



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 455**

February Session, 2018

Substitute House Bill No. 5523

*House of Representatives, April 12, 2018*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING DEPOSITS OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN CANDIDATE COMMITTEES' DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-606 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) (1) The treasurer of each committee shall be responsible for [(1)]  
5 (A) depositing, receiving and reporting all contributions and other  
6 funds in the manner specified in section 9-608, [(2)] except as provided  
7 in subdivision (2) of this subsection, (B) making and reporting  
8 expenditures, [(3)] (C) reporting expenses incurred but not yet paid,  
9 [(4)] (D) filing the statements required under section 9-608, and [(5)] (E)  
10 keeping internal records of each entry made on such statements. [The]  
11 Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the treasurer  
12 of each committee shall deposit contributions in the committee's  
13 designated depository not later than twenty days after receiving them.

14 The treasurer of each political committee or party committee [which]  
 15 that makes a contribution of goods to another committee shall send  
 16 written notice to the treasurer of the recipient committee before the  
 17 close of the reporting period during which the contribution was made.  
 18 The notice shall be signed by the treasurer of the committee making  
 19 the contribution and shall include the full name of such committee, the  
 20 date on which the contribution was made, a complete description of  
 21 the contribution and the value of the contribution. Any dispute  
 22 concerning the information contained in such notice shall be resolved  
 23 by the treasurer of the recipient committee. Such resolution shall not  
 24 impair in any way the authority of the State Elections Enforcement  
 25 Commission under section 9-7b. The treasurer of the recipient  
 26 committee shall preserve each such notice received for the period  
 27 prescribed by subsection (f) of section 9-607.

28 (2) The candidate by whom a candidate committee has been  
 29 designated, or for whom a candidate committee has been established,  
 30 may deposit contributions in the candidate committee's designated  
 31 depository, provided such candidate does so not later than twenty  
 32 days after receiving such contributions.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	9-606(a)

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subsec. (a)(1), "which" was changed to "[which] that" for proper grammar and in Subsec. (a)(2), the language was changed for consistency with the definition of "candidate committee" in Section 9-601(4) of the general statutes and with other provisions of the bill.

**GAE** Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which allows a candidate to deposit contributions into their candidate committee depository account, has no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

This bill permits statewide, legislative, or municipal office candidates for whom a candidate committee has been established, to deposit campaign contributions in the committee's depository account. Under current law, only the committee treasurer or deputy treasurer may deposit contributions in the account. The bill also requires, as currently applies to treasurers, the deposits to be made within 20 days after receiving the contributions.

Generally, by law, candidate committees must register with the State Elections Enforcement Commission or the applicable town clerk, depending on the office sought. Registration statements must designate a single depository institution in Connecticut in which contributions to the candidate committee will be deposited.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12    Nay 5    (03/23/2018)