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**"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. Subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of section 9-607 of the  
4 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (2) Unless otherwise provided by this chapter, any treasurer, in  
7 accomplishing the lawful purposes of the committee, may pay the  
8 expenses of: (A) Advertising in electronic and print media; (B) any  
9 other form of printed advertising or communications including "thank  
10 you" advertising after the election; (C) campaign items, including, but  
11 not limited to, brochures, leaflets, flyers, invitations, stationery,  
12 envelopes, reply cards, return envelopes, campaign business cards,  
13 direct mailings, postcards, palm cards, "thank you" notes, sample  
14 ballots and other similar items; (D) political banners and billboards; (E)  
15 political paraphernalia, which is customarily given or sold to

16 supporters including, but not limited to, campaign buttons, stickers,  
17 pins, pencils, pens, matchbooks, balloons, pads, calendars, magnets,  
18 key chains, hats, tee shirts, sweatshirts, frisbees, pot holders, jar  
19 openers and other similar items; (F) purchasing office supplies for  
20 campaign or political purposes, campaign photographs, raffle or other  
21 fund-raising permits required by law, fund-raiser prizes, postage,  
22 express mail delivery services, bulk mail permits, and computer  
23 supplies and services; (G) banking service charges to maintain  
24 campaign and political accounts; (H) subscriptions to newspapers and  
25 periodicals which enhance the candidacy of the candidate or party; (I)  
26 lease or rental of office space for campaign or political purposes and  
27 expenses in connection therewith including, but not limited to,  
28 furniture, parking, storage space, utilities and maintenance, provided a  
29 party committee or political committee organized for ongoing political  
30 activities may purchase such office space; (J) lease or rental of vehicles  
31 for campaign use only; (K) lease, rental or use charges of any ordinary  
32 and necessary campaign office equipment including, but not limited  
33 to, copy machines, telephones, postage meters, facsimile machines,  
34 computer hardware, software and printers, provided a party  
35 committee or political committee organized for ongoing political  
36 activities may purchase office equipment, and provided further that a  
37 candidate committee or a political committee, other than a political  
38 committee formed for ongoing political activities or an exploratory  
39 committee, may purchase computer equipment; (L) compensation for  
40 campaign or committee staff, fringe benefits and payroll taxes,  
41 provided (i) the candidate and any member of his or her immediate  
42 family shall not receive compensation, and (ii) the treasurer of any  
43 political committee formed by an organization shall disclose the name  
44 of any member of such organization who receives such compensation,  
45 the amount in the aggregate of such compensation and the name of the  
46 candidate whose success such member promoted; (M) travel, meals  
47 and lodging expenses of speakers, campaign or committee workers,  
48 the candidate and the candidate's spouse for political and campaign  
49 purposes; (N) fund raising; (O) reimbursements to candidates and  
50 campaign or committee workers made in accordance with the

51 provisions of this section for campaign-related expenses for which a  
 52 receipt is received by the treasurer; (P) campaign or committee services  
 53 of attorneys, accountants, consultants or other professional persons for  
 54 campaign activities, obtaining or contesting ballot status, nomination,  
 55 or election, and compliance with this chapter; (Q) purchasing  
 56 campaign finance reports; (R) repaying permissible campaign loans  
 57 made to the committee that are properly reported and refunding  
 58 contributions received from an impermissible source or in excess of the  
 59 limitations set forth in this chapter; (S) conducting polls concerning  
 60 any political party, issue, candidate or individual; (T) gifts to campaign  
 61 or committee workers or purchasing flowers or other commemorative  
 62 items for political purposes not to exceed one hundred dollars to any  
 63 one recipient in a calendar year or for the campaign, as the case may  
 64 be; (U) purchasing tickets or advertising from charities, inaugural  
 65 committees, or other civic organizations if for a political purpose, for  
 66 any candidate, a candidate's spouse, a member of a candidate's  
 67 campaign staff, or members of committees; (V) the inauguration of an  
 68 elected candidate by that candidate's candidate committee; (W) hiring  
 69 of halls, rooms, music and other entertainment for political meetings  
 70 and events; (X) reasonable compensation for public speakers hired by  
 71 the committee; (Y) transporting electors to the polls and other get-out-  
 72 the-vote activities on election day; and (Z) any other necessary  
 73 campaign or political expense."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-607(g)(2)