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**AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS FOR CERTAIN
CANDIDATES UNDER THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-700 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

3 As used in [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive] this chapter and
4 section 2 of this act:

5 (1) "Commission" means the State Elections Enforcement
6 Commission.

7 (2) "Depository account" means the single checking account at the
8 depository institution designated as the depository for the candidate
9 committee's moneys in accordance with the provisions of subsection
10 (a) of section 9-604.

11 (3) "District office" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-
12 372.

13 (4) "Eligible minor party candidate" means a candidate for election
14 to an office who is nominated by a minor party pursuant to subpart B
15 of part III of chapter 153.

16 (5) "Eligible petitioning party candidate" means a candidate for
17 election to an office pursuant to subpart C of part III of chapter 153
18 whose nominating petition has been approved by the Secretary of the
19 State pursuant to section 9-453o.

20 (6) "Fund" means the Citizens' Election Fund established in section
21 9-701, as amended by this act.

22 (7) "General election campaign" means (A) in the case of a candidate
23 nominated at a primary, the period beginning on the day following the
24 primary and ending on the date the treasurer files the final statement
25 for such campaign pursuant to section 9-608, or (B) in the case of a
26 candidate nominated without a primary, the period beginning on the
27 day following the day on which the candidate is nominated and
28 ending on the date the treasurer files the final statement for such
29 campaign pursuant to section 9-608.

30 (8) "Major party" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372.

31 (9) "Minor party" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-
32 372.

33 (10) "Municipal office" has the same meaning as provided in section
34 9-372.

35 (11) "Primary campaign" means the period beginning on the day
36 following the close of (A) a convention held pursuant to section 9-382
37 for the purpose of endorsing a candidate for nomination to the office of
38 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
39 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state
40 senator or state representative, or (B) a caucus, convention or town
41 committee meeting held pursuant to section 9-390 for the purpose of
42 endorsing a candidate for the municipal office of state senator or state

43 representative, whichever is applicable, and ending on the day of a
44 primary held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for such
45 office.

46 (12) "Qualified candidate committee" means a candidate committee
47 (A) established to aid or promote the success of any candidate for
48 nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
49 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, Secretary of the
50 State, state senator or state representative, and (B) approved by the
51 commission to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund under
52 section 9-706, as amended by this act.

53 (13) "Qualifying contribution" means a contribution that is applied
54 toward the amount required to receive a grant under section 9-705, as
55 amended by this act.

56 (14) "Supplemental qualifying contribution" means a contribution
57 received in order to qualify for a supplemental grant under section 2 of
58 this act or received in accordance with subdivision (3) of subsection (c)
59 of section 9-702, as amended by this act.

60 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2020*) (a) (1) (A) The qualified
61 candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of
62 Governor who has a primary for nomination to said office may be
63 eligible, in accordance with the provisions of this section, to receive a
64 supplemental grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the primary
65 campaign in addition to a grant received pursuant to subdivision (1) of
66 subsection (a) of section 9-705 of the general statutes.

67 (B) The amount of a supplemental grant for the primary campaign
68 pursuant to this subdivision shall be determined pursuant to
69 subsection (b) of this section, but in no case shall exceed the maximum
70 amount provided for in this subparagraph. In the case of a primary
71 held in 2022, the maximum amount of such supplemental grant for the
72 primary campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the grant for the
73 primary campaign authorized under subdivision (1) of subsection (a)
74 of section 9-705 of the general statutes.

75 (2) (A) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the
76 office of Governor that received a grant from the Citizens' Election
77 Fund for the general election campaign pursuant to section 9-705 of the
78 general statutes, as amended by this act, may be eligible, in accordance
79 with the provisions of this section, to receive a supplemental grant
80 from the fund for the general election campaign in addition to a grant
81 received pursuant to subsection (a) of section 9-705 of the general
82 statutes.

83 (B) The amount of a supplemental grant for the general election
84 campaign pursuant to this subdivision shall be determined pursuant to
85 subsection (b) of this section, but in no case shall exceed the maximum
86 amount provided for in this subparagraph. In the case of an election
87 held in 2022, the maximum amount of such supplemental grant for the
88 general election campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the
89 applicable grant for the general election campaign authorized under
90 section 9-705 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for such
91 qualified candidate committee described in subparagraph (A) of this
92 subdivision.

93 (b) (1) Any qualified candidate committee described in subsection
94 (a) of this section is eligible to receive a supplemental grant for a
95 primary campaign, if applicable, and for a general election campaign if
96 (A) the qualified candidate committee receives supplemental
97 qualifying contributions for a supplemental grant under section 9-704
98 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (B) the qualified
99 candidate committee returns all contributions that do not meet the
100 criteria for supplemental qualifying contributions under section 9-704
101 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (C) the participating
102 candidate agrees to limit such candidate's qualified candidate
103 committee's campaign expenditures in accordance with the provisions
104 of section 9-702 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (D)
105 the qualified candidate committee submits an application, and the
106 State Elections Enforcement Commission approves such application, in
107 accordance with the provisions of this section and subsections (a) and
108 (b) of section 9-706 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

109 (2) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall review each
110 application described in subdivision (1) of this subsection in
111 accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of section 9-706 of the
112 general statutes, as amended by this act. If the commission approves
113 the application of any such qualified candidate committee described in
114 subdivision (1) of this subsection, the amount of any supplemental
115 grant payable to such committee shall be equal to three times the
116 amount of contributions received by such committee that qualify as
117 supplemental qualifying contributions for a supplemental grant under
118 section 9-704 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, but in no
119 case shall the amount of such supplemental grant exceed the
120 maximum amount applicable to such committee under subsection (a)
121 of this section. The commission shall authorize the payment of such
122 supplemental grant in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d)
123 of section 9-706 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

124 Sec. 3. Section 9-702 of the general statutes is repealed and the
125 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

126 (a) There is established a Citizens' Election Program under which (1)
127 the candidate committee of a major party candidate for nomination to
128 the office of state senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter,
129 or the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General,
130 State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or
131 thereafter, may receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the
132 candidate's primary campaign for said nomination, and (2) the
133 candidate committee of a candidate nominated by a major party, or the
134 candidate committee of an eligible minor party candidate or an eligible
135 petitioning party candidate, (A) for election to the office of state
136 senator or state representative at a special election held on or after
137 December 31, 2006, or at a regular election held in 2008, or thereafter,
138 or (B) for election to the office of Governor, Attorney General, State
139 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or
140 thereafter, may receive a grant from the fund for the candidate's
141 general election campaign for said office.

142 (b) (1) Any such candidate committee is eligible to receive such
143 grants under sections 9-705 and 9-706, as amended by this act, for a
144 primary campaign, if applicable, and a general election campaign if
145 [(1)] (A) the candidate certifies as a participating candidate under
146 section 9-703, as amended by this act, [(2)] (B) the candidate's
147 candidate committee receives the required amount of qualifying
148 contributions under section 9-704, as amended by this act, [(3)] (C) the
149 candidate's candidate committee returns, or transmits to the State
150 Elections Enforcement Commission for deposit in the Citizens' Election
151 Fund, all contributions that do not meet the criteria for qualifying
152 contributions under section 9-704, as amended by this act, [(4)] (D) the
153 candidate agrees to limit the campaign expenditures of the candidate's
154 candidate committee in accordance with the provisions of subsection
155 (c) of this section, and [(5)] (E) the candidate submits an application
156 and the commission approves the application in accordance with the
157 provisions of section 9-706, as amended by this act.

158 (2) After receiving a grant under sections 9-705 and 9-706, as
159 amended by this act, a qualified candidate committee of a candidate
160 for the office of Governor may then qualify for a supplemental grant
161 under section 2 of this act.

162 (c) (1) A candidate participating in the Citizens' Election Program
163 shall limit the expenditures of the candidate's candidate committee (A)
164 before a primary campaign and a general election campaign, to the
165 amount of qualifying contributions permitted in section 9-704, as
166 amended by this act, and any personal funds provided by the
167 candidate under subsection (c) of section 9-710, (B) for a primary
168 campaign, to the sum of (i) the amount of such qualifying
169 contributions and personal funds that have not been spent before the
170 primary campaign, [and] (ii) the amount of the grant for the primary
171 campaign authorized under section 9-705, as amended by this act, (iii)
172 the amount of any supplemental grant for the primary campaign
173 authorized under section 2 of this act, if applicable, for a candidate for
174 the office of Governor, and (iv) the amount of any supplemental
175 qualifying contributions under subdivision (3) of this subsection, if

176 applicable, for a candidate for the office of Governor, and (C) for a
177 general election campaign, to the sum of (i) the amount of such
178 qualifying contributions and personal funds that have not been spent
179 before the general election campaign, (ii) any unexpended funds from
180 any grant for a primary campaign authorized under section 9-705, as
181 amended by this act, [and] or from any supplemental grant for a
182 primary campaign authorized under section 2 of this act, if applicable,
183 (iii) the amount of the grant for the general election campaign
184 authorized under section 9-705, as amended by this act, (iv) the
185 amount of any supplemental grant for the general election campaign
186 authorized under section 2 of this act, if applicable, for a candidate for
187 the office of Governor, and (v) the amount of any supplemental
188 qualifying contributions under subdivision (3) of this subsection for a
189 candidate for the office of Governor.

190 (2) The candidate committee of a minor or petitioning party
191 candidate who has received a general election campaign grant from
192 the fund pursuant to section 9-705, as amended by this act, shall be
193 permitted to receive contributions in addition to the qualifying
194 contributions subject to the limitations and restrictions applicable to
195 participating candidates for the same office, provided such minor or
196 petitioning party candidate shall limit the expenditures of the
197 candidate committee for a general election campaign to the sum of the
198 qualifying contributions and personal funds, the amount of the general
199 election campaign grant received and the amount raised in additional
200 contributions that is equivalent to the difference between the amount
201 of the applicable general election campaign grant for a major party
202 candidate for such office and the amount of the general election
203 campaign grant received by such minor or petitioning party candidate.

204 (3) After qualifying for a grant under section 9-705, as amended by
205 this act, a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
206 Governor that is eligible to receive a supplemental grant under section
207 2 of this act, regardless of whether such candidate committee satisfies
208 application deadlines under section 9-706, as amended by this act, may
209 receive supplemental qualifying contributions subject to the limitations

210 and restrictions under section 9-704, as amended by this act. The
211 amount raised in supplemental qualifying contributions shall not
212 exceed an amount that is equivalent to one-third of the maximum
213 amount of the applicable grant for which such qualified candidate
214 committee would be eligible if such qualified candidate committee
215 received the maximum grant amount under section 2 of this act.

216 (d) For the purposes of this chapter and section 2 of this act, if a
217 qualified candidate committee receives a grant for a primary campaign
218 and has qualifying contributions that have not been spent before the
219 primary campaign, no expenditures by such committee during the
220 primary campaign shall be deemed to have been made from such
221 qualifying contributions until the primary campaign grant funds have
222 been fully spent.

223 (e) [No] Any grants or moneys paid to a qualified candidate
224 committee from the Citizens' Election Fund under this chapter or
225 section 2 of this act shall not be deemed to be public funds under any
226 other provision of the general statutes or any public or special act
227 unless specifically stated by such provision.

228 Sec. 4. Section 9-704 of the general statutes is repealed and the
229 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

230 (a) The amount of qualifying contributions that the candidate
231 committee of a candidate shall be required to receive in order to be
232 eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund under section 9-705,
233 as amended by this act, shall be:

234 (1) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
235 of Governor, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount
236 of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, of which two hundred twenty-
237 five thousand dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in
238 the state, except that in the case of a primary or election held in 2022,
239 or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted
240 under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and then
241 rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly

242 fifty dollars rounded upward. The provisions of this subdivision shall
243 be subject to the following: (A) Except as provided in subparagraph
244 (C) of this subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) before
245 January 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of
246 any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
247 candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii) on and after January
248 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any
249 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
250 candidate, that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and (iii) any such
251 excess portion shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate
252 contribution amounts under this subdivision, (B) all contributions
253 received by (i) an exploratory committee established by said candidate,
254 or (ii) an exploratory committee or candidate committee of a candidate
255 for the office of Lieutenant Governor who is deemed to be jointly
256 campaigning with a candidate for nomination or election to the office
257 of Governor under subsection (a) of section 9-709, which meet the
258 criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this
259 section shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution
260 amounts, and (C) in the case of a primary or election held in 2022, or
261 thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual
262 contribution amount provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision
263 shall be first adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this
264 section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with
265 exactly five dollars rounded upward.

266 (2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
267 of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
268 Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in
269 the aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which sixty-
270 seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by
271 individuals residing in the state, except that in the case of a primary or
272 election for Lieutenant Governor held in 2022, or thereafter, the
273 aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted under
274 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the
275 nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars

276 rounded upward and in the case of a primary or election for Attorney
277 General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State
278 held in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be
279 first adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section and
280 then rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with
281 exactly fifty dollars rounded upward. The provisions of this
282 subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) Except as provided in
283 subparagraph (C) of this subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-
284 610, (i) before January 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the
285 portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual,
286 including said candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii) on and
287 after January 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion
288 of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including
289 said candidate, that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and (iii) any
290 such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate
291 contribution amounts under this subdivision, (B) all contributions
292 received by an exploratory committee established by said candidate
293 that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate
294 committees under this section shall be considered in calculating the
295 aggregate contribution amounts, and (C) in the case of a primary or
296 election held in 2022, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar
297 maximum individual contribution amount provided in subparagraph
298 (A) of this subdivision shall be first adjusted under subdivision (1) of
299 subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple
300 of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded upward.

301 (3) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
302 of state senator for a district, contributions from individuals in the
303 aggregate amount of fifteen thousand dollars, including contributions
304 from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities
305 included, in whole or in part, in said district, except that in the case of
306 a primary or election held in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate
307 contribution amount shall be first adjusted under subdivision (3) of
308 subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple
309 of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward. The

310 provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A)
311 Except as provided in subparagraph (D) of this subdivision and
312 subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) before December 1, 2017, the
313 candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or
314 contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that
315 exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii) on and after December 1, 2017, the
316 candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or
317 contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that
318 exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and (iii) any such excess portion
319 shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution
320 amount under this subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted
321 for the purposes of the requirement under this subdivision for
322 contributions from at least three hundred individuals residing in
323 municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district unless the
324 contribution is five dollars or more, and (C) all contributions received
325 by an exploratory committee established by said candidate that meet
326 the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under
327 this section shall be considered in calculating the aggregate
328 contribution amount under this subdivision and all such exploratory
329 committee contributions that also meet the requirement under this
330 subdivision for contributions from at least three hundred individuals
331 residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district
332 shall be counted for the purposes of said requirement, and (D) in the
333 case of a primary or election held in 2020, or thereafter, the two-
334 hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount
335 provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be adjusted
336 under subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section and then
337 rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars
338 rounded upward.

339 (4) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
340 of state representative for a district, contributions from individuals in
341 the aggregate amount of five thousand dollars, including contributions
342 from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities
343 included, in whole or in part, in said district, except that in the case of

344 a primary or election held in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate
345 contribution amount shall be first adjusted under subdivision (3) of
346 subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple
347 of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward. The
348 provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A)
349 Except as provided in subparagraph (D) of this subdivision and
350 subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) before December 1, 2017, the
351 candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or
352 contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that
353 exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii) on and after December 1, 2017, the
354 candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or
355 contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that
356 exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and (iii) any such excess portion
357 shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution
358 amount under this subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted
359 for the purposes of the requirement under this subdivision for
360 contributions from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in
361 municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district unless the
362 contribution is five dollars or more, (C) all contributions received by an
363 exploratory committee established by said candidate that meet the
364 criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this
365 section shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution
366 amount under this subdivision and all such exploratory committee
367 contributions that also meet the requirement under this subdivision for
368 contributions from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in
369 municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be
370 counted for the purposes of said requirement, and (D) in the case of a
371 primary or election held in 2020, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-
372 dollar maximum individual contribution amount provided in
373 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be adjusted under
374 subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the
375 nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded
376 upward.

377 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (3) and (4) of

378 this subsection, in the case of a special election for the office of state
379 senator or state representative for a district, (A) the aggregate amount
380 of qualifying contributions that the candidate committee of a candidate
381 for such office shall be required to receive in order to be eligible for a
382 grant from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be seventy-five per cent or
383 more of the corresponding amount required under the applicable said
384 subdivision (3) or (4), as adjusted and rounded pursuant to the
385 applicable provisions of subsection (b) of this section, and (B) the
386 number of contributions required from individuals residing in
387 municipalities included, in whole or in part, in said district shall be
388 seventy-five per cent or more of the corresponding number required
389 under the applicable said subdivision (3) or (4).

390 (b) (1) For elections for the office of Governor or Lieutenant
391 Governor held in 2022, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution
392 amounts in subdivision (1) or (2), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this
393 section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
394 Commission not later than January 15, 2022, and quadrennially
395 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
396 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
397 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
398 January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year
399 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

400 (2) For elections for the office of Attorney General, State
401 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in 2018, and
402 thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (2) of
403 subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
404 Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2018, and
405 quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
406 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
407 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
408 the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December
409 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
410 to be made.

411 (3) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
412 held in 2018, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in
413 subdivision (3) or (4), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this section
414 shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not
415 later than January 15, 2018, and biennially thereafter, in accordance
416 with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers
417 as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of
418 Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and
419 ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in
420 which said adjustment is to be made.

421 (c) (1) For elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
422 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of
423 the State held in 2022, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar
424 maximum individual contribution amount in subdivision (1) or (2), as
425 applicable, of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the
426 State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
427 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
428 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
429 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
430 the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December
431 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
432 to be made.

433 (2) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
434 held in 2020, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum
435 individual contribution amount in subdivision (3) or (4), as applicable,
436 of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
437 Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2020, and
438 biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer
439 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
440 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
441 beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in
442 the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

443 (d) The maximum amount of contributions that a qualified

444 candidate committee described in section 2 of this act may receive as
445 supplemental qualifying contributions in order to be eligible for a
446 supplemental grant from the Citizens' Election Fund under said
447 section shall be:

448 (1) In the case of a qualified candidate committee of a major party
449 candidate for the office of Governor who has a primary campaign for
450 nomination to said office, contributions from individuals in an
451 aggregate amount not to exceed one-third of the maximum amount of
452 the supplemental grant for a primary campaign under subsection (a) of
453 section 2 of this act, of which seventy-five per cent or more of the
454 aggregate amount is contributed by individuals residing in the state.
455 The qualified candidate committee shall return the portion of any
456 contribution or contributions from any individual that exceeds one
457 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
458 calculating such amounts.

459 (2) In the case of a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for
460 election to the office of Governor, contributions from individuals in an
461 aggregate amount not to exceed one-third of the maximum amount of
462 the supplemental grant for a general election campaign under
463 subsection (a) of section 2 of this act, of which seventy-five per cent or
464 more of the aggregate amount is contributed by individuals residing in
465 the state. The qualified candidate committee shall return the portion of
466 any contribution or contributions from any individual that exceeds one
467 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
468 calculating such amounts.

469 [(d)] (e) Each individual who makes a contribution of more than
470 fifty dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or promote the
471 success of a participating candidate for nomination or election shall
472 include with the contribution a certification that contains the same
473 information described in subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 9-
474 608 and shall follow the same procedure prescribed in said subsection.

475 [(e)] (f) The following shall not be deemed to be qualifying

476 contributions under subsection (a) of this section, or supplemental
477 qualifying contributions under subsection (d) of this section, and shall
478 be returned by the treasurer of the candidate committee to the
479 contributor or transmitted to the State Elections Enforcement
480 Commission for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund:

481 (1) A contribution from a principal of a state contractor or
482 prospective state contractor;

483 (2) A contribution of less than five dollars, and a contribution of five
484 dollars or more from an individual who does not provide the full name
485 and complete address of the individual;

486 (3) A contribution under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of
487 this section, or under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (d) of this
488 section, from an individual who does not reside in the state, in excess
489 of the applicable limit on contributions from out-of-state individuals in
490 subsection (a) or (d), as applicable, of this section; and

491 (4) A contribution made by a youth who is less than twelve years of
492 age.

493 [(f) After] (g) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
494 subsection, after a candidate committee receives the applicable
495 aggregate amount of qualifying contributions under subsection (a) of
496 this section, or supplemental qualifying contributions under
497 subsection (d) of this section, the candidate committee shall transmit
498 any additional contributions that it receives to the State Treasurer for
499 deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund, except as provided in
500 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

501 (2) If a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
502 Governor is eligible for a supplemental grant under section 2 of this
503 act, the qualified candidate committee may use excess qualifying
504 contributions, the aggregate amount of which shall be not more than
505 twenty per cent of the applicable aggregate amount of qualifying
506 contributions under subsection (a) of this section, as supplemental

507 qualifying contributions under subsection (d) of this section. If a
508 qualified candidate committee for the office of Governor is eligible for
509 a supplemental grant for a primary campaign under section 2 of this
510 act, the qualified candidate committee may use excess supplemental
511 qualifying contributions, the aggregate amount of which shall be not
512 more than twenty per cent of the applicable aggregate amount of
513 supplemental qualifying contributions for a primary campaign grant,
514 as supplemental qualifying contributions for a supplemental grant for
515 the general election campaign under section 2 of this act.

516 (h) The two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution
517 amount provided in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection
518 (a) of this section shall apply to the aggregate total of each qualifying
519 contribution and each supplemental qualifying contribution. In the
520 case of a primary or election held in 2022, or thereafter, such maximum
521 individual contribution amount shall be first adjusted under
522 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the
523 nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded
524 upward.

525 [(g)] (i) As used in this section, "principal of a state contractor or
526 prospective state contractor" has the same meaning as provided in
527 subsection (g) of section 9-612, and "individual" shall include sole
528 proprietorships.

529 Sec. 5. Subdivision (2) of subsection (i) of section 9-705 of the general
530 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
531 (Effective January 1, 2020):

532 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
533 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized
534 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section, or does not expend
535 the entire supplemental grant for the primary campaign authorized
536 under section 2 of this act, if applicable, the amount of the grant for the
537 general election campaign shall be reduced by the total amount of any
538 such unexpended [primary campaign] grant for the primary campaign,

539 supplemental grant for the primary campaign and moneys;

540 Sec. 6. Subsections (b) to (g), inclusive, of section 9-706 of the general
541 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
542 (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

543 (b) The application shall include a written certification that:

544 (1) The candidate committee has received the required amount of
545 qualifying contributions;

546 (2) The candidate committee has repaid all moneys borrowed on
547 behalf of the campaign, as required by subsection (b) of section 9-710;

548 (3) The candidate committee has returned any contribution of five
549 dollars or more from an individual who does not include the
550 individual's name and address with the contribution;

551 (4) [The] Except as provided in subsection (e) of section 9-704, as
552 amended by this act, the candidate committee has returned all
553 contributions or portions of contributions that do not meet the criteria
554 for qualifying contributions under section 9-704, as amended by this
555 act, and transmitted all excess qualifying contributions and
556 supplemental qualifying contributions to the Citizens' Election Fund;

557 (5) The treasurer of the candidate committee will: (A) Comply with
558 the provisions of chapter 155 and this chapter, and (B) maintain and
559 furnish all records required pursuant to chapter 155 and this chapter
560 and any regulation adopted pursuant to such chapters;

561 (6) All moneys received from the Citizens' Election Fund will be
562 deposited upon receipt into the depository account of the candidate
563 committee;

564 (7) The treasurer of the candidate committee will expend all moneys
565 received from the fund in accordance with the provisions of subsection
566 (g) of section 9-607 and regulations adopted by the State Elections
567 Enforcement Commission under subsection (e) of this section;

568 (8) If the candidate withdraws from the campaign, becomes
569 ineligible or dies during the campaign, the candidate committee of the
570 candidate will return to the commission, for deposit in the fund, all
571 moneys received from the fund pursuant to [sections 9-700 to 9-716,
572 inclusive, which] this chapter and section 2 of this act that said
573 candidate committee has not spent as of the date of such occurrence;

574 (9) All outstanding civil penalties or forfeitures assessed pursuant to
575 chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, against the current or any former
576 committee of the candidate have been paid, provided (A) in the case of
577 any candidate seeking nomination for or election to the office of
578 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
579 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, any such penalty or forfeiture
580 was assessed not later than twenty-four months prior to the
581 submission of an application pursuant to this section; or (B) in the case
582 of any candidate seeking nomination for or election to the office of
583 state senator or state representative, any such penalty or forfeiture was
584 assessed not later than twelve months prior to the submission of an
585 application pursuant to this section;

586 (10) The treasurer has paid any civil penalties or forfeitures assessed
587 pursuant to chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, and has not been convicted
588 of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, in a court of competent
589 jurisdiction, any (A) felony involving fraud, forgery, larceny,
590 embezzlement or bribery, or (B) criminal offense under this title, unless
591 at least eight years have elapsed from the date of the conviction or plea
592 or the completion of any sentence, whichever date is later, without a
593 subsequent conviction of or plea to another such felony or offense;

594 (11) The candidate has not been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo
595 contendere to, in a court of competent jurisdiction, a criminal offense
596 under this title unless at least eight years have elapsed from the date of
597 the conviction or plea or the completion of any sentence, whichever
598 date is later, without a subsequent conviction of or plea to another
599 such offense; and

600 (12) The candidate has never been convicted of or pled guilty or
601 nolo contendere to, in a court of competent jurisdiction, a felony
602 related to the individual's public office, other than a criminal offense
603 under this title in accordance with subdivision (11) of this subsection.

604 (c) The application shall be accompanied by a cumulative itemized
605 accounting of all funds received, expenditures made and expenses
606 incurred but not yet paid by the candidate committee as of three days
607 preceding the day the application is filed. Such accounting shall be
608 sworn to under penalty of false statement by the treasurer of the
609 candidate committee. The commission shall prescribe the form of the
610 application and the cumulative itemized accounting. The form for such
611 accounting shall conform to the requirements of section 9-608. Both the
612 candidate and the treasurer of the candidate committee shall sign the
613 application.

614 (d) In accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of this
615 section, the commission shall review the application, determine
616 whether (1) the candidate committee for the applicant has received the
617 required qualifying contributions, (2) in the case of an application for a
618 grant from the fund for a primary campaign, the applicant has met the
619 applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying
620 for such grant and complied with the provisions of subsections (b) and
621 (c) of this section, (3) in the case of an application for a grant from the
622 fund for a general election campaign, the applicant has met the
623 applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying
624 for such moneys and complied with the provisions of subsections (b)
625 and (c) of this section, and (4) in the case of an application by a minor
626 party or petitioning party candidate for a grant from the fund for a
627 general election campaign, the applicant qualifies as an eligible minor
628 party candidate or an eligible petitioning party candidate, whichever is
629 applicable. If the commission approves an application, the commission
630 shall determine the amount of the grant payable to the candidate
631 committee for the applicant pursuant to section 9-705, as amended by
632 this act, or section 2 of this act, from the fund, and notify the State
633 Comptroller and the candidate of such candidate committee, of such

634 amount. If the timing of the commission's approval of the grant in
635 relation to the Secretary of the State's determination of ballot status is
636 such that the commission cannot determine whether the qualified
637 candidate committee is entitled to the applicable full initial grant for
638 the primary or election or the applicable partial grant for the primary
639 or election, as the case may be, the commission shall approve the lesser
640 applicable partial initial grant. The commission shall then authorize
641 the payment of the remaining portion of the applicable grant after the
642 commission has knowledge of the circumstances regarding the ballot
643 status of the opposing candidates in such primary or election. Not later
644 than two business days following notification by the commission, the
645 State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for
646 payment of any such approved amount to the qualified candidate
647 committee from the fund.

648 (e) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall adopt
649 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, on
650 permissible expenditures under subsection (g) of section 9-607 for
651 qualified candidate committees receiving grants from the fund [under
652 sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive] pursuant to this chapter and section 2
653 of this act.

654 (f) If a nominated participating candidate dies, withdraws the
655 candidate's candidacy or becomes disqualified to hold the office for
656 which the candidate has been nominated after the commission
657 approves the candidate's application for a grant under this section, the
658 candidate committee of the candidate who is nominated to replace said
659 candidate pursuant to section 9-460 shall be eligible to receive grants
660 from the fund without complying with the provisions of section 9-704,
661 as amended by this act, if said replacement candidate files an affidavit
662 under section 9-703, as amended by this act, certifying the candidate's
663 intent to abide by the expenditure limits set forth in subsection (c) of
664 section 9-702, as amended by this act, and notifies the commission on a
665 form prescribed by the commission.

666 (g) (1) Any application submitted pursuant to this section for a grant

667 for the primary or general election campaign under section 9-705, as
668 amended by this act, or a supplemental grant for the primary or
669 general election campaign under section 2 of this act, shall be
670 submitted in accordance with the following schedule: (A) By five
671 o'clock p.m. on the third Wednesday in May of the year that the
672 primary or election will be held at which such participating candidate
673 will seek nomination or election, or (B) by five o'clock p.m. on any
674 subsequent Wednesday of such year, provided no application shall be
675 accepted by the commission after five o'clock p.m. on or after the
676 fourth to last Friday prior to the primary or election at which such
677 participating candidate will seek nomination or election. Not later than
678 five business days following any such Wednesday or Friday, as
679 applicable, for participating candidates seeking nomination or election
680 to the office of state senator or state representative, or ten business
681 days following any such Wednesday or Friday, as applicable, for
682 participating candidates seeking nomination or election to the office of
683 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
684 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or, in the event of a national,
685 regional or local emergency or local natural disaster, as soon thereafter
686 as is practicable, the commission shall review any application received
687 by such Wednesday or Friday, in accordance with the provisions of
688 subsection (d) of this section, and determine whether such application
689 shall be approved or disapproved. Notwithstanding the provisions of
690 this subsection, if an application for a grant for the general election
691 [grant] campaign under section 9-705, as amended by this act, or a
692 supplemental grant for the general election campaign under section 2
693 of this act, is received during the period beginning at five o'clock p.m.
694 on the Wednesday of the week preceding the week of the last primary
695 application deadline and ending five o'clock p.m. on the last primary
696 application deadline, as set forth in this subsection, the commission
697 shall review such application in accordance with the provisions of
698 subsection (d) of this section and determine whether it shall be
699 approved or disapproved not later than five business days or ten
700 business days, as applicable, after the first application deadline
701 following the last primary application deadline. For any such

702 application that is approved, any disbursement of funds by the
703 commission shall be made not later than twelve business days prior to
704 any such primary or general election. From the third week of June in
705 even-numbered years until the third week in July, the commission
706 shall meet twice weekly to determine whether or not to approve
707 applications for grants if there are pending grant applications.

708 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
709 subsection, no application for a special election shall be accepted by
710 the commission after five o'clock p.m. on or after ten business days
711 prior to the special election at which such participating candidate will
712 seek election. Not later than three business days following such
713 deadline, or, in the event of a national, regional or local emergency or
714 local natural disaster, as soon thereafter as practicable, the commission
715 shall review any such application received by such deadline, in
716 accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, and
717 determine whether such application shall be approved or disapproved.
718 For any such application that is approved, any disbursement of funds
719 by the commission shall be made not later than seven business days
720 prior to any such special election.

721 (3) The commission shall publish such application review schedules
722 and meeting schedules on the commission's web site and with the
723 Secretary of the State.

724 Sec. 7. Section 9-701 of the general statutes is repealed and the
725 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

726 There is established the "Citizens' Election Fund", which shall be a
727 separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The fund may
728 contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the fund.
729 Investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund shall become
730 part of the assets of the fund. The State Treasurer shall administer the
731 fund. All moneys deposited in the fund shall be used for the purposes
732 of [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive] this chapter and section 2 of this
733 act.

734 Sec. 8. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-703 of the general statutes
735 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
736 *January 1, 2020*):

737 (b) A candidate who so certifies the candidate's intent to abide by
738 the expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election Program set forth in
739 subsection (c) of section 9-702, as amended by this act, shall be referred
740 to in [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,] this chapter and section 2 of
741 this act as a "participating candidate", and a candidate who so certifies
742 the candidate's intent to not abide by said limits shall be referred to in
743 [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,] this chapter and section 2 of this act
744 as a "nonparticipating candidate". The commission shall prepare a list
745 of the participating candidates and a list of the nonparticipating
746 candidates and shall make such lists available for public inspection.

747 (c) A participating candidate may withdraw from participation in
748 the Citizens' Election Program before applying for an initial grant
749 under section 9-706, as amended by this act, by filing an affidavit with
750 the State Elections Enforcement Commission, which includes a written
751 certification of such withdrawal. A candidate who files such an
752 affidavit shall be deemed to be a nonparticipating candidate for the
753 purposes of [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,] this chapter and section
754 2 of this act and shall not be penalized for such withdrawal. No
755 participating candidate shall withdraw from participation in the
756 Citizens' Election Program after applying for an initial grant under
757 section 9-706, as amended by this act.

758 Sec. 9. Section 9-707 of the general statutes is repealed and the
759 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

760 Following the initial deposit of moneys from the Citizens' Election
761 Fund into the depository account of a qualified candidate committee,
762 no contribution, loan, amount of the candidate's own moneys or any
763 other moneys received by the candidate or the treasurer on behalf of
764 the committee shall be deposited into said depository account, except
765 (1) grants under section 9-705, as amended by this act, and

766 supplemental grants under section 2 of this act from the fund, [and] (2)
767 any supplemental qualifying contributions received in accordance
768 with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 9-704, as amended by
769 this act, or the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section
770 9-702, as amended by this act, and (3) reimbursement from another
771 candidate committee for shared expenses [as provided] pursuant to
772 subsection (b) of section 9-610.

773 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 9-711 of the general statutes is
774 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
775 *January 1, 2020*):

776 (a) If an expenditure in excess of the applicable expenditure limit set
777 forth in subsection (c) of section 9-702, as amended by this act, is made
778 or incurred by a qualified candidate committee that receives a grant
779 from the Citizens' Election Fund pursuant to section 9-706, as amended
780 by this act, (1) the candidate and treasurer of said committee shall be
781 jointly and severally liable for paying for the excess expenditure, (2)
782 the committee shall not receive any additional grants or moneys from
783 the fund for the remainder of the election cycle if the State Elections
784 Enforcement Commission determines that the candidate or treasurer of
785 said committee had knowledge of the excess expenditure, (3) the
786 treasurer shall be subject to penalties under section 9-7b, and (4) the
787 candidate of said candidate committee shall be deemed to be a
788 nonparticipating candidate for the purposes of [sections 9-700 to 9-716,
789 inclusive,] this chapter and section 2 of this act if the commission
790 determines that the candidate or treasurer of said committee had
791 knowledge of the excess expenditure. The commission may waive the
792 provisions of this subsection upon determining that an excess
793 expenditure is de minimis. The commission shall adopt regulations, in
794 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing standards
795 for making such determinations. Such standards shall include, but not
796 be limited to, a finding by the commission that the candidate or
797 treasurer has, from the candidate's or treasurer's personal funds, either
798 paid the excess expenditure or reimbursed the qualified candidate
799 committee for its payment of the excess expenditure.

800 Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 9-712 of the general statutes is
801 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
802 *January 1, 2020*):

803 (b) (1) As used in this section, "excess expenditure" means an
804 expenditure made, or obligated to be made, by a nonparticipating or a
805 participating candidate who is opposed by one or more other
806 participating candidates in a primary campaign or a general election
807 campaign, which is in excess of the amount of the applicable limit on
808 expenditures for said participating candidates for said campaign [and
809 which is the sum of (A) the applicable qualifying contributions that the
810 participating candidate is required to receive under section 9-704 to be
811 eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund, and (B) one
812 hundred per cent of the applicable full grant amount for a major party
813 candidate authorized under section 9-705 for the applicable campaign
814 period] as set forth in subsection (c) of section 9-702, as amended by
815 this act.

816 (2) The commission shall confirm whether an expenditure described
817 in a declaration filed under this subsection is an excess expenditure.

818 Sec. 12. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-716 of the general
819 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
820 (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

821 (a) Not later than June 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, the State
822 Elections Enforcement Commission shall issue a report on the status of
823 the Citizens' Election Fund during the previous calendar year. Such
824 report shall include the amount of moneys deposited in the fund, the
825 sources of moneys received by category, the number of contributions,
826 the number of contributors, the amount of moneys expended by
827 category, the recipients of moneys distributed from the fund and an
828 accounting of the costs incurred by the commission in administering
829 the provisions of this chapter and section 2 of this act.

830 (b) Not later than January first in any year in which a state election
831 is to be held, the commission shall determine whether the amount of

832 moneys in the fund is sufficient to carry out the purposes of this
833 chapter and section 2 of this act. The commission shall issue a report
834 on said determination.

835 Sec. 13. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-601a of the general
836 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
837 (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

838 (a) As used in this chapter, [and] chapter 157 and section 2 of this
839 act, "contribution" means:

840 (1) Any gift, subscription, loan, advance, payment or deposit of
841 money or anything of value, made to promote the success or defeat of
842 any candidate seeking the nomination for election, or election or for
843 the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any
844 referendum question or the success or defeat of any political party;

845 (2) A written contract, promise or agreement to make a contribution
846 for any such purpose;

847 (3) The payment by any person, other than a candidate or treasurer,
848 of compensation for the personal services of any other person which
849 are rendered without charge to a committee or candidate for any such
850 purpose;

851 (4) An expenditure that is not an independent expenditure; or

852 (5) Funds received by a committee which are transferred from
853 another committee or other source for any such purpose.

854 (b) As used in this chapter, [and] chapter 157 and section 2 of this
855 act, "contribution" does not mean:

856 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a
857 national or state bank;

858 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or
859 association solely to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or

860 administrative personnel, or their families;

861 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns
862 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,
863 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their
864 families;

865 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
866 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
867 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided
868 for the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under
869 the Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses
870 made by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal
871 services to any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an
872 individual is a volunteer if such individual is not receiving
873 compensation for such services regardless of whether such individual
874 received compensation in the past or may receive compensation for
875 similar services that may be performed in the future;

876 (5) The use of real or personal property, a portion or all of the cost of
877 invitations and the cost of food or beverages, voluntarily provided by
878 an individual to a candidate, including a nonparticipating or
879 participating candidate under the Citizens' Election Program, or to a
880 party, political or slate committee, in rendering voluntary personal
881 services at the individual's residential premises or a community room
882 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative
883 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual
884 on behalf of any candidate or committee does not exceed four hundred
885 dollars with respect to any single event or does not exceed eight
886 hundred dollars for any such event hosted by two or more individuals,
887 provided at least one such individual owns or resides at the residential
888 premises, and further provided the cumulative value of the invitations,
889 food or beverages provided by an individual on behalf of any such
890 candidate or committee does not exceed eight hundred dollars with
891 respect to a calendar year or single election, as the case may be;

892 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use by a party, political, slate or
893 candidate committee, including those for a participating or
894 nonparticipating candidate, at a discount, if the charge is not less than
895 the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative value of the
896 discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate committee does
897 not exceed four hundred dollars with respect to any single primary or
898 election, or to or on behalf of any party, political or slate committee,
899 does not exceed six hundred dollars in a calendar year;

900 (7) The display of a lawn sign by a human being or on real property;

901 (8) The payment, by a party committee or slate committee of the
902 costs of preparation, display, mailing or other distribution incurred by
903 the committee or individual with respect to any printed slate card,
904 sample ballot or other printed list containing the names of three or
905 more candidates;

906 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual
907 to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction,
908 or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to
909 the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not
910 exceed one hundred dollars;

911 (10) (A) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies
912 the purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by the
913 candidate committee of a candidate for an office of a municipality,
914 provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two
915 hundred fifty dollars from any single such candidate or the candidate's
916 committee with respect to any single election campaign if the
917 purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any
918 other person;

919 (B) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
920 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-
921 raising affair sponsored by a party committee or a political committee,
922 other than an exploratory committee, provided the cumulative
923 purchase of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars from

924 any single party committee or a political committee, other than an
925 exploratory committee, in any calendar year if the purchaser is a
926 business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any other person.
927 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subparagraph, the following
928 may not purchase advertising space in a program for a fund-raising
929 affair or on signs at a fund-raising affair sponsored by a party
930 committee or a political committee, other than an exploratory
931 committee: (i) A communicator lobbyist, (ii) a member of the
932 immediate family of a communicator lobbyist, (iii) a state contractor,
933 (iv) a prospective state contractor, or (v) a principal of a state
934 contractor or prospective state contractor. As used in this
935 subparagraph, "state contractor", "prospective state contractor" and
936 "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" have the
937 same meanings as provided in subsection (f) of section 9-612;

938 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's
939 candidate committee, provided the committee is for a nonparticipating
940 candidate;

941 (12) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a
942 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to
943 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed two
944 hundred dollars;

945 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a
946 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications
947 service for a committee or to another utility company, such as an
948 electric distribution company, provided the security deposit is
949 refunded to the individual;

950 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
951 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
952 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
953 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major
954 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to
955 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such

956 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a
957 political party;

958 (15) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an
959 individual at a town fair, county fair, local festival or similar mass
960 gathering held within the state, to the extent that the cumulative
961 payment made by any one individual for such items does not exceed
962 fifty dollars;

963 (16) An organization expenditure by a party committee, legislative
964 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee;

965 (17) The donation of food or beverage by an individual for
966 consumption at a slate, candidate, political committee or party
967 committee meeting, event or activity that is not a fund-raising affair to
968 the extent that the cumulative value of the food or beverages donated
969 by an individual for a single meeting or event does not exceed fifty
970 dollars;

971 (18) The value associated with the de minimis activity on behalf of a
972 party committee, political committee, slate committee or candidate
973 committee, including for activities including, but not limited to, (A) the
974 creation of electronic or written communications or digital photos or
975 video as part of an electronic file created on a voluntary basis without
976 compensation, including, but not limited to, the creation and ongoing
977 content development and delivery of social media on the Internet or
978 telephone, including, but not limited to, the sending or receiving of
979 electronic mail or messages, (B) the posting or display of a candidate's
980 name or group of candidates' names at a town fair, county fair, local
981 festival or similar mass gathering by a party committee, (C) the use of
982 personal property or a service that is customarily attendant to the
983 occupancy of a residential dwelling, or the donation of an item or
984 items of personal property that are customarily used for campaign
985 purposes, by an individual, to a candidate committee, provided the
986 cumulative fair market value of such use of personal property or
987 service or items of personal property does not exceed one hundred

988 dollars in the aggregate for any single election or calendar year, as the
989 case may be;

990 (19) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar
991 equipment provided by a party committee, legislative caucus
992 committee or legislative leadership committee that serve as
993 headquarters for or are used by such party committee, legislative
994 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee;

995 (20) A communication, as described in subdivision (7) of subsection
996 (b) of section 9-601b;

997 (21) An independent expenditure, as defined in section 9-601c;

998 (22) A communication containing an endorsement on behalf of a
999 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor,
1000 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
1001 Comptroller, Attorney General, state senator or state representative,
1002 from a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1003 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney
1004 General, state senator or state representative, provided the candidate
1005 (A) making the endorsement is unopposed at the time of the
1006 communication, and (B) being endorsed paid for such communication;

1007 (23) A communication that is sent by mail to addresses in the district
1008 for which a candidate being endorsed by another candidate pursuant
1009 to this subdivision is seeking nomination or election to the office of
1010 state senator or state representative, containing an endorsement on
1011 behalf of such candidate for such nomination or election from a
1012 candidate for the office of state senator or state representative,
1013 provided the candidate (A) making the endorsement is not seeking
1014 election to the office of state senator or state representative for a
1015 district that contains any geographical area shared by the district for
1016 the office to which the endorsed candidate is seeking nomination or
1017 election, and (B) being endorsed paid for such communication; or

1018 (24) Campaign training events provided to multiple individuals by

1019 a legislative caucus committee and any associated materials, provided
 1020 the cumulative value of such events and materials does not exceed six
 1021 thousand dollars in the aggregate for a calendar year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	9-700
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	9-702
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	9-704
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	9-705(i)(2)
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	9-706(b) to (g)
Sec. 7	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	9-701
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Sec. 9	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	9-707
Sec. 10	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	9-711(a)
Sec. 11	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	9-712(b)
Sec. 12	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	9-716(a) and (b)
Sec. 13	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	9-601a(a) and (b)

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