chairman of a party's state convention shall, forthwith upon the close of such convention, file with the Secretary of the State the names and full residence addresses of persons selected by such convention as the nominees of such party for electors of President and Vice-President of the United States in accordance with the provisions of section 9-175.

Sec. 504. Section 9-404a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Petition forms for candidacies for nomination by a political party to a state office, as defined in section 9-372, or the district office of representative in Congress shall be available from the Secretary of the State beginning on the one-hundred-fifth day preceding the day of the primary for such state and district offices. Petition forms for candidacies for nomination by a political party to the district office of judge of probate, state senator or state representative shall be available from the Secretary of the State beginning on the seventy-seventh day preceding the day of the primary for such office. Any person who requests a petition form shall give the person's name and address and the name, address and office sought of each candidate for whom the petition is being obtained and shall file a statement signed by each such candidate that such candidate consents to be a candidate for such office, except that no petition for candidacy for nomination by a political party to the state office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor may be requested unless such petition is being obtained for the joint candidacy for such party's nomination as a ticket to both such offices. Each such candidate shall include on the statement of consent the candidate's name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot.

114 Upon receiving such information and statement, the Secretary shall 115 type or print on a petition form the name and address of each such 116 candidate, the office sought and the political party holding the 117 primary. The Secretary shall give to any person requesting such form 118 one or more petition pages, suitable for duplication, as the Secretary 119 deems necessary. If the person is requesting the form on behalf of an 120 indigent candidate or a group of indigent candidates listed on the 121 same petition, the Secretary shall give the person the number of 122 original pages that the person requests or the number which the 123 Secretary deems sufficient. An original petition page filled in by the Secretary may be duplicated by or on behalf of the candidate or 124 125 candidates listed on the page and signatures may be obtained on such 126 duplicates. The duplicates may be filed in the same manner and shall 127 be subject to the same requirements as original petition pages. All 128 information relative to primary petitions shall be a public record.

Sec. 505. Section 9-451 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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The nomination by a minor party of any candidate for office, including an office established after the last-preceding election, and the selection in a municipality by a minor party of town committee members or delegates to conventions may be made in the manner prescribed in the rules of such party, or alterations or amendments thereto, filed with the Secretary of the State in accordance with section 9-374, except that no such nomination by a minor party for the state office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor may be filed unless a joint nomination by such party as a ticket for both such offices is filed.

Sec. 506. Subsection (a) of section 9-437 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) At the top of each ballot shall be printed the name of the party holding the primary, and each ballot shall contain the names of all candidates to be voted upon at such primary, except the names of

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Sec. 507. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 9-607 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(g) (1) As used in this subsection, (A) "the lawful purposes of the committee" means: (i) For a candidate committee or exploratory committee, the promoting of the nomination or election of the candidate who established the committee, except that after a joint endorsement for nomination as a ticket, pursuant to section 501 of this act, the filing of a joint candidacy for nomination as a ticket, pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by this act, or a political party nominates candidates for election to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, whose names shall be so placed on the ballot in the election that an elector will cast a single vote for both candidates, as prescribed in section 9-181, a candidate committee established by either such candidate may also promote the nomination or election of the other such candidate; (ii) for a political committee, other than an independent expenditure political committee described subparagraph (A)(iv) of this subdivision, the promoting of (I) a political party, including party building activities, (II) the success or defeat of candidates for nomination [and] or election to public office or position subject to the requirements of this chapter, or (III) the success or defeat of referendum questions, provided a political committee formed for a single referendum question shall not promote the success or defeat of any candidate, and provided further a legislative leadership committee or a legislative caucus committee may expend funds to defray costs for conducting legislative or constituency-related business which are not reimbursed or paid by the state; [and] (iii) for a party committee, the promoting of the party, party building activities, the candidates of the party and continuing operating costs of the party; and (iv) for an independent expenditure political committee, the promoting of (I) a political party, (II) the success or defeat of candidates for nomination or election to public office or position subject to the requirements of this chapter, or (III) the success or defeat of referendum questions, provided an independent expenditure political committee shall act entirely independently of a candidate, candidate committee, party committee or political committee that is not an independent expenditure political committee, or any agent of such candidate or committee, and (B) "immediate family" means a

spouse or dependent child of a candidate who resides in the candidate's household.

- Sec. 508. Subsection (a) of section 9-616 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 220 (a) A candidate committee shall not make contributions to, or for the 221 benefit of, (1) a party committee, (2) a political committee, (3) a 222 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office, (4) a national 223 committee, or (5) another candidate committee except that (A) a pro 224 rata sharing of certain expenses in accordance with subsection (b) of 225 section 9-610 shall be permitted, and (B) after a joint endorsement for 226 nomination as a ticket, pursuant to section 501 of this act, the filing of a 227 joint candidacy for nomination as a ticket, pursuant to section 9-400, as 228 amended by this act, or a political party nominates candidates for 229 election to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, whose 230 names shall be so placed on the ballot in the election or primary, as the 231 case may be, that an elector will cast a single vote for both candidates, 232 as prescribed in section 9-181 or 9-347, as amended by this act, as the 233 case may be, an expenditure by a candidate committee established by either such candidate that benefits the candidate committee established 234 235 by the other such candidate shall be permitted.
- Sec. 509. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-704 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 239 (1) In the case of [a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor] candidates campaigning jointly for nomination or 240 election to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant 241 242 to section 9-709, as amended by this act, contributions from individuals 243 in the aggregate amount of [two hundred fifty] four hundred thousand 244 dollars, of which two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars or more is 245 contributed by individuals residing in the state. The provisions of this 246 subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate

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committee of the candidates campaigning jointly for nomination for election shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including [said candidate] either of said candidates, that exceeds [one] three hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating such amounts, and (B) all contributions received by [(i) an exploratory committee established by said candidate, or (ii) an exploratory committee or candidate committee of a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor who is deemed to be jointly campaigning with a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor under subsection (a) of section 9-709,] any exploratory committee or candidate committee established by either of said candidates campaigning jointly which meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be considered in calculating such amounts; and

(2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of [Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount of [seventy-five] one hundred thousand dollars, of which sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in the state. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds [one] two hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating such amounts, and (B) all contributions received by an exploratory committee established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be considered in calculating such amounts.

Sec. 510. Subsections (a) to (f), inclusive, of section 9-705 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of **[**a major party candidate for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination

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to said office major party candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this act, who have a primary for nomination as a ticket to said offices shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of [one million two hundred fifty thousand] six hundred seventy-seven thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

- (2) The qualified candidate committee of [a candidate for the office of Governor who has been nominated, or who has] candidates nominated as a ticket to and campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this act, or candidates campaigning jointly for said offices who have qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of [six million] three million two hundred fifty thousand two hundred dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.
- (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of [Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of [three hundred seventy-five thousand] two hundred three thousand one hundred thirty-eight dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.
- 310 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of 311 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State 312 Treasurer who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on

the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of [seven hundred fifty thousand] four hundred six thousand two hundred seventy-five dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

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(c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the qualified candidate committee of eligible minor party candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this act, or the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party candidate for the office of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular election received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

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(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the qualified candidate committee of eligible petitioning party candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this act, or the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning party candidate for the office of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

(3) In addition to the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, the qualified candidate committee of eligible petitioning party candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this act, the qualified candidate committee of eligible minor party candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and

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Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said section, and the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning party candidate and the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party candidate for the office of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a supplemental grant from the fund after the general election if the treasurer of such candidate committee reports a deficit in the first statement filed after the general election, pursuant to section 9-608, as amended by this act, and such candidate received a greater percentage of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election than the percentage of votes utilized by such candidate to obtain a general election campaign grant described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection. The amount of such supplemental grant shall be calculated as follows:

- (A) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than ten per cent, but not more than fifteen per cent, of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by such candidate and ten per cent and the denominator is ten, and (ii) two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office.
- (B) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than fifteen per cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by such candidate and fifteen per cent and the denominator is five, and (ii) one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office.
- 413 (C) The sum of the general election campaign grant received by any

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such candidate and a supplemental grant under this subdivision shall not exceed one hundred per cent of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office.

- (d) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made, provided for elections held in 2018, and thereafter, any such adjustment to any such grant shall be approved by the General Assembly.
- (e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of state senator who has a primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of [thirty-five thousand] nineteen thousand seven hundred five dollars, provided [(A) if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be seventy-five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35 shall not be counted for such purposes] in the case of a primary held in 2010, or thereafter, such amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h)

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(2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state senator who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of [eighty-five thousand] <u>forty-seven thousand eight hundred fifty-five</u> dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

- (3) (A) In the case of an adjourned primary pursuant to section 9-446, a qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of state senator who appears on the ballot for such adjourned primary shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the adjourned primary in an amount of [fifteen thousand] seven thousand five hundred dollars, provided in the case of a primary held in 2016, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.
- (B) In the case of an adjourned election pursuant to section 9-332, a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state senator who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter 153, and who appears on the ballot for such adjourned election shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of [fifteen thousand] seven thousand five hundred dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2016, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.
- (f) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of state representative who has a primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of [ten thousand] <u>five thousand six hundred thirty</u> dollars, provided [(A) if the percentage of the electors

in the district served by said office who are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be twenty-five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35 shall not be counted for such purposes] in the case of a primary held in 2010, or thereafter, such amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

- (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state representative who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of [twenty-five thousand] fourteen thousand seventy-five dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.
- (3) (A) In the case of an adjourned primary pursuant to section 9-446, a qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of state representative who appears on the ballot for such adjourned primary shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the adjourned primary in an amount of [five thousand] two thousand five hundred dollars, provided in the case of a primary held in 2016, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.
- (B) In the case of an adjourned election pursuant to section 9-332, a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state representative who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on

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the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter 153, and who appears on the ballot for such adjourned election shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of [five thousand] two thousand five hundred dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2016, or thereafter,

- said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.
- Sec. 511. Subsection (h) of section 9-705 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 522 (h) For elections held in 2010, and thereafter, the amount of the 523 grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted by 524 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 525 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the 526 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the 527 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during 528 the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on December 529 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is 530 to be made, provided for elections held in 2018, and thereafter, any 531 such adjustment to any such grant shall be approved by the General 532 Assembly.
- Sec. 512. Subsection (e) of section 9-718 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

provided for elections held in 2018, and thereafter, any such 545

- 546 adjustment to any such amount shall be approved by the General
- 547 Assembly.
- 548 Sec. 513. Subdivision (5) of subsection (j) of section 9-705 of the
- 549 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 550 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 551 (5) The amount of the primary grant or general election campaign 552 grant for a qualified candidate committee shall be reduced, pursuant to 553 the provisions of this subdivision, if such candidate committee has control and custody over lawn signs from any prior election or 554 555 primary in the following applicable amount: (A) Five hundred or more 556 lawn signs the qualified candidate committee of major party 557 candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and 558 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this act, the qualified candidate committee of eligible minor party 559 candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and 560 561 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said section, or the qualified 562 candidate committee of eligible petitioning party candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant 563 564 Governor, pursuant to said section, or for the qualified candidate 565 committee of a candidate for the office of [Governor, Lieutenant 566 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (B) one hundred or more lawn signs for the 567 568 qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state 569 senator, or (C) fifty or more lawn signs for the qualified candidate 570 committee of a candidate for the office of state representative. If such 571 qualified candidate committee has custody and control over lawn 572 signs in the applicable amount, as described in this subdivision, the 573 grant from the fund for the primary campaign or general election 574 campaign, as applicable, for such qualified candidate committee shall be reduced as follows: (i) Two thousand five hundred dollars for the 575 576 qualified candidate committee of major party candidates campaigning 577 jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant 578 to section 9-709, as amended by this act, the qualified candidate

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committee of eligible minor party candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said section, or the qualified candidate committee of eligible petitioning party candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said section, or the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) five hundred dollars for the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state senator, or (iii) two hundred fifty dollars for the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state representative. In no event shall such a reduction be made both to a qualified candidate committee's primary campaign grant and to such candidate committee's general election grant. No reduction in either the primary campaign or general election campaign for a qualified candidate committee's grant shall be taken for any lawn sign that is not in the custody or control of the qualified candidate committee. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to apply to any item other than lawn signs.

Sec. 514. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-706 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

601 (a) (1) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state 602 senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of 603 [Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State 604 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, or a 605 participating candidate campaigning jointly with another participating 606 candidate for nomination to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant 607 Governor, in 2010, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections 608 Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens' 609 Election Program for a primary campaign, after the close of the state 610 convention of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of 611 choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is 612 seeking, if a primary is required under chapter 153, and (A) said party

613 endorses the candidate for the office that the candidate is seeking, (B) 614 the candidate is seeking nomination to the office of Governor, 615 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator 616 617 or state representative and receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes 618 of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote 619 taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for 620 the office the candidate is seeking, or (C) the candidate circulates a 621 petition and obtains the required number of signatures for (i) filing a 622 joint candidacy for nomination as a ticket to the offices of Governor 623 and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by 624 this act, (ii) filing a candidacy for nomination for [(i) the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] to the office of Attorney General, 625 626 State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the 627 district office of state senator or state representative, pursuant to 628 section 9-400, as amended by this act, or [(ii)] (iii) filing a candidacy for nomination to the municipal office of state senator or state 629 630 representative, pursuant to section 9-406, whichever is applicable. The 631 State Elections Enforcement Commission shall make any such grants to 632 participating candidates in accordance with the provisions of 633 subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of this section.

- (2) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of [Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, or a participating candidate campaigning jointly with another participating candidate for nomination as a ticket to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, in 2010, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a general election campaign:
- (A) After the close of the state or district convention or municipal caucus, convention or town committee meeting, whichever is applicable, of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is

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seeking, if (i) said party endorses said candidate for the office that the candidate is seeking and no other candidate of said party files a candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this act, or 9-406, whichever is applicable, (ii) the candidate is seeking election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state representative and receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any rollcall vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for the office the candidate is seeking, no other candidate for said office at such convention either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of said votes for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-388, as amended by this act, or a candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this act, and no other candidate for said office circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination [for] to said office pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by this act, (iii) the candidate is seeking election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state representative, circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination [for] to said office pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by this act, and no other candidate for said office at the state or district convention either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of said votes for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-388, as amended by this act, or a candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this act, or (iv) the candidate is seeking election to the municipal office of state senator or state representative, circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination [for] to the

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office the candidate is seeking pursuant to section 9-406 and no other candidate for said office at the caucus, convention or town committee meeting either receives the party endorsement or files a certification of endorsement with the town clerk in accordance with the provisions of section 9-391;

- (B) After any primary held by such party for nomination for said office, if the Secretary of the State declares that the candidate is the party nominee in accordance with the provisions of section 9-440;
- 690 (C) In the case of a minor party candidate, after the nomination of 691 such candidate is certified and filed with the Secretary of the State 692 pursuant to section 9-452; or
- (D) In the case of a petitioning party candidate, after approval by the Secretary of the State of such candidate's nominating petition pursuant to section 9-4530.
- Sec. 515. Section 9-709 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) For purposes of this section, expenditures made to aid or promote the success of both a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor and a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor jointly, shall be considered expenditures made to aid or promote the success of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor. The party-endorsed candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor and the party-endorsed candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or promoting the success of both candidates jointly upon: [the earliest of the following: (1) The primary, whether held for the office of Governor, the office of Lieutenant Governor, or both; (2) if no primary is held for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the fourteenth day following the close of the convention; or (3) a declaration by the partyendorsed candidates that they will campaign jointly. Any other candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant

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714 Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or promoting the success of 715 such candidacy for the office of Lieutenant Governor and the success 716 of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor 717 jointly upon a declaration by the candidates that they shall campaign 718 jointly (1) In the case of major party candidates, the earlier of (A) the 719 joint endorsement for nomination as a ticket, or (B) the filing of a joint 720 candidacy for nomination as a ticket; (2) in the case of eligible minor party candidates, the joint nomination as a ticket; or (3) in the case of 721 722 eligible petitioning party candidates, the approval of such candidates' nomination petition by the Secretary of the State. 723

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(b) If a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor is campaigning jointly with a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, the candidate committee and any exploratory committee for the candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor shall be dissolved as of the applicable date set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Not later than fifteen days after said date, the treasurer of the candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall file a statement with the proper authority under section 9-603, identifying all contributions received or expenditures made by the committee since the previous statement and the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be. Not later than thirty days after the applicable date set forth in subsection (a) of this section, (1) the treasurer of a qualified candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall distribute any surplus to the fund, and (2) the treasurer of a nonqualified candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall distribute such surplus in accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) of section 9-608.

Sec. 516. Subsection (a) of section 9-611 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to the office of (1) Governor, in excess of [three] four thousand five hundred dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of [two] three thousand dollars; (3) chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state senator or probate judge, in excess of one thousand dollars; or (5) state representative or any other office of a municipality not previously included in this subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed by this subsection shall be applied separately to primaries and elections."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
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Sec. 501	from passage	New section
Sec. 502	from passage	9-400(a)
Sec. 503	from passage	9-388
Sec. 504	from passage	9-404a
Sec. 505	from passage	9-451
Sec. 506	from passage	9-437(a)
Sec. 507	from passage	9-607(g)(1)
Sec. 508	from passage	9-616(a)
Sec. 509	from passage	9-704(a)(1) and (2)
Sec. 510	from passage	9-705(a) to (f)
Sec. 511	from passage	9-705(h)
Sec. 512	from passage	9-718(e)
Sec. 513	from passage	9-705(j)(5)
Sec. 514	from passage	9-706(a)(1) and (2)
Sec. 515	from passage	9-709
Sec. 516	from passage	9-611(a)

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