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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN CHANGES TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE
LAWS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-601 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2 subdivisions (32) to (37), inclusive, as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (32) "Dependent care services" means services rendered to a
4 candidate for the care of (A) any child who is under thirteen years of age
5 and for whom such candidate is the parent or legal guardian, or (B) such
6 candidate's spouse, or any individual residing in such candidate's
7 household, who is incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical
8 disability and for whom such candidate is the primary caregiver, which
9 services are necessary as a direct result of campaign activity that would
10 not exist but for such candidate's campaign.

11 (NEW) (33) "Consultant" means any person (A) that provides (i)
12 campaign strategy, (ii) design or management of campaign
13 communications, literature or advertising, or (iii) fundraising or
14 management services, or (B) with duties that include identifying, hiring

15 or paying subvendors for goods or services on behalf of a committee or
16 person required to file a report pursuant to section 9-601d, as amended
17 by this act, or 9-608, as amended by this act, as applicable.

18 (NEW) (34) (A) "Subvendor" means any person that provides goods
19 or services to a consultant or that contracts with a consultant or other
20 subvendor to provide goods or services to a committee or person
21 required to file a report pursuant to section 9-601d, as amended by this
22 act, or 9-608, as amended by this act, as applicable.

23 (B) The term "subvendor" does not include a person who is an
24 employee of a consultant if such person has been an employee of such
25 consultant for three or more consecutive months prior to any month in
26 which a committee or person is required to file a report accounting for
27 any expenditure to such consultant or any subvendor for such
28 consultant.

29 (NEW) (35) "Foreign national" has the same meaning as provided in
30 52 USC 30121(b), as amended from time to time.

31 (NEW) (36) "Foreign owner" means (A) a foreign national, or (B) an
32 entity of which a foreign national holds, owns, controls or otherwise has
33 directly or indirectly acquired beneficial ownership of equity or voting
34 shares in an amount equal to or greater than fifty per cent of total equity
35 or outstanding shares of voting stock.

36 (NEW) (37) "Foreign-influenced entity" means any entity of which
37 (A) one foreign owner holds, owns, controls or otherwise has directly or
38 indirectly acquired beneficial ownership of equity or voting shares in an
39 amount equal to or greater than five per cent of total equity or
40 outstanding shares of voting stock, (B) multiple foreign owners hold,
41 own, control or otherwise have directly or indirectly acquired beneficial
42 ownership of equity or voting shares in an amount equal to or greater
43 than twenty per cent of total equity or outstanding shares of voting
44 stock, or (C) any foreign owner participates in any way, directly or
45 indirectly, in the process of making decisions with regard to the making
46 of expenditures of contributions by such entity.

47 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 9-601a of the general statutes is
48 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
49 *2020, and applicable to actions pending on or filed on or after July 1, 2020*):

50 (b) As used in this chapter and chapter 157, "contribution" does not
51 mean:

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

54 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or
55 association solely to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
56 administrative personnel, or their families;

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

61 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
62 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
63 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided for
64 the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under the
65 Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses made
66 by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal services to
67 any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an individual is
68 a volunteer if such individual is not receiving compensation for such
69 services regardless of whether such individual received compensation
70 in the past or may receive compensation for similar services that may be
71 performed in the future;

72 (5) The use of real or personal property, a portion or all of the cost of
73 invitations and the cost of food or beverages, voluntarily provided by
74 an individual to a candidate, including a nonparticipating or
75 participating candidate under the Citizens' Election Program, or to a
76 party, political or slate committee, in rendering voluntary personal
77 services at the individual's residential premises or a community room

78 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative
79 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual on
80 behalf of any candidate or committee does not exceed four hundred
81 dollars with respect to any single event or does not exceed eight
82 hundred dollars for any such event hosted by two or more individuals,
83 provided at least one such individual owns or resides at the residential
84 premises, and further provided the cumulative value of the invitations,
85 food or beverages provided by an individual on behalf of any such
86 candidate or committee does not exceed eight hundred dollars with
87 respect to a calendar year or single election, as the case may be;

88 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use by a party, political, slate or
89 candidate committee, including those for a participating or
90 nonparticipating candidate, at a discount, if the charge is not less than
91 the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative value of the
92 discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate committee does
93 not exceed four hundred dollars with respect to any single primary or
94 election, or to or on behalf of any party, political or slate committee, does
95 not exceed six hundred dollars in a calendar year;

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

97 (8) The payment, by a party committee or slate committee of the costs
98 of preparation, display, mailing or other distribution incurred by the
99 committee or individual with respect to any printed slate card, sample
100 ballot or other printed list containing the names of three or more
101 candidates;

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

107 (10) (A) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
108 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by the
109 candidate committee of a candidate for an office of a municipality,

110 provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two
111 hundred fifty dollars from any single such candidate or the candidate's
112 committee with respect to any single election campaign if the purchaser
113 is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any other person;

114 (B) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
115 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-
116 raising affair sponsored by a party committee or a political committee,
117 other than an exploratory committee, provided the cumulative purchase
118 of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars from any single
119 party committee or a political committee, other than an exploratory
120 committee, in any calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or
121 fifty dollars for purchases by any other person. Notwithstanding the
122 provisions of this subparagraph, the following may not purchase
123 advertising space in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a
124 fund-raising affair sponsored by a party committee or a political
125 committee, other than an exploratory committee: (i) A communicator
126 lobbyist, (ii) a member of the immediate family of a communicator
127 lobbyist, (iii) a state contractor, (iv) a prospective state contractor, or (v)
128 a principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor. As used
129 in this subparagraph, "state contractor", "prospective state contractor"
130 and "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" have
131 the same meanings as provided in subsection (f) of section 9-612;

132 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's
133 candidate committee, provided the committee is for a nonparticipating
134 candidate;

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

139 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a telephone
140 company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications service for
141 a committee or to another utility company, such as an electric

142 distribution company, provided the security deposit is refunded to the
143 individual;

144 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
145 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
146 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
147 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major purpose
148 of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to influence
149 the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such facilities,
150 equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a political party;

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

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

158 (17) The donation of food or beverage by an individual for
159 consumption at a slate, candidate, political committee or party
160 committee meeting, event or activity that is not a fund-raising affair to
161 the extent that the cumulative value of the food or beverages donated
162 by an individual for a single meeting or event does not exceed fifty
163 dollars;

164 (18) The value associated with the de minimis activity on behalf of a
165 party committee, political committee, slate committee or candidate
166 committee, including for activities including, but not limited to, (A) the
167 creation of electronic or written communications or digital photos or
168 video as part of an electronic file created on a voluntary basis without
169 compensation, including, but not limited to, the creation and ongoing
170 content development and delivery of social media on the Internet or
171 telephone, including, but not limited to, the sending or receiving of
172 electronic mail or messages, (B) the posting or display of a candidate's
173 name or group of candidates' names at a town fair, county fair, local

174 festival or similar mass gathering by a party committee, (C) the use of
175 personal property or a service that is customarily attendant to the
176 occupancy of a residential dwelling, or the donation of an item or items
177 of personal property that are customarily used for campaign purposes,
178 by an individual, to a candidate committee, provided the cumulative
179 fair market value of such use of personal property or service or items of
180 personal property does not exceed one hundred dollars in the aggregate
181 for any single election or calendar year, as the case may be;

182 (19) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar equipment
183 provided by a party committee, legislative caucus committee or
184 legislative leadership committee that serve as headquarters for or are
185 used by such party committee, legislative caucus committee or
186 legislative leadership committee;

187 (20) A communication, as described in subdivision (7) of subsection
188 (b) of section 9-601b, as amended by this act;

189 (21) An independent expenditure, as defined in section 9-601c, as
190 amended by this act;

191 (22) A communication containing an endorsement on behalf of a
192 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor,
193 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
194 Comptroller, Attorney General, state senator or state representative,
195 from a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
196 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney
197 General, state senator or state representative, provided the candidate
198 (A) making the endorsement is unopposed at the time of the
199 communication, and (B) being endorsed paid for such communication;

200 (23) A communication that is sent by mail to addresses in the district
201 for which a candidate being endorsed by another candidate pursuant to
202 this subdivision is seeking nomination or election to the office of state
203 senator or state representative, containing an endorsement on behalf of
204 such candidate for such nomination or election from a candidate for the
205 office of state senator or state representative, provided the candidate (A)

206 making the endorsement is not seeking election to the office of state
207 senator or state representative for a district that contains any
208 geographical area shared by the district for the office to which the
209 endorsed candidate is seeking nomination or election, and (B) being
210 endorsed paid for such communication; [or]

211 (24) A communication described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
212 of section 9-601b that refers to a clearly identified candidate for
213 Governor or President of the United States, which communication is
214 paid for by a candidate for nomination or election to any other office or
215 by any committee of such candidate, provided such communication
216 shall only not be a contribution to any candidate for Governor or
217 President of the United States; or

218 ~~[(24)]~~ (25) Campaign training events provided to multiple individuals
219 by a legislative caucus committee or party committee and any
220 associated materials, provided the cumulative value of such events and
221 materials does not exceed six thousand dollars in the aggregate for a
222 calendar year.

223 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 9-601b of the general statutes is
224 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
225 *2020, and applicable to actions pending on or filed on or after July 1, 2020*):

226 (b) The term "expenditure" does not mean:

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

229 (2) A communication made by any corporation, organization or
230 association solely to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
231 administrative personnel, or their families;

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

236 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
237 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
238 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided for
239 the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under the
240 Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses made
241 by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal services to
242 any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an individual is
243 a volunteer if such individual is not receiving compensation for such
244 services regardless of whether such individual received compensation
245 in the past or may receive compensation for similar services that may be
246 performed in the future;

247 (5) Any news story, commentary or editorial distributed through the
248 facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine or other
249 periodical, unless such facilities are owned or controlled by any political
250 party, committee or candidate;

251 (6) The use of real or personal property, a portion or all of the cost of
252 invitations and the cost of food or beverages, voluntarily provided by
253 an individual to a candidate, including a nonparticipating or
254 participating candidate under the Citizens' Election Program, or to a
255 party, political or slate committee, in rendering voluntary personal
256 services at the individual's residential premises or a community room
257 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative
258 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual on
259 behalf of any candidate or committee does not exceed four hundred
260 dollars with respect to any single event or does not exceed eight
261 hundred dollars for any such event hosted by two or more individuals,
262 provided at least one such individual owns or resides at the residential
263 premises, and further provided the cumulative value of the invitations,
264 food or beverages provided by an individual on behalf of any such
265 candidate or committee does not exceed eight hundred dollars with
266 respect to a calendar year or single election, as the case may be;

267 (7) A communication described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
268 this section that includes speech or expression made (A) prior to the

269 ninety-day period preceding the date of a primary or an election at
270 which the clearly identified candidate or candidates are seeking
271 nomination to public office or position, that is made for the purpose of
272 influencing any legislative or administrative action, as defined in section
273 1-91, or executive action, or (B) during a legislative session for the
274 purpose of influencing legislative action;

275 (8) An organization expenditure by a party committee, legislative
276 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee;

277 (9) A commercial advertisement that refers to an owner, director or
278 officer of a business entity who is also a candidate and that had
279 previously been broadcast or appeared when the owner, director or
280 officer was not a candidate;

281 (10) (A) A communication containing an endorsement on behalf of a
282 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor,
283 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
284 Comptroller, Attorney General, state senator or state representative,
285 from a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
286 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney
287 General, state senator or state representative, [shall not be an
288 expenditure attributable to the endorsing candidate, if] provided (i) the
289 candidate making the endorsement is unopposed at the time of the
290 communication, [;] and (ii) the communication is paid for by the
291 candidate or the committee of the candidate being endorsed.

292 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this
293 subdivision, a communication described in said subparagraph shall be
294 an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or committee paying for the
295 communication;

296 (11) (A) A communication that is sent by mail to addresses in the
297 district for which a candidate being endorsed by another candidate
298 pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision is seeking nomination or
299 election to the office of state senator or state representative, containing
300 an endorsement on behalf of such candidate for such nomination or

301 election, from a candidate for the office of state senator or state
302 representative, [shall not be an expenditure attributable to the endorsing
303 candidate, if] provided (i) the candidate making the endorsement is not
304 seeking election to the office of state senator or state representative for
305 a district that contains any geographical area shared by the district for
306 the office to which the endorsed candidate is seeking nomination or
307 election, [;] and (ii) the communication is paid for by the candidate or
308 the committee of the candidate being endorsed.

309 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this
310 subdivision, a communication described in said subparagraph shall be
311 an expenditure on behalf of the candidate or committee paying for the
312 communication;

313 (12) A communication described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
314 of this section that refers to a clearly identified candidate for Governor
315 or President of the United States, which communication is paid for by a
316 candidate for nomination or election to any other office or by any
317 committee of such candidate, provided such communication shall only
318 not be an expenditure to the extent it refers to any candidate for
319 Governor or President of the United States;

320 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) Campaign training events provided to multiple individuals
321 by a legislative caucus committee and any associated materials,
322 provided the cumulative value of such events and materials does not
323 exceed six thousand dollars in the aggregate for a calendar year;

324 (14) Payment by a person from his or her personal funds for the
325 purpose of such person receiving campaign training prior to becoming
326 a candidate;

327 ~~[(13)]~~ (15) A lawful communication by any charitable organization
328 which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the
329 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
330 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
331 amended;

332 [(14)] (16) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar
333 equipment provided by a party committee, legislative caucus committee
334 or legislative leadership committee that serve as headquarters for or are
335 used by such party committee, legislative caucus committee or
336 legislative leadership committee; or

337 [(15)] (17) An expense or expenses incurred by a human being acting
338 alone in an amount that is two hundred dollars or less, in the aggregate,
339 that benefits a candidate for a single election.

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

343 (2) Unless otherwise provided by this chapter, any treasurer, in
344 accomplishing the lawful purposes of the committee, may pay the
345 expenses of: (A) Advertising in electronic and print media; (B) any other
346 form of printed advertising or communications including "thank you"
347 advertising after the election; (C) campaign items, including, but not
348 limited to, brochures, leaflets, flyers, invitations, stationery, envelopes,
349 reply cards, return envelopes, campaign business cards, direct mailings,
350 postcards, palm cards, "thank you" notes, sample ballots and other
351 similar items; (D) political banners and billboards; (E) political
352 paraphernalia, which is customarily given or sold to supporters
353 including, but not limited to, campaign buttons, stickers, pins, pencils,
354 pens, matchbooks, balloons, pads, calendars, magnets, key chains, hats,
355 tee shirts, sweatshirts, frisbees, pot holders, jar openers and other
356 similar items; (F) purchasing office supplies for campaign or political
357 purposes, campaign photographs, raffle or other fund-raising permits
358 required by law, fund-raiser prizes, postage, express mail delivery
359 services, bulk mail permits, and computer supplies and services; (G)
360 banking service charges to maintain campaign and political accounts;
361 (H) subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals which enhance the
362 candidacy of the candidate or party; (I) lease or rental of office space for
363 campaign or political purposes and expenses in connection therewith
364 including, but not limited to, furniture, parking, storage space, utilities

365 and maintenance, provided a party committee or political committee
366 organized for ongoing political activities may purchase such office
367 space; (J) lease or rental of vehicles for campaign use only; (K) lease,
368 rental or use charges of any ordinary and necessary campaign office
369 equipment including, but not limited to, copy machines, telephones,
370 postage meters, facsimile machines, computer hardware, software and
371 printers, provided a party committee or political committee organized
372 for ongoing political activities may purchase office equipment, and
373 provided further that a candidate committee or a political committee,
374 other than a political committee formed for ongoing political activities
375 or an exploratory committee, may purchase computer equipment; (L)
376 compensation for campaign or committee staff, fringe benefits, [and]
377 payroll taxes and dependent care services, provided (i) the candidate
378 and any member of his immediate family shall not receive
379 compensation, and (ii) compensation for dependent care services is
380 reasonable and customary for the services rendered; (M) travel, meals
381 and lodging expenses of speakers, campaign or committee workers, the
382 candidate and the candidate's spouse for political and campaign
383 purposes; (N) fund raising; (O) reimbursements to candidates and
384 campaign or committee workers made in accordance with the
385 provisions of this section for campaign-related expenses for which a
386 receipt is received by the treasurer; (P) campaign or committee services
387 of attorneys, accountants, consultants or other professional persons for
388 campaign activities, obtaining or contesting ballot status, nomination,
389 or election, and compliance with this chapter; (Q) purchasing campaign
390 finance reports; (R) repaying permissible campaign loans made to the
391 committee that are properly reported and refunding contributions
392 received from an impermissible source or in excess of the limitations set
393 forth in this chapter; (S) conducting polls concerning any political party,
394 issue, candidate or individual; (T) gifts to campaign or committee
395 workers or purchasing flowers or other commemorative items for
396 political purposes not to exceed one hundred dollars to any one
397 recipient in a calendar year or for the campaign, as the case may be; (U)
398 purchasing tickets or advertising from charities, inaugural committees,
399 or other civic organizations if for a political purpose, for any candidate,

400 a candidate's spouse, a member of a candidate's campaign staff, or
401 members of committees; (V) the inauguration of an elected candidate by
402 that candidate's candidate committee; (W) hiring of halls, rooms, music
403 and other entertainment for political meetings and events; (X)
404 reasonable compensation for public speakers hired by the committee;
405 (Y) transporting electors to the polls and other get-out-the-vote activities
406 on election day; and (Z) any other necessary campaign or political
407 expense.

408 Sec. 5. Subsection (k) of section 9-607 of the general statutes is
409 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
410 *passage*):

411 (k) A candidate shall report to his treasurer each campaign
412 expenditure of more than fifty dollars which he has made directly from
413 his own personal funds, except those expenditures for his own
414 telephone calls, travel, [and] meals and dependent care services for
415 which the candidate does not seek reimbursement from his committee,
416 by the close of the reporting period in which the expenditures were
417 made. The candidate shall indicate whether or not he expects
418 reimbursement by the committee. The treasurer shall report all such
419 reimbursed and nonreimbursed expenditures as "campaign expenses
420 paid by the candidate" on the sworn financial statements he is required
421 to file in accordance with section 9-608, as amended by this act, and in
422 the same manner as committee expenditures.

423 Sec. 6. Subsection (e) of section 9-706 of the general statutes is
424 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
425 *passage*):

426 (e) (1) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall adopt
427 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, on
428 permissible expenditures under subsection (g) of section 9-607, as
429 amended by this act, for qualified candidate committees receiving
430 grants from the fund under sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive, as
431 amended by this act.

432 (2) Expenditures for dependent care services made by the qualified
433 candidate committee of a participating candidate shall be deemed
434 permissible if expenditures for dependent care services (A) are, in the
435 aggregate, not more than the amount of qualifying contributions
436 permitted under section 9-704, as amended by this act, and (B) otherwise
437 comply with all other regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (1)
438 of this subsection.

439 Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 9-710 of the general statutes is
440 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
441 *passage*):

442 (c) A candidate who intends to participate in the Citizens' Election
443 Program may provide personal funds for such candidate's campaign for
444 nomination or election in an amount not exceeding: (1) For a candidate
445 for the office of Governor, twenty thousand dollars; (2) for a candidate
446 for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
447 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State, ten thousand
448 dollars; (3) for a candidate for the office of state senator, two thousand
449 dollars; or (4) for a candidate for the office of state representative, one
450 thousand dollars. Such personal funds shall not constitute a qualifying
451 contribution under section 9-704, as amended by this act. For the
452 purposes of this section, expenditures for dependent care services made
453 directly from any such candidate's personal funds and for which such
454 candidate does not seek reimbursement from his or her candidate
455 committee, as provided in subsection (k) of section 9-607, as amended
456 by this act, shall not count toward the amounts provided in subdivisions
457 (1) to (4), inclusive, as applicable, of this subsection.

458 Sec. 8. Section 9-622 of the general statutes is repealed and the
459 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

460 The following persons shall be guilty of illegal practices and shall be
461 punished in accordance with the provisions of section 9-623:

462 (1) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or by another
463 person, gives or offers or promises to any person any money, gift,

464 advantage, preferment, entertainment, aid, emolument or other
465 valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or procuring any person to
466 sign a nominating, primary or referendum petition or to vote or refrain
467 from voting for or against any person or for or against any measure at
468 any election, caucus, convention, primary or referendum;

469 (2) Any person who, directly or indirectly, receives, accepts, requests
470 or solicits from any person, committee, association, organization or
471 corporation, any money, gift, advantage, preferment, aid, emolument or
472 other valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or procuring any
473 person to sign a nominating, primary or referendum petition or to vote
474 or refrain from voting for or against any person or for or against any
475 measure at any such election, caucus, primary or referendum;

476 (3) Any person who, in consideration of any money, gift, advantage,
477 preferment, aid, emolument or other valuable thing paid, received,
478 accepted or promised to the person's advantage or any other person's
479 advantage, votes or refrains from voting for or against any person or for
480 or against any measure at any such election, caucus, primary or
481 referendum;

482 (4) Any person who solicits from any candidate any money, gift,
483 contribution, emolument or other valuable thing for the purpose of
484 using the same for the support, assistance, benefit or expenses of any
485 club, company or organization, or for the purpose of defraying the cost
486 or expenses of any political campaign, primary, referendum or election;

487 (5) Any person who, directly or indirectly, pays, gives, contributes or
488 promises any money or other valuable thing to defray or towards
489 defraying the cost or expenses of any campaign, primary, referendum
490 or election to any person, committee, company, club, organization or
491 association, other than to a treasurer, except that this subdivision shall
492 not apply to any expenses for postage, telegrams, telephoning,
493 stationery, express charges, traveling, meals, lodging or photocopying
494 incurred by any candidate for office or for nomination to office, so far as
495 may be permitted under the provisions of this chapter;

496 (6) Any person who, in order to secure or promote the person's own
497 nomination or election as a candidate, or that of any other person,
498 directly or indirectly, promises to appoint, or promises to secure or
499 assist in securing the appointment, nomination or election of any other
500 person to any public position, or to any position of honor, trust or
501 emolument; but any person may publicly announce the person's own
502 choice or purpose in relation to any appointment, nomination or
503 election in which the person may be called to take part, if the person is
504 nominated for or elected to such office;

505 (7) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or through
506 another person, makes a payment or promise of payment to a treasurer
507 in a name other than the person's own, and any treasurer who
508 knowingly receives a payment or promise of payment, or enters or
509 causes the same to be entered in the person's accounts in any other name
510 than that of the person by whom such payment or promise of payment
511 is made;

512 (8) Any person who knowingly and wilfully violates any provision
513 of this chapter;

514 (9) Any person who offers or receives a cash contribution in excess of
515 one hundred dollars to promote the success or defeat of any political
516 party, candidate or referendum question;

517 (10) Any person who solicits, makes or receives a contribution that is
518 otherwise prohibited by any provision of this chapter;

519 (11) Any department head or deputy department head of a state
520 department who solicits a contribution on behalf of, or for the benefit of,
521 any candidate for state, district or municipal office or any political party;

522 (12) Any municipal employee who solicits a contribution on behalf
523 of, or for the benefit of, any candidate for state, district or municipal
524 office, any political committee or any political party, from (A) an
525 individual under the supervision of such employee, or (B) the spouse or
526 a dependent child of such individual;

527 (13) Any person who makes an expenditure, that is not an
528 independent expenditure, for a candidate without the knowledge of
529 such candidate. No candidate shall be civilly or criminally liable with
530 regard to any such expenditure;

531 (14) Any chief of staff of a legislative caucus who solicits a
532 contribution on behalf of or for the benefit of any candidate for state,
533 district or municipal office from an employee of the legislative caucus;

534 (15) Any chief of staff for a state-wide elected official who solicits a
535 contribution on behalf of or for the benefit of any candidate for state,
536 district or municipal office from a member of such official's staff; [or]

537 (16) Any chief of staff for the Governor or Lieutenant Governor who
538 solicits a contribution on behalf of or for the benefit of any candidate for
539 state, district or municipal office from a member of the staff of the
540 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or from any commissioner or deputy
541 commissioner of any state agency;

542 (17) Any consultant that fails to provide complete information to a
543 committee or person required to file any disclosure statement or report
544 pursuant to section 9-601d or 9-608, as amended by this act, as
545 applicable, which complete information is necessary for such committee
546 or person to file such statement or report;

547 (18) Any consultant that (A) except for such consultant's overhead or
548 normal operating expenses, makes or obligates to make an expenditure,
549 or directly or indirectly authorizes any subvendor to make or obligate
550 to make such an expenditure, on behalf of a candidate, committee or
551 other person, and (B) does so without the knowledge of such candidate,
552 committee or other person;

553 (19) Any person that structures or assists in structuring, or attempts
554 to structure or assist in structuring, any solicitation, contribution,
555 expenditure, disbursement or other transaction for the purpose of
556 evading the requirements of chapters 155 to 157, inclusive.

557 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) A consultant that receives
558 or agrees to receive payment from a candidate or committee and that
559 makes or obligates to make any expenditure, including any payment to
560 a subvendor, for or on behalf of a person or committee required to file a
561 report pursuant to section 9-601d or 9-608 of the general statutes, as
562 amended by this act, as applicable, shall, once such consultant has made
563 or obligated to make any such expenditure to a subvendor, provide to
564 such person or committee a statement with a detailed account of such
565 expenditure, including, but not limited to, (A) the amount and date of
566 such expenditure and the person who received such payment, (B) the
567 full name and street address of such subvendor, (C) the purpose of such
568 payment and a description of such purpose, (D) the name of any
569 candidate or text of any referendum question supported or opposed by
570 such expenditure, and (E) if applicable, the date of any event with which
571 such payment is associated, including, but not limited to, any
572 expenditure directly or indirectly made by a consultant to a subvendor
573 for any (i) written, typed or other printed communication, or any web-
574 based written communication, that (I) promotes the success or defeat of
575 any candidate's campaign for nomination or election or any referendum
576 question, or (II) solicits funds to benefit any candidate or committee, (ii)
577 advertising time or space, including, but not limited to, television or
578 Internet video, radio or Internet audio, telephone call or web-based or
579 social media communication, (iii) wages incurred as a result of work for
580 any candidate or committee, (iv) survey, poll, signature gathering or
581 door-to-door solicitation of voters, (v) facilities, invitations or
582 entertainment for fundraising or other campaign events, or (vi) printing
583 of mass campaign mailings or postage for such mailings. Such
584 consultant shall provide the information described in this subdivision
585 to such person or committee not later than five days after making or
586 obligating to make such expenditure. As used in this section,
587 "consultant", "expenditure", "subvendor", "committee" and "person"
588 have the same meanings as provided in section 9-601 of the general
589 statutes, as amended by this act.

590 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this

591 subsection, if a consultant makes or obligates to make payment for an
592 expenditure for which a person or committee is required to file a report
593 pursuant to section 9-601d or 9-608 of the general statutes, as amended
594 by this act, as applicable, such consultant shall, concomitant with
595 making or obligating to make such payment, provide to such person or
596 committee complete information necessary to file such report.

597 (b) (1) Any person or committee that makes or obligates to make
598 payment for an expenditure to a consultant, which consultant is
599 required to provide to such person or committee the information
600 described in subsection (a) of this section, shall include in any statement
601 or report required to be filed by such person or committee pursuant to
602 section 9-601d or 9-608 of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
603 as applicable, (A) the full name and street address of each subvendor to
604 which payment was made or obligated to be made during the period
605 covered by the such filing, (B) the amount and date of such payment,
606 (C) the purpose of such payment and a description of such purpose, (D)
607 the name of any candidate or text of any referendum question supported
608 or opposed by such expenditure, and (E) if applicable, the date of any
609 event with which such payment is associated. The contents of such
610 statement or report shall include any other information that the State
611 Elections Enforcement Commission may require to facilitate compliance
612 with the provisions of chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, of the general
613 statutes, and shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the
614 commission.

615 (2) Except for such consultant's overhead or normal operating
616 expenses, a consultant shall not make any expenditure for or on behalf
617 of a candidate or committee, including, but not limited to, any
618 expenditure described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section,
619 unless complete information of such expenditure is provided to the
620 person required to file a report under section 9-601d or 9-608 of the
621 general statutes, as amended by this act, as applicable, or the committee
622 on whose behalf or for whose benefit such consultant is acting.

623 (c) Each consultant shall keep a detailed account of each expenditure

624 made or obligated to be made for or on behalf of any person or
625 committee required to file a report under section 9-601d or 9-608 of the
626 general statutes, as amended by this act, as applicable, and shall retain
627 all records of each transaction required to be included in any statement
628 or report filed pursuant to section 9-601d or 9-608 of the general statutes,
629 as amended by this act, as applicable, for a period of four years after the
630 date of the statement or report in which such transaction was included.
631 Such records shall include, but need not be limited to, any invoice,
632 receipt, bill, statement, itinerary or other written or documentary
633 evidence demonstrating the campaign or other lawful purpose of such
634 expenditure.

635 (d) If a subvendor makes or obligates to make any payment described
636 in subsection (a) of this section, such subvendor shall be deemed a
637 consultant and shall comply with the requirements for a consultant in
638 accordance with this section.

639 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive,
640 of this section, a financial obligation shall not be made or incurred for or
641 on behalf of a committee unless authorized by the treasurer of such
642 committee pursuant to section 9-607 of the general statutes, as amended
643 by this act.

644 Sec. 10. Section 9-703 of the general statutes is amended by adding
645 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

646 (NEW) (d) If the treasurer of the candidate committee of a
647 participating candidate spends or obligates to spend fifteen per cent or
648 more, in the aggregate, of the moneys received from the Citizens'
649 Election Fund on the services of a consultant, as defined in section 9-601,
650 as amended by this act, or other professional person as provided in
651 subparagraph (P) of subdivision (2) of subsection (g) of section 9-607, as
652 amended by this act, such consultant or professional person shall
653 register with the State Elections Enforcement Commission as such for
654 such candidate committee and file an affidavit with the commission,
655 which affidavit shall include written certifications that such consultant

656 or professional person shall (1) expend any moneys for or on behalf of a
657 participating candidate committee in accordance with the provisions of
658 subsection (g) of section 9-607, as amended by this act, and regulations
659 adopted by the commission under subsection (e) of section 9-706, as
660 amended by this act, (2) comply with the provisions of chapter 155 and
661 this chapter, and (3) maintain and furnish all records required pursuant
662 to chapter 155 and this chapter and any regulation adopted pursuant to
663 said chapters. The commission shall prepare a list of each such
664 consultant or professional person for the candidate committee of a
665 participating candidate and shall make such list available for public
666 inspection.

667 Sec. 11. Subsections (c) to (i), inclusive, of section 9-601d of the general
668 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
669 (*Effective from passage*):

670 (c) The independent expenditure long-form report shall identify: (1)
671 The name of the person making or obligating to make such independent
672 expenditure or expenditures and, in the case of a person other than an
673 individual, the name of a human being who had direct, extensive and
674 substantive decision-making authority over such independent
675 expenditure or expenditures; (2) the tax exempt status of such person
676 and, if [applicable] such person files a report with the Federal Election
677 Commission, the Internal Revenue Service or any similar out-of-state
678 agency, identifying information under which any such filing is made;
679 (3) the mailing address, and street address if different, of such person;
680 (4) the principal business address of the person, if different from either
681 the mailing address or street address; (5) the mailing address, and street
682 address if different, telephone number and electronic mail address of
683 the agent for service of process in this state of such person and for the
684 individual described in subdivision (1) of this subsection as having
685 direct, extensive and substantive decision-making authority over such
686 independent expenditure or expenditures; (6) the date of the primary,
687 [or] election or referendum for which [the] such independent
688 expenditure or expenditures were made or obligated to be made; (7) (A)
689 the name of any candidate who, or the text of any referendum question

690 that, was the subject of any independent expenditure or expenditures,
691 [and whether the] (B) whether such independent expenditure or
692 expenditures were in support of or in opposition to such candidate [;
693 and (8)] or referendum question, and (C) any other information required
694 under subsection (d) of this section; (8) whether such person is a foreign-
695 influenced entity and, if so, a description of the facts establishing such
696 person as such an entity; and (9) the name, telephone number and
697 electronic mail address for the individual filing such report. Such
698 individual filing such report shall, under penalty of false statement,
699 affirm that the expenditure reported is an independent expenditure
700 [under penalty of false statement] and certify that due inquiry has been
701 made by the chief executive or chief financial officer, or equivalent, of
702 such person to determine that such person is not a foreign national on
703 the date such independent expenditure was made or obligated to be
704 made.

705 (d) As part of any filing made pursuant to subsection (c) of this
706 section and for each subsequent independent expenditure made or
707 obligated to be made by a person with respect to the primary, [or]
708 election or referendum for which a long-form report pursuant to
709 subsection (c) of this section has been filed on behalf of such person, an
710 individual shall file [, electronically,] a short-form report for each such
711 independent expenditure. [, not later than twenty-four hours after such
712 person makes a payment for an independent expenditure or obligates
713 to make such an independent expenditure.] Such short-form report shall
714 identify: (1) The name of the person making or obligating to make such
715 independent expenditure; (2) the amount of the independent
716 expenditure; (3) whether the independent expenditure was in support
717 of or in opposition to a candidate or referendum question, and the name
718 of such candidate or text of such referendum question; (4) a brief
719 description of the expenditure made, including the type of
720 communication, based on categories determined by the State Elections
721 Enforcement Commission, and the allocation of such expenditure in
722 support of or in opposition to each such candidate or referendum
723 question, if such expenditure was made in support of or in opposition

724 to more than one candidate [; and] or question; (5) the name, telephone
725 number and electronic mail address for the individual filing such report;
726 and (6) any other information that the State Elections Enforcement
727 Commission may require to facilitate compliance with the provisions of
728 chapters 155 to 157, inclusive. Such individual filing such report shall,
729 under penalty of false statement, affirm that the expenditure reported is
730 an independent expenditure. [under penalty of false statement.]

731 (e) No person reporting an independent expenditure pursuant to the
732 provisions of subsection (c) or (d) of this section shall be required to file
733 a statement pursuant to section 9-608, as amended by this act, for such
734 independent expenditure.

735 (f) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, as part
736 of any statement filed pursuant to this section, if a person who makes or
737 obligates to make an independent expenditure (A) has received a
738 covered transfer during the twelve-month period prior to a primary, [or]
739 election or referendum, as applicable to the reported expenditure, [for
740 an office that a candidate described in subdivision (7) of subsection (c)
741 of this section is seeking,] and (B) such independent expenditure is
742 made or obligated to be made on or after the date that is one hundred
743 eighty days prior to such primary, [or] election or referendum, such
744 person shall disclose the source and the amount of any such covered
745 transfer such person received that is in an amount that is five thousand
746 dollars or more, in the aggregate, during the twelve-month period prior
747 to such primary or election, as applicable to the reported expenditure.

748 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply
749 to any person who discloses the source and amount of a covered transfer
750 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection as part of any report to
751 the Federal Election Commission, [or] the Internal Revenue Service or
752 any similar out-of-state agency, provided such person includes a copy
753 of, or information sufficient to find, any such report as part of the report
754 of each applicable independent expenditure filed pursuant to this
755 section. If a source and amount of a covered transfer is not included as
756 part of any such report, the maker of the independent expenditure shall

757 disclose the source and amount of such covered transfer pursuant to
758 subdivision (1) of this subsection, if applicable.

759 (g) (1) A person may, unless otherwise restricted or prohibited by
760 law, including, but not limited to, any provision of this chapter or
761 chapter 157, establish a dedicated independent expenditure account [,
762 for the purpose of engaging in] that may be used to make independent
763 expenditures, [that] provided such account is segregated from all other
764 accounts controlled by such person. Such dedicated independent
765 expenditure account may receive covered transfers directly from
766 persons other than the person establishing the dedicated account and
767 may not receive transfers from another account controlled by the person
768 establishing the dedicated account, except as provided in subdivision
769 (2) of this subsection. If an independent expenditure is made from such
770 segregated account, any report required pursuant to this section or
771 disclaimer required pursuant to section 9-621, as amended by this act,
772 [may include only] shall include at least those persons who made
773 covered transfers directly to the dedicated independent expenditure
774 account.

775 (2) If a person who has made a covered transfer to another account
776 controlled by the person establishing a dedicated independent
777 expenditure account requests that such covered transfer be used for the
778 purposes of making an independent expenditure from the dedicated
779 independent expenditure account, the amount of such covered transfer
780 may be transferred to the dedicated independent expenditure account
781 and shall be treated as a covered transfer directly to the dedicated
782 independent expenditure account.

783 (h) Any person may file a complaint with the commission upon the
784 belief that (1) any such independent expenditure report or statement is
785 false, or (2) any person who is required to file an independent
786 expenditure report under this [subsection] section has failed to do so.
787 The commission shall make a prompt determination on such a
788 complaint.

789 (i) (1) [If] Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-623, if (A) a
790 person fails to file a report in accordance with the provisions of this
791 section or section 9-608, as amended by this act, for an independent
792 expenditure or expenditures made or obligated to be made more than
793 ninety days before the day of a primary, [or election, the] election or
794 referendum, such person shall be subject to a civil penalty, imposed by
795 the State Elections Enforcement Commission, of not more than ten
796 thousand dollars, [If] and (B) a person fails to file a report required in
797 accordance with the provisions of this section for an independent
798 expenditure or expenditures made or obligated to be made ninety days
799 or less before the day of a primary, [or] election or referendum, such
800 person shall be subject to a civil penalty, imposed by the [State Elections
801 Enforcement Commission] commission, of not more than twenty
802 thousand dollars or twice the amount of such independent expenditure
803 or expenditures, whichever is greater.

804 (2) [If] Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-623, if the State
805 Elections Enforcement Commission finds that any such failure is
806 knowing and wilful, the person responsible for [the failure shall also be
807 fined] such failure shall be subject to an additional civil penalty,
808 imposed by the commission, of not more than fifty thousand dollars or
809 ten times the amount of such independent expenditure or expenditures,
810 and the commission may refer the matter to the office of the Chief State's
811 Attorney.

812 (3) If the State Elections Enforcement Commission finds that a person
813 is subject to a civil penalty under this subsection, (A) in the case of a
814 committee, (i) the chairman, and (ii) any officer, or (B) in the case of a
815 person other than a committee, (i) the chief executive or chief financial
816 officer, or equivalent, (ii) any other officer, and (iii) any manager who
817 had direct, extensive and substantive decision-making authority over
818 the independent expenditure or expenditures made or obligated to be
819 made by such person, shall be liable for paying any amount of such civil
820 penalty imposed that is not paid by such person within one year after
821 the latter of (I) the date on which the commission imposed such civil
822 penalty, or (II) the date of the final judgment following any judicial

823 review of the commission's action.

824 Sec. 12. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-605 of the general statutes
825 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
826 *from passage*):

827 (a) [The] Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the
828 chairperson of each political committee shall be an individual who has
829 direct, extensive and substantive decision-making authority over the
830 committee's activities with respect to raising and spending funds, and
831 shall designate a treasurer and may designate a deputy treasurer. The
832 treasurer and any deputy treasurer so designated shall sign a statement
833 accepting the designation. The chairperson of each political committee
834 shall file a registration statement described in subsection (b) of this
835 section along with the statement signed by the designated treasurer and
836 deputy treasurer with the proper authority [, within ten days after its
837 organization] not later than ten days after receiving contributions, or
838 making or incurring expenditures, in excess of one thousand dollars, in
839 the aggregate, provided [that] the chairperson of any political
840 committee organized [within] ten or fewer days prior to any primary,
841 election or referendum in connection with which it intends to make any
842 contributions or expenditures, shall immediately file a registration
843 statement.

844 (b) The registration statement shall include: (1) The name and address
845 of the committee; (2) a statement of the purpose of the committee; (3) the
846 name and address of its treasurer, and deputy treasurer if applicable; (4)
847 the name, address and position of its [chairman] chairperson, and other
848 principal officers if applicable; (5) the name and address of the
849 depository institution for its funds; (6) the name of each person, other
850 than an individual, that is a member of the committee; (7) the name and
851 party affiliation of each candidate whom the committee is supporting
852 and the office or position sought by each candidate; (8) if the committee
853 is supporting the entire ticket of any party, a statement to that effect and
854 the name of the party; (9) if the committee is supporting or opposing
855 any referendum question, a brief statement identifying the substance of

856 the question; (10) if the committee is established or controlled by a
857 [business entity or organization] person or an individual acting as the
858 agent of a person, the name of the [entity or organization] person and,
859 if the committee is established or controlled by a person other than a
860 human being, the name of its chief executive officer or equivalent; (11)
861 if the committee is established by an organization, a statement of
862 whether it will receive its funds from the organization's treasury or from
863 voluntary contributions; (12) if the committee files reports with the
864 Federal Elections Commission, the Internal Revenue Service or any
865 similar out-of-state agency, a statement to that effect including the name
866 of the commission or agency and identifying information under which
867 any such filings are made; (13) a statement indicating whether the
868 committee is established for a single primary, election or referendum or
869 for ongoing political activities; (14) if the committee is established or
870 controlled by a lobbyist, a statement to that effect and the name of the
871 lobbyist; (15) the name and address of the person making the initial
872 contribution or disbursement, if any, to the committee; and (16) any
873 information that the State Elections Enforcement Commission requires
874 to facilitate compliance with the provisions of this chapter or chapter
875 157. If no such initial contribution or disbursement, as described in
876 subdivision (15) of this subsection, has been made at the time of the
877 filing of such statement, the treasurer of the committee shall, not later
878 than forty-eight hours after receipt of such contribution or
879 disbursement, file a report with the State Elections Enforcement
880 Commission. The report shall be in the same form as statements filed
881 under section 9-608, as amended by this act. As used in this subsection,
882 "principal officer" means any individual who (A) occupies a title, office
883 or position, other than chairperson, treasurer or deputy treasurer, of a
884 political committee, (B) serves on an advisory panel of a political
885 committee, including, but not limited to, a steering committee, executive
886 committee or similar body, for the purpose of influencing or authorizing
887 decisions regarding fundraising, solicitation or expenditure of such
888 committee's funds to other committees, or (C) participates in the
889 selection of a political committee's chairperson, treasurer or deputy
890 treasurer, or any replacement thereof.

891 Sec. 13. Subsection (c) of section 9-608 of the general statutes is
892 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
893 *passage*):

894 (c) (1) Each statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this
895 section shall include, but not be limited to: (A) An itemized accounting
896 of each contribution, if any, including the full name and complete
897 address of each contributor and the amount of the contribution; (B) an
898 itemized accounting of each expenditure, if any, including the full name
899 and complete address of each payee, including secondary payees
900 whenever the primary or principal payee is known to include charges
901 which the primary payee has already paid or will pay directly to another
902 person, vendor or entity, the amount and the purpose of the
903 expenditure, the candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure,
904 whether the expenditure is made independently of the candidate
905 supported or is an in-kind contribution to the candidate, and a statement
906 of the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be; (C) an itemized
907 accounting of each expense incurred but not paid, provided if the
908 expense is incurred by use of a credit card, the accounting shall include
909 secondary payees, and the amount owed to each such payee; (D) the
910 name and address of any person who is the guarantor of a loan to, or
911 the cosigner of a note with, the candidate on whose behalf the committee
912 was formed, or the treasurer in the case of a party committee or a
913 political committee or who has advanced a security deposit to a
914 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications
915 service for a committee; (E) for each business entity or person
916 purchasing advertising space in a program for a fund-raising affair or
917 on signs at a fund-raising affair, the name and address of the business
918 entity or the name and address of the person, and the amount and
919 aggregate amounts of such purchases; (F) for each individual who
920 contributes in excess of one hundred dollars but not more than one
921 thousand dollars, in the aggregate, to the extent known, the principal
922 occupation of such individual and the name of the individual's
923 employer, if any; (G) for each individual who contributes in excess of
924 one thousand dollars in the aggregate, the principal occupation of such

925 individual and the name of the individual's employer, if any; (H) for
926 each itemized contribution made by a lobbyist, the spouse of a lobbyist
927 or any dependent child of a lobbyist who resides in the lobbyist's
928 household, a statement to that effect; and (I) for each individual who
929 contributes in excess of four hundred dollars in the aggregate to or for
930 the benefit of any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or
931 election to the office of chief executive officer or a slate or town
932 committee financing the nomination or election or a candidate for chief
933 executive officer of a town, city or borough, a statement indicating
934 whether the individual or a business with which he is associated has a
935 contract with said municipality that is valued at more than five
936 thousand dollars. Each treasurer shall include in such statement (i) an
937 itemized accounting of the receipts and expenditures relative to any
938 testimonial affair held under the provisions of section 9-609 or any other
939 fund-raising affair, which is referred to in subsection (b) of section 9-
940 601a, as amended by this act, and (ii) the date, location and a description
941 of the affair, except that a treasurer shall not be required to include the
942 name of any individual who has purchased items at a fund-raising affair
943 or food at a town fair, county fair or similar mass gathering, if the
944 cumulative value of items purchased by such individual does not
945 exceed one hundred dollars, or the name of any individual who has
946 donated food or beverages for a meeting. A treasurer shall not be
947 required to report or retain any receipts or expenditures related to any
948 de minimis donations described in subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of
949 section 9-601a, as amended by this act.

950 (2) Each contributor described in subparagraph (F), (G), (H) or (I) of
951 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall, at the time the contributor makes
952 such a contribution, provide the information that the treasurer is
953 required to include under said subparagraph in the statement filed
954 under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this section. Notwithstanding any
955 provision of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b, any contributor described in
956 subparagraph (F) of subdivision (1) of this subsection who does not
957 provide such information at the time the contributor makes such a
958 contribution and any treasurer shall not be subject to the provisions of

959 subdivision (2) of section 9-7b. If a treasurer receives a contribution from
960 an individual which separately, or in the aggregate, is in excess of one
961 thousand dollars and the contributor has not provided the information
962 required by said subparagraph (G) or if a treasurer receives a
963 contribution from an individual to or for the benefit of any candidate's
964 campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the office of chief
965 executive officer of a town, city or borough, which separately, or in the
966 aggregate, is in excess of four hundred dollars and the contributor has
967 not provided the information required by said subparagraph (I), the
968 treasurer: [(i)] (A) Not later than three business days after receiving the
969 contribution, shall send a request for such information to the contributor
970 by certified mail, return receipt requested; [(ii)] (B) shall not deposit the
971 contribution until the treasurer obtains such information from the
972 contributor, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-606; and [(iii)]
973 (C) shall return the contribution to the contributor if the contributor
974 does not provide the required information [not later than] within
975 fourteen days after the treasurer's written request or the end of the
976 reporting period in which the contribution was received, whichever is
977 later. Any failure of a contributor to provide the information which the
978 treasurer is required to include under said subparagraph (F) or (H),
979 which results in noncompliance by the treasurer with the provisions of
980 said subparagraph (F) or (H), shall be a complete defense to any action
981 against the treasurer for failure to disclose such information.

982 (3) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (2) of this
983 subsection, each contributor who makes a contribution to a candidate or
984 exploratory committee for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
985 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, state
986 senator or state representative, any political committee authorized to
987 make contributions to such candidates or committees, and any party
988 committee that separately, or in the aggregate, exceeds fifty dollars shall
989 provide with the contribution: (A) The name of the contributor's
990 employer, if any; (B) the contributor's status as a communicator lobbyist,
991 as defined in section 1-91, a member of the immediate family of a
992 communicator lobbyist, a state contractor, a prospective state contractor

993 or a principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor, as
994 defined in section 9-612; and (C) a certification that the contributor is not
995 prohibited from making a contribution to such candidate or committee.
996 The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall prepare a sample
997 form for such certification by the contributor and shall make [it] such
998 sample form available to treasurers and contributors. Such sample form
999 shall include an explanation of the terms "communicator lobbyist",
1000 "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor",
1001 "immediate family", "state contractor" and "prospective state
1002 contractor". The information on such sample form shall be included in
1003 any written solicitation conducted by any such committee. If a treasurer
1004 receives such a contribution and the contributor has not provided such
1005 certification, the treasurer shall: (i) Not later than three business days
1006 after receiving the contribution, send a request for the certification to the
1007 contributor by certified mail, return receipt requested; (ii) not deposit
1008 the contribution until the treasurer obtains the certification from the
1009 contributor, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-606; and (iii)
1010 return the contribution to the contributor if the contributor does not
1011 provide the certification [not later than] within fourteen days after the
1012 treasurer's written request or at the end of the reporting period in which
1013 the contribution was received, whichever is later. No treasurer shall be
1014 required to obtain and keep more than one certification from each
1015 contributor, unless information certified to by the contributor, other
1016 than the amount contributed, changes. If a treasurer deposits a
1017 contribution based on a certification that is later determined to be false,
1018 the treasurer shall have a complete defense to any action, including but
1019 not limited to, any complaint investigated by the State Elections
1020 Enforcement Commission or any other investigation initiated by [said]
1021 the commission, against such treasurer for the receipt of such
1022 contribution.

1023 (4) When an independent expenditure political committee discloses a
1024 contribution or contributions pursuant to subparagraph (A) of
1025 subdivision (1) of this subsection in excess of one thousand dollars, in
1026 the aggregate, and the contributor is also a recipient of a covered

1027 transfer, the independent expenditure political committee shall include
1028 for any covered transfer or transfers in excess of five thousand dollars,
1029 in the aggregate, the source and the amount of such covered transfer or
1030 transfers to such contributor during the twelve-month period
1031 immediately prior to the primary or election, as applicable.

1032 (5) (A) If a person makes a contribution or contributions in excess of
1033 one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, to an independent expenditure
1034 political committee and such person derives all funds of such
1035 contribution or contributions from a dedicated independent
1036 expenditure account established by such person that is segregated from
1037 all other accounts controlled by such person, such person shall provide
1038 to the treasurer of such committee the source and the amount of each
1039 donation, transfer or payment that is in excess of five thousand dollars,
1040 in the aggregate, to such dedicated account. Such dedicated
1041 independent expenditure account may receive covered transfers
1042 directly from persons other than the person who established such
1043 dedicated account and shall not receive covered transfers from any
1044 other account controlled by the person who established such dedicated
1045 account, except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision. The
1046 treasurer of such independent expenditure political committee shall
1047 include the information so provided under this subdivision with the
1048 disclosure of such contribution or contributions.

1049 (B) If a person who made a covered transfer to any other account
1050 controlled by the person who established a dedicated independent
1051 expenditure account requests that such covered transfer be used for the
1052 purpose of making an independent expenditure or expenditures from
1053 such dedicated account, the amount of such covered transfer may be
1054 transferred to such dedicated account and shall be treated as a covered
1055 transfer directly to such dedicated account.

1056 (6) If a person makes a contribution or contributions in excess of one
1057 thousand dollars, in the aggregate, to an independent expenditure
1058 political committee and such person derives any funds of such
1059 contribution or contributions from any source other than a dedicated

1060 independent expenditure account established by such person that is
1061 segregated from all other accounts controlled by such person, such
1062 person shall provide to the treasurer of such committee the source and
1063 the amount of each donation, transfer or payment to such person that is
1064 in excess of five thousand dollars, in the aggregate, during the twelve-
1065 month period prior to the primary or election, as applicable, for which
1066 an independent expenditure is made. The treasurer of such independent
1067 expenditure political committee shall include the information so
1068 provided under this subdivision with the disclosure of such
1069 contribution or contributions.

1070 (7) (A) The treasurer of an independent expenditure political
1071 committee shall not accept a contribution or contributions in excess of
1072 one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, unless the information required
1073 to be provided under subdivision (8) of this subsection is so provided.

1074 (B) The recipient of a covered transfer or transfers in excess of five
1075 thousand dollars, in the aggregate, shall not knowingly make any
1076 contribution to an independent expenditure political committee unless
1077 the information required to be disclosed or provided, as applicable,
1078 under subdivision (4), (5) or (6) of this subsection is so disclosed or
1079 provided.

1080 (8) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (2) of this
1081 subsection, each contributor who is the recipient of any covered transfer
1082 or transfers that, in the aggregate, exceed five thousand dollars and who
1083 makes a contribution to an independent expenditure political
1084 committee that separately, or in the aggregate, exceeds one thousand
1085 dollars per calendar year shall provide with the contribution a statement
1086 signed under penalty of false statement, which statement shall include:
1087 (A) If the contributor is a human being, the name of the contributor's
1088 employer or employers, if any; (B) the contributor's status as a client
1089 lobbyist or communicator lobbyist, as defined in section 1-91, or a
1090 member of the immediate family of a communicator lobbyist; (C) a
1091 certification that the contributor is not a state contractor, a principal of a
1092 state contractor, a foreign national or otherwise prohibited from making

1093 such contribution; and (D) the name of any person required to be
1094 disclosed or provided, as applicable, under subdivision (4), (5) or (6) of
1095 this subsection and the amounts of the covered transfers of any such
1096 person. The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall prepare a
1097 form for such certification by the contributor and shall make such form
1098 available to treasurers and contributors. Such form shall include an
1099 explanation of the term "covered transfer" as it is defined in section 9-
1100 601, as amended by this act. The information on such form shall be
1101 included in any written solicitation conducted by such independent
1102 expenditure political committee. If a treasurer receives a contribution
1103 and the contributor has not provided such certification, the treasurer
1104 shall: (i) Not later than three business days after receiving the
1105 contribution, send a request for the certification to the contributor by
1106 certified mail, return receipt requested; (ii) not deposit the contribution
1107 until the treasurer obtains the certification from the contributor,
1108 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-606; and (iii) return the
1109 contribution to the contributor if the contributor does not provide the
1110 certification within fourteen days after the treasurer's written request or
1111 at the end of the reporting period in which the contribution was
1112 received, whichever is later. If a treasurer deposits a contribution based
1113 on a certification signed under penalty of false statement that is later
1114 determined to be false, the treasurer shall have a complete defense to
1115 any action, including, but not limited to, any complaint investigated by
1116 the State Elections Enforcement Commission or any other investigation
1117 initiated by the commission, against such treasurer for the receipt of
1118 such contribution.

1119 [(4)] (9) Contributions from a single individual to a treasurer in the
1120 aggregate totaling fifty dollars or less need not be individually
1121 identified in the statement, but a sum representing the total amount of
1122 all such contributions made by all such individuals during the period to
1123 be covered by such statement shall be a separate entry, identified only
1124 by the words "total contributions from small contributors".

1125 [(5)] (10) Each statement filed by the treasurer of a party committee,
1126 a legislative caucus committee or a legislative leadership committee

1127 shall include an itemized accounting of each organization expenditure
1128 made by the committee. Concomitant with the filing of any such
1129 statement containing an accounting of an organization expenditure
1130 made by the committee for the benefit of any candidate for the office of
1131 state senator, state representative, Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1132 Attorney General, Secretary of the State, State Comptroller or State
1133 Treasurer such treasurer shall provide notice of the organization
1134 expenditure to the candidate committee of such candidate.

1135 [(6)] (11) The commission shall post a link on the home page of the
1136 commission's Internet web site to a listing of all organizational
1137 expenditures reported by a party, legislative leadership or caucus
1138 committee under subdivision [(5)] (10) of this subsection. Such
1139 information shall include reported information on the committee
1140 making the expenditure, the committee receiving the expenditure and
1141 the date and purpose for the expenditure.

1142 [(7)] (12) Statements filed in accordance with this section shall remain
1143 public records of the state for five years from the date such statements
1144 are filed.

1145 Sec. 14. Subsection (d) of section 9-617 of the general statutes is
1146 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1147 *passage*):

1148 (d) [A] (1) No party committee may receive contributions in excess of
1149 one hundred thousand dollars, in the aggregate, in any calendar year
1150 from [a] any federal account of a national committee of a political party,
1151 [but may not] and no party committee may receive contributions from
1152 any other account of a national committee of a political party or from a
1153 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office, for use in the
1154 election of candidates subject to the provisions of this chapter.

1155 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
1156 subsection, a federal account of a national committee of a political party
1157 may provide to a party committee documentation in printed or
1158 electronic form, such as a party platform, a copy of an issue paper, a list

1159 of registered voters or voter identification information, which
1160 documentation is or was created or maintained by the federal account
1161 of the national committee of a political party.

1162 Sec. 15. Subsection (e) of section 9-618 of the general statutes is
1163 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1164 *passage*):

1165 (e) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities
1166 [may receive contributions from the federal account of a national
1167 committee of a political party, but] may not receive contributions from
1168 any [other] account of a national committee of a political party or from
1169 a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office.

1170 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) A foreign-influenced entity,
1171 as defined in section 9-601 of the general statutes, as amended by this
1172 act, shall not make, directly or indirectly, (1) any contribution, as defined
1173 in section 9-601a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any
1174 express or implied promise to make any such contribution, or (2) any
1175 expenditure, as defined in section 9-601b of the general statutes, as
1176 amended by this act.

1177 (b) A person shall not solicit, accept or receive a contribution from a
1178 foreign-influenced entity.

1179 Sec. 17. Subsections (h) to (m), inclusive, of section 9-621 of the
1180 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1181 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1182 (h) (1) No person shall make or incur an independent expenditure for
1183 any written, typed or other printed communication, including on a
1184 billboard, or any web-based, written communication, unless such
1185 communication bears upon its face, as a disclaimer, (A) the words "Paid
1186 for by", [and] (B) the name of such person and, in the case of a person
1187 other than a human being, the name of an individual who had direct,
1188 extensive and substantive decision-making authority over such
1189 independent expenditure, and (C) the following statement: "This

1190 message was made independent of any candidate or political party.". In
1191 the case of a person making or incurring such an independent
1192 expenditure during the ninety-day period immediately prior to the
1193 primary or election for which the independent expenditure is made,
1194 such communication shall also bear upon its face the names of the five
1195 persons who made the five largest aggregate covered transfers to the
1196 person making such communication during the twelve-month period
1197 immediately prior to such primary or election, as applicable. The
1198 communication shall also state that additional information about the
1199 person making such communication may be found on the State
1200 Elections Enforcement Commission's Internet web site.

1201 (2) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
1202 subsection, no person shall make or incur an independent expenditure
1203 for a video broadcast by television, satellite or Internet, unless at the end
1204 of such advertising there appears for a period of not less than four
1205 seconds as a disclaimer, the following as an audio message and a written
1206 statement: "This message was paid for by (person making the
1207 communication) and made independent of any candidate or political
1208 party.". In the case of a person making or incurring such an independent
1209 expenditure during the ninety-day period immediately prior to the
1210 primary or election for which the independent expenditure is made,
1211 such communication shall also list the names of the five persons who
1212 made the five largest aggregate covered transfers to the person making
1213 such communication during the twelve-month period immediately
1214 prior to such primary or election, as applicable. The communication
1215 shall also state that additional information about the person making
1216 such communication may be found on the State Elections Enforcement
1217 Commission's Internet web site.

1218 (3) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
1219 subsection, no person shall make or incur an independent expenditure
1220 for an audio communication broadcast by radio, satellite or Internet,
1221 unless the advertising ends with a disclaimer that is a personal audio
1222 statement by such person's agent (A) identifying the person paying for
1223 the expenditure, and (B) indicating that the message was made

1224 independent of any candidate or political party, using the following
1225 form: "I am (name of the person's agent), (title), of (the person).
1226 This message was made independent of any candidate or political
1227 party.". In the case of a person making or incurring such an independent
1228 expenditure during the ninety-day period immediately prior to the
1229 primary or election for which the independent expenditure is made,
1230 such communication shall state the names of the five persons who made
1231 the five largest aggregate covered transfers to the person making such
1232 communication during the twelve-month period immediately prior to
1233 such primary or election, as applicable. The communication shall also
1234 state that additional information about the person making such
1235 communication may be found on the State Elections Enforcement
1236 Commission's Internet web site.

1237 (4) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
1238 subsection, no person shall make or incur an independent expenditure
1239 for telephone calls, unless the narrative of the telephone call identifies
1240 the person making the expenditure and during the ninety-day period
1241 immediately prior to the primary or election for which the independent
1242 expenditure is made, such communication shall state the names of the
1243 five persons who made the five largest aggregate covered transfers to
1244 the person making such communication during the twelve-month
1245 period immediately prior to such primary or election, as applicable. The
1246 communication shall also state that additional information about the
1247 person making such communication may be found on the State
1248 Elections Enforcement Commission's Internet web site.

1249 (i) In any [print, television or social media promotion of a slate of]
1250 organization expenditure for a party candidate listing of a candidate or
1251 candidates by a party committee, [the party] legislative caucus
1252 committee or legislative leadership committee, such committee shall use
1253 applicable disclaimers pursuant to the provisions of this section for such
1254 promotion, and no individual candidate disclaimers shall be required.

1255 (j) [(1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this
1256 subsection, if] If any person whose name is included on a disclaimer of

1257 a communication pursuant to the provisions of this section, as a person
1258 who made a covered transfer to the maker of the communication, is also
1259 a recipient of a covered transfer, the maker of the communication, as
1260 part of any report filed pursuant to section 9-601d, as amended by this
1261 act, associated with the making of such communication, shall include
1262 the names of the five persons who made the top five largest aggregate
1263 covered transfers to such recipient during the twelve-month period
1264 immediately prior to the primary or election, as applicable.

1265 [(2) The name of any person who made a covered transfer to a tax-
1266 exempt organization recognized under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal
1267 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
1268 revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time, that
1269 has not had its tax exempt status revoked, shall not be disclosed
1270 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

1271 (3) The name of any person who made a covered transfer to a person
1272 whose name is included on a disclaimer pursuant to the provisions of
1273 this section shall not be disclosed pursuant to the provisions of
1274 subdivision (1) of this subsection if the recipient of such covered transfer
1275 accepts covered transfers from at least one hundred different sources,
1276 provided no such source accounts for ten per cent or more of the total
1277 amount of covered transfers accepted by the recipient during the
1278 twelve-month period immediately prior to the primary or election, as
1279 applicable.]

1280 (k) Any disclaimer required to be on the face of a written, typed or
1281 other printed communication pursuant to the provisions of this section
1282 shall be printed in no smaller than eight-point type of uniform font
1283 when such disclaimer is on a communication contained in a flyer or
1284 leaflet, newspaper, magazine or similar literature, or that is delivered by
1285 mail.

1286 (l) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no person making
1287 an independent expenditure for a communication shall be required to
1288 list as part of any disclaimer pursuant to this section any person whose

1289 covered transfers to the maker of the communication are not in an
1290 aggregate amount of five thousand dollars or more during the twelve-
1291 month period immediately prior to the primary, [or] election or
1292 referendum, as applicable, for which such independent expenditure is
1293 made.

1294 (m) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any disclaimer
1295 required to be on the face of any Internet [text advertisement
1296 communication (1) that appears based on the result of a search
1297 conducted by a user of an Internet search engine, and (2) the text of
1298 which contains two hundred or fewer characters, shall not be required
1299 to list the names of the five persons who made the top five largest
1300 aggregate covered transfers to the maker of such communication, as
1301 otherwise required by this section, if such disclaimer (A) includes a link
1302 to an Internet web site that discloses the names of such five persons, and
1303 (B) otherwise contains any statement required pursuant to the
1304 provisions of this section] communication, which communication is
1305 disseminated through a medium in which the provision of all
1306 information required to be provided pursuant to this section is not
1307 possible, shall, in a clear and conspicuous manner, (1) state the name of
1308 the person who paid for such communication, and (2) provide a means
1309 for any recipient of such communication to obtain, with minimal effort
1310 and without receiving or viewing any additional material, the
1311 remainder of the information required to be provided pursuant to this
1312 section.

1313 Sec. 18. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 9-7a of the general
1314 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1315 (*Effective from passage*):

1316 (g) (1) In the case of a written complaint filed with the commission
1317 pursuant to section 9-7b, commission staff shall conduct and complete a
1318 preliminary examination of such complaint by the fourteenth day
1319 following its receipt, at which time such staff shall, at its discretion, (A)
1320 dismiss the complaint for failure to allege any substantial violation of
1321 state election law supported by evidence, (B) engage the respondent in

1322 discussions in an effort to speedily resolve any matter pertaining to a de
1323 minimis violation, or (C) investigate and docket the complaint for a
1324 determination by the commission that probable cause or no probable
1325 cause exists for any such violation. If commission staff dismisses a
1326 complaint pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, such staff
1327 shall provide a brief written statement concisely setting forth the
1328 reasons for such dismissal. If commission staff engages a respondent
1329 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision but is unable to
1330 speedily resolve any such matter described in said subparagraph by the
1331 forty-fifth day following receipt of the complaint, such staff shall docket
1332 such complaint for a determination by the commission that probable
1333 cause or no probable cause exists for any violation of state election law.
1334 If the commission does not, by the sixtieth day following receipt of the
1335 complaint, either issue a decision or render its determination that
1336 probable cause or no probable cause exists for any violation of state
1337 election laws, the complainant or respondent may apply to the superior
1338 court for the judicial district of Hartford for an order to show cause why
1339 the commission has not acted upon the complaint and to provide
1340 evidence that the commission has unreasonably delayed action. For any
1341 complaint received on or after January 1, 2018, if the commission does
1342 not, by one year following receipt of such complaint, [issue a decision
1343 thereon,] find reason to believe, pursuant to section 9-7b-35 of the
1344 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, that a violation of state
1345 election law has been committed, the commission shall dismiss such
1346 complaint, provided the length of time of any delay caused by (i) the
1347 commission or commission staff granting any extension or continuance
1348 to a respondent prior to the issuance of any such decision, (ii) any
1349 subpoena issued in connection with such complaint, (iii) any litigation
1350 in state or federal court related to such complaint, [or] (iv) any
1351 investigation by the commission or commission staff (I) involving a
1352 potential violation of section 9-601c or 9-601d, as amended by this act,
1353 or (II) involving a potential violation of state election law by any foreign
1354 national or foreign-influenced entity, or (v) any investigation by, or
1355 consultation of the commission or commission staff with, the Chief
1356 State's Attorney, the Attorney General, the United States Department of

1357 Justice or the United States Attorney for Connecticut related to such
1358 complaint, shall be added to such one year.

1359 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section:

1360 (1) "Online platform" means any public-facing Internet web site or
1361 application or digital application, including, but not limited to, a social
1362 network, advertisement network or search engine, that sells qualified
1363 political advertisements and (A) has four hundred thousand or more
1364 unique monthly visitors or users, which visitors or users have an
1365 assigned Internet protocol address within the United States, for seven of
1366 the preceding twelve months, and (B) sells qualified political
1367 advertisements; and

1368 (2) "Qualified political advertisement" means any advertisement,
1369 including, but not limited to, sponsorships, display advertisements,
1370 video advertisements, native advertisements and search engine
1371 marketing, that is an expenditure, as defined in section 9-601b of the
1372 general statutes, as amended by this act.

1373 (b) An online platform shall maintain, and make available for online
1374 public inspection in machine-readable format, a complete record of any
1375 request to purchase on such online platform a qualified political
1376 advertisement, which request is made by a person whose aggregate
1377 requests to purchase qualified political advertisements on such online
1378 platform during the calendar year exceeds two hundred dollars.

1379 (c) Any person who requests to purchase a qualified political
1380 advertisement on an online platform shall provide to the online
1381 platform all information necessary for such online platform to comply
1382 with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section.

1383 (d) A record maintained pursuant to subsection (b) of this section
1384 shall contain the following:

1385 (1) A digital copy of the qualified political advertisement;

1386 (2) A description of the audience targeted by such advertisement, the

1387 number of views generated from such advertisement and the date and
1388 time that such advertisement is both first and last displayed; and

1389 (3) Information regarding (A) the average rate charged for such
1390 advertisement, (B) as applicable, (i) the name of any candidate to whom
1391 such advertisement refers and the office to which such candidate is
1392 seeking nomination or election, (ii) the primary or election to which such
1393 advertisement refers, or (iii) the referendum question to which such
1394 advertisement refers, and (C) (i) for a request by or on behalf of a
1395 candidate to make such purchase, (I) the name of such candidate, (II) the
1396 name of the authorized candidate committee of such candidate, and (III)
1397 the name of the treasurer of such candidate committee, or (ii) for any
1398 other request to make such purchase, (I) the name of the person making
1399 such request, (II) the name, street address and phone number of a
1400 contact individual for such person, and (III) in the case of a person other
1401 than a human being, the name of an individual who had direct,
1402 extensive and substantive decision-making authority over the request
1403 to make such purchase.

1404 (e) The information required to be provided or maintained, as
1405 applicable, pursuant to this section shall be made available as soon as
1406 possible and retained by an online platform for a period of not less than
1407 four years.

1408 (f) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-623 of the general
1409 statutes, if (A) an online platform fails to maintain a complete record of
1410 any request to purchase on such online platform a qualified political
1411 advertisement, in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, such
1412 online platform shall be subject to a civil penalty, imposed by the State
1413 Elections Enforcement Commission, of not more than ten thousand
1414 dollars, and (B) such online platform so fails for a qualified political
1415 advertisement made or obligated to be made ninety days or less before
1416 the day of a primary, election or referendum, such online platform shall
1417 be subject to a civil penalty, imposed by the commission, of not more
1418 than twenty thousand dollars or twice the amount of the total of all such
1419 qualified political advertisements not maintained as part of such record,

1420 whichever is greater.

1421 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-623 of the general
1422 statutes, (A) if the State Elections Enforcement Commission finds that
1423 any such failure is knowing and wilful, the online platform shall be
1424 subject to an additional civil penalty, imposed by the commission, of not
1425 more than fifty thousand dollars or ten times the amount of the total of
1426 all such qualified political advertisements not maintained as part of such
1427 record, whichever is greater, and the commission may refer the matter
1428 to the office of the Chief State's Attorney.

1429 Sec. 20. Section 9-750 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1430 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1431 (a) (1) If, [(1)] for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, or any fiscal
1432 year thereafter, the amount of funds available under section 3-69a for
1433 deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-701, as
1434 amended by this act, is less than the amount of funds required under
1435 [said] section 3-69a and subdivision (2) of this subsection to be deposited
1436 in said fund, resulting in an insufficiency in the amount of the deposit,
1437 [or (2) during an election cycle the amount of funds in the Citizens'
1438 Election Fund is less than the amount of funds required to provide
1439 grants to each qualified candidate committee pursuant to the provisions
1440 of this chapter, resulting in an insufficiency in said fund,] a portion of
1441 the revenues from the tax imposed under chapter 208, equal to the
1442 amount of any insufficiency described in this subdivision, [(1) or (2) of
1443 this section,] shall be deposited in said fund to allow for the payment of
1444 grants pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

1445 (2) If, during an election cycle, the amount of funds in the Citizens'
1446 Election Fund is less than the amount of funds required to provide
1447 grants to each qualified candidate committee pursuant to the provisions
1448 of this chapter, resulting in an insufficiency in said fund, the cash
1449 portion of funds received under chapter 32 equal to the amount of any
1450 insufficiency described in this subdivision shall be deposited in said
1451 fund to allow for the payment of grants pursuant to the provisions of

1452 this chapter.

1453 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3-69a, if funds are
1454 deposited into the Citizens' Election Fund pursuant to the provisions of
1455 subdivision [(2)] (1) of subsection (a) of this section, the aggregate
1456 amount of any such deposits shall be deducted from the amount
1457 deposited into said fund under section 3-69a for the following fiscal
1458 year.

1459 Sec. 21. Section 9-601c of the general statutes is repealed and the
1460 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2021*):

1461 (a) (1) As used in this chapter and chapter 157, [the term]
1462 "independent expenditure" means an expenditure, as defined in section
1463 9-601b, as amended by this act, that is made entirely without the
1464 consent, coordination [,] or consultation of [,] a candidate or agent of
1465 [the] such candidate, candidate committee, political committee or party
1466 committee.

1467 (2) For the purposes of this section, a payment shall not be considered
1468 to be made by a person with the consent, coordination or consultation
1469 of, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or committee solely on
1470 the grounds that such person or the agent of such person engaged in
1471 discussion with such candidate or committee, or any agent of such
1472 candidate or committee, regarding such person's position on a
1473 legislative or policy matter, including urging the candidate or
1474 committee to adopt such person's position, provided any such
1475 discussion between such person and such candidate or committee, or
1476 any agent of such candidate or committee, shall not regard the campaign
1477 advertising, message, strategy, policy, polling, fund-raising, campaign
1478 operations or allocation of resources of such candidate, committee or
1479 person.

1480 (b) As used in this section, (1) "candidate" includes any person who,
1481 during an election cycle, becomes a candidate later in such election cycle
1482 and benefits from any expenditure, (2) "election cycle" means, with
1483 respect to an office to which a person seeks nomination or election, the

1484 period beginning the day after a regular election for such office and
1485 ending the day of the next regular election for such office, and (3)
1486 "member of the family" means (A) a spouse, (B) any sibling, parent,
1487 child, grandparent, grandchild, aunt or uncle, (C) any sibling, parent,
1488 child, grandparent, grandchild, aunt or uncle of such spouse, or (D) the
1489 spouse of any child of any such individual described in subparagraph
1490 (B) or (C) of this subdivision.

1491 (c) As used in this section, "coordinated spender" means, with respect
1492 to a candidate or committee:

1493 (1) Any person directly or indirectly formed, controlled or
1494 established in an election cycle or the immediately preceding election
1495 cycle by, at the request or suggestion of, or with the encouragement or
1496 approval of, such candidate or committee, or any agent of such
1497 candidate or committee;

1498 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, any person on
1499 whose behalf during an election cycle such candidate or committee, or
1500 any agent of such candidate or committee, solicits funds or engages in
1501 fund-raising activity, including the provision to such person of the name
1502 of any potential donor or other list to be used by such person in
1503 engaging in fund-raising activity, regardless of whether such person
1504 pays fair market value for any such name or list. Such person shall not
1505 be considered a coordinated spender under this subdivision if any funds
1506 raised by such candidate or committee, or any agent of such candidate
1507 or committee, are (A) segregated from each other account controlled by
1508 such person, and (B) not used to make (i) any independent expenditure
1509 that benefits such candidate or committee, or (ii) any contribution or
1510 covered transfer to another person who later in such election cycle
1511 makes any independent expenditure, contribution or covered transfer
1512 that benefits such candidate or committee;

1513 (3) Any person established, directed or managed by another person
1514 who during an election cycle (A) served in such election cycle as a
1515 political, media or fund-raising advisor or consultant for such candidate

1516 or committee, or for any entity controlled by such candidate or
1517 committee, or (B) held in such election cycle a formal position with a
1518 title for such candidate or committee;

1519 (4) Any person who is a member of the family of such candidate or
1520 who is established, directed or managed by any member of the family
1521 of such candidate; or

1522 (5) Any person, or any officer or agent of such person, who has had
1523 more than incidental discussion with a member of the family of such
1524 candidate regarding campaign advertising, message, strategy, policy,
1525 polling, fund-raising, campaign operations or allocation of resources of
1526 such candidate, committee or person.

1527 (d) Any expenditure made by a coordinated spender, as described in
1528 subsection (c) of this section, shall be deemed to have been made with
1529 the consent, coordination or consultation of, or at the request of
1530 suggestion of, a candidate or committee, or any agent of such candidate
1531 or committee.

1532 [(b)] (e) When the State Elections Enforcement Commission evaluates
1533 an expenditure, other than an expenditure described in subsection (d)
1534 of this section, to determine whether such expenditure is an
1535 independent expenditure, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that
1536 the following expenditures are not independent expenditures:

1537 (1) An expenditure made by a person [in cooperation, consultation or
1538 in concert with, at the request, suggestion or direction of, or] pursuant
1539 to a general or [particular] tacit understanding with (A) a candidate,
1540 candidate committee, political committee or party committee, or (B) a
1541 consultant or other agent acting on behalf of a candidate, candidate
1542 committee, political committee or party committee;

1543 (2) An expenditure made by a person for the production,
1544 dissemination, distribution or publication, in whole or in substantial
1545 part, of any broadcast or any written, graphic or other form of political
1546 advertising or campaign communication prepared by (A) a candidate,

1547 candidate committee, political committee or party committee, or (B) a
1548 consultant or other agent acting on behalf of a candidate, candidate
1549 committee, political committee or party committee;

1550 (3) An expenditure made by a person based on information about a
1551 candidate's, political committee's, or party committee's plans, projects
1552 or needs, provided by (A) a candidate, candidate committee, political
1553 committee or party committee, or (B) a consultant or other agent acting
1554 on behalf of a candidate, candidate committee, political committee or
1555 party committee, with the intent that such expenditure be made;

1556 (4) An expenditure made by an individual who [, in the same] during
1557 an election cycle [] is serving or has served in such election cycle (A) as
1558 the campaign chairperson, treasurer or deputy treasurer of a candidate
1559 committee, political committee or party committee benefiting from such
1560 expenditure, or (B) in any other executive or policymaking position,
1561 including as a member, employee, fundraiser, consultant or other agent,
1562 of a candidate, candidate committee, political committee or party
1563 committee;

1564 (5) An expenditure made by a person or an entity on or after January
1565 first in the year of an election in which a candidate is seeking public
1566 office that benefits such candidate when such person or entity has hired
1567 an individual as an employee or consultant and such individual was an
1568 employee of or consultant to such candidate, such candidate's candidate
1569 committee or such candidate's opponent's candidate committee during
1570 [any part of the eighteen-month period preceding such expenditure] an
1571 election cycle or the immediately preceding election cycle;

1572 (6) An expenditure made by a person for fundraising activities (A)
1573 for a candidate, candidate committee, political committee or party
1574 committee, or a consultant or other agent acting on behalf of a candidate,
1575 candidate committee, political committee or party committee, or (B) for
1576 the solicitation or receipt of contributions on behalf of a candidate,
1577 candidate committee, political committee or party committee, or a
1578 consultant or other agent acting on behalf of a candidate, candidate

1579 committee, political committee or party committee;

1580 (7) An expenditure made by a person based on information about a
1581 candidate's campaign plans, projects or needs, that is directly or
1582 indirectly provided by a candidate, the candidate's candidate
1583 committee, a political committee or a party committee, or a consultant
1584 or other agent acting on behalf of such candidate, candidate committee,
1585 political committee or party committee, to the person making the
1586 expenditure or such person's agent, with an express or tacit
1587 understanding that such person is considering making the expenditure;

1588 (8) An expenditure made by a person for a communication that
1589 clearly identifies a candidate during an election campaign, if the person
1590 making the expenditure, or such person's agent, has informed the
1591 candidate who benefits from the expenditure, [that] such candidate's
1592 candidate committee, a political committee or a party committee, or a
1593 consultant or other agent acting on behalf of the benefiting candidate or
1594 candidate committee, political committee, or party committee,
1595 concerning the communication's contents, or of the intended audience,
1596 timing, location or mode or frequency of dissemination. [As used in] For
1597 the purposes of this subdivision, a communication clearly identifies a
1598 candidate when that communication contains the name, nickname,
1599 initials, photograph or drawing of the candidate or an unambiguous
1600 reference to [that] such candidate, which includes, but is not limited to,
1601 a reference that can only mean [that] such candidate; [and]

1602 (9) An expenditure made by a person or an entity for consultant or
1603 creative services, including, but not limited to, services related to
1604 communications strategy or design or campaign strategy or to engage a
1605 campaign-related vendor, to be used to promote or oppose a candidate's
1606 election to office if the provider of such services is providing or has
1607 provided consultant or creative services to such candidate, such
1608 candidate's candidate committee or an agent of such candidate
1609 committee, or to any opposing candidate's candidate committee or an
1610 agent of such opposing candidate's candidate committee after January
1611 first of the year in which the expenditure occurs. For the purposes of this

1612 subdivision, [communications strategy or design] "communications
1613 strategy or design" does not include the costs of printing or costs for the
1614 use of a medium for the purpose of communications. For the purposes
1615 of this subdivision, [campaign-related vendor] "campaign-related
1616 vendor" includes, but is not limited to, a vendor that provides any of the
1617 following services: Polling, mail design, mail strategy, political strategy,
1618 general campaign advice or telephone banking; [.] and

1619 (10) An expenditure made by any person directly or indirectly
1620 formed, controlled or established in an election cycle or the immediately
1621 preceding election cycle by, at the request or suggestion of, or with the
1622 encouragement of, another person deemed to be a coordinated spender,
1623 or any agent of such coordinated spender, including with the express or
1624 tacit approval of any such coordinated spender or agent.

1625 [(c) When the State Elections Enforcement Commission evaluates an
1626 expenditure to determine whether an expenditure by entity is an
1627 independent expenditure, the following shall not be presumed to
1628 constitute evidence of consent, coordination or consultation within the
1629 meaning of subsection (a) of this section: (1) Participation by a candidate
1630 or an agent of the candidate in an event sponsored by the entity, unless
1631 such event promotes the success of the candidate's candidacy or the
1632 defeat of the candidate's opponent, or unless the event is during the
1633 period that is forty-five days prior to the primary for which the
1634 candidate is seeking nomination for election or election to office; (2)
1635 membership of the candidate or agent of the candidate in the entity,
1636 unless the candidate or agent of the candidate holds an executive or
1637 policymaking position within the entity after the candidate becomes a
1638 candidate; or (3) financial support for, or solicitation or fundraising on
1639 behalf of the entity by a candidate or an agent of the candidate, unless
1640 the entity has made or obligated to make independent expenditures in
1641 support of such candidate in the election or primary for which the
1642 candidate is a candidate.]

1643 [(d)] (f) When the State Elections Enforcement Commission evaluates
1644 an expenditure to determine whether such expenditure is an

1645 independent expenditure, the commission shall consider, as an effective
1646 rebuttal to the presumptions provided in subsection [(b)] (e) of this
1647 section, the establishment by the person making the expenditure of a
1648 firewall policy designed and implemented to prohibit the flow of
1649 information between (1) employees, consultants or other individuals
1650 providing services to the person paying for the expenditure, and (2) the
1651 candidate or agents of the candidate.

1652 Sec. 22. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-7a of the general
1653 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1654 (*Effective from passage*):

1655 (2) On and after July 1, 2011, but before July 1, 2020, members shall
1656 be appointed for terms of three years from July first in the year of their
1657 appointment and shall be appointed by the person holding the same
1658 office as was held by the person making the original appointment,
1659 provided any person chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for
1660 the unexpired term of the member whom he or she shall succeed. On
1661 and after [July 1, 2011, no] July 1, 2020, any member may serve more
1662 than two consecutive terms, [except that] and any member serving on
1663 said date [,] may serve until a successor is appointed and has qualified.
1664 All appointments shall be made with the consent of the state Senate and
1665 House of Representatives. No person who has served during any part
1666 of the three-year period prior to the appointment as a political party
1667 officer, shall be appointed to membership on the commission. For
1668 purposes of this subsection, "political party officer" means an officer of
1669 a national committee of a political party, state central or town
1670 committee. The commission shall elect one of its members to serve as
1671 chairperson and another member to serve as vice-chairperson. Each
1672 member of the commission shall be compensated at the rate of two
1673 hundred dollars per day for any day on which he or she participates in
1674 a regular commission meeting or hearing, and shall be paid by the state
1675 for his reasonable expenses, including necessary stenographic and
1676 clerical help.

1677 Sec. 23. Section 9-700 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1678 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2021*):

1679 As used in [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive] this chapter and section
1680 23 of this act:

1681 (1) "Commission" means the State Elections Enforcement
1682 Commission.

1683 (2) "Depository account" means the single checking account at the
1684 depository institution designated as the depository for the candidate
1685 committee's moneys in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)
1686 of section 9-604.

1687 (3) "District office" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-
1688 372.

1689 (4) "Eligible minor party candidate" means a candidate for election to
1690 an office who is nominated by a minor party pursuant to subpart B of
1691 part III of chapter 153.

1692 (5) "Eligible petitioning party candidate" means a candidate for
1693 election to an office pursuant to subpart C of part III of chapter 153
1694 whose nominating petition has been approved by the Secretary of the
1695 State pursuant to section 9-453o.

1696 (6) "Fund" means the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-
1697 701, as amended by this act.

1698 (7) "General election campaign" means (A) in the case of a candidate
1699 nominated at a primary, the period beginning on the day following the
1700 primary and ending on the date the treasurer files the final statement for
1701 such campaign pursuant to section 9-608, as amended by this act, or (B)
1702 in the case of a candidate nominated without a primary, the period
1703 beginning on the day following the day on which the candidate is
1704 nominated and ending on the date the treasurer files the final statement
1705 for such campaign pursuant to section 9-608, as amended by this act.

1706 (8) "Major party" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372.

1707 (9) "Minor party" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372.

1708 (10) "Municipal office" has the same meaning as provided in section
1709 9-372.

1710 (11) "Primary campaign" means the period beginning on the day
1711 following the close of (A) a convention held pursuant to section 9-382
1712 for the purpose of endorsing a candidate for nomination to the office of
1713 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
1714 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state
1715 senator or state representative, or (B) a caucus, convention or town
1716 committee meeting held pursuant to section 9-390 for the purpose of
1717 endorsing a candidate for the municipal office of state senator or state
1718 representative, whichever is applicable, and ending on the day of a
1719 primary held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for such office.

1720 (12) "Qualified candidate committee" means a candidate committee
1721 (A) established to aid or promote the success of any candidate for
1722 nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1723 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, Secretary of the
1724 State, state senator or state representative, and (B) approved by the
1725 commission to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund under
1726 section 9-706, as amended by this act.

1727 (13) "Qualifying contribution" means a contribution that is applied
1728 toward the amount required to receive a grant under section 9-705, as
1729 amended by this act.

1730 (14) "Supplemental qualifying contribution" means a contribution
1731 received in order to qualify for a supplemental grant under section 23 of
1732 this act or received in accordance with subdivision (3) of subsection (c)
1733 of section 9-702, as amended by this act.

1734 Sec. 24. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2021*) (a) (1) (A) The qualified
1735 candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of
1736 Governor who has a primary for nomination to said office may be
1737 eligible, in accordance with the provisions of this section, to receive a

1738 supplemental grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the primary
1739 campaign in addition to a grant received pursuant to subdivision (1) of
1740 subsection (a) of section 9-705 of the general statutes.

1741 (B) The amount of a supplemental grant for the primary campaign
1742 pursuant to this subdivision shall be determined pursuant to subsection
1743 (b) of this section, but in no case shall exceed the maximum amount
1744 provided for in this subparagraph. In the case of a primary held in 2022,
1745 the maximum amount of such supplemental grant for the primary
1746 campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the grant for the primary
1747 campaign authorized under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section
1748 9-705 of the general statutes.

1749 (2) (A) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office
1750 of Governor that received a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for
1751 the general election campaign pursuant to section 9-705 of the general
1752 statutes, as amended by this act, may be eligible, in accordance with the
1753 provisions of this section, to receive a supplemental grant from the fund
1754 for the general election campaign in addition to a grant received
1755 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 9-705 of the general statutes.

1756 (B) The amount of a supplemental grant for the general election
1757 campaign pursuant to this subdivision shall be determined pursuant to
1758 subsection (b) of this section, but in no case shall exceed the maximum
1759 amount provided for in this subparagraph. In the case of an election
1760 held in 2022, the maximum amount of such supplemental grant for the
1761 general election campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the
1762 applicable grant for the general election campaign authorized under
1763 section 9-705 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for such
1764 qualified candidate committee described in subparagraph (A) of this
1765 subdivision.

1766 (b) (1) Any qualified candidate committee described in subsection (a)
1767 of this section is eligible to receive a supplemental grant for a primary
1768 campaign, if applicable, and for a general election campaign if (A) the
1769 qualified candidate committee receives supplemental qualifying

1770 contributions for a supplemental grant under section 9-704 of the
1771 general statutes, as amended by this act, (B) the qualified candidate
1772 committee returns all contributions that do not meet the criteria for
1773 supplemental qualifying contributions under section 9-704 of the
1774 general statutes, as amended by this act, (C) the participating candidate
1775 agrees to limit such candidate's qualified candidate committee's
1776 campaign expenditures in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
1777 702 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (D) the qualified
1778 candidate committee submits an application, and the State Elections
1779 Enforcement Commission approves such application, in accordance
1780 with the provisions of this section and subsections (a) and (b) of section
1781 9-706 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

1782 (2) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall review each
1783 application described in subdivision (1) of this subsection in accordance
1784 with the provisions of subsection (d) of section 9-706 of the general
1785 statutes, as amended by this act. If the commission approves the
1786 application of any such qualified candidate committee described in
1787 subdivision (1) of this subsection, the amount of any supplemental grant
1788 payable to such committee shall be equal to three times the amount of
1789 contributions received by such committee that qualify as supplemental
1790 qualifying contributions for a supplemental grant under section 9-704 of
1791 the general statutes, as amended by this act, but in no case shall the
1792 amount of such supplemental grant exceed the maximum amount
1793 applicable to such committee under subsection (a) of this section. The
1794 commission shall authorize the payment of such supplemental grant in
1795 accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of section 9-706 of the
1796 general statutes, as amended by this act.

1797 Sec. 25. Section 9-702 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1798 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2021*):

1799 (a) There is established a Citizens' Election Program under which (1)
1800 the candidate committee of a major party candidate for nomination to
1801 the office of state senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or
1802 the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State

1803 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or
1804 thereafter, may receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the
1805 candidate's primary campaign for said nomination, and (2) the
1806 candidate committee of a candidate nominated by a major party, or the
1807 candidate committee of an eligible minor party candidate or an eligible
1808 petitioning party candidate, (A) for election to the office of state senator
1809 or state representative at a special election held on or after December 31,
1810 2006, or at a regular election held in 2008, or thereafter, or (B) for election
1811 to the office of Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary
1812 of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may receive a grant
1813 from the fund for the candidate's general election campaign for said
1814 office.

1815 (b) (1) Any such candidate committee is eligible to receive such grants
1816 under sections 9-705 and 9-706, as amended by this act, for a primary
1817 campaign, if applicable, and a general election campaign if [(1)] (A) the
1818 candidate certifies as a participating candidate under section 9-703, as
1819 amended by this act, [(2)] (B) the candidate's candidate committee
1820 receives the required amount of qualifying contributions under section
1821 9-704, as amended by this act, [(3)] (C) the candidate's candidate
1822 committee returns, or transmits to the State Elections Enforcement
1823 Commission for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund, all contributions
1824 that do not meet the criteria for qualifying contributions under section
1825 9-704, as amended by this act, [(4)] (D) the candidate agrees to limit the
1826 campaign expenditures of the candidate's candidate committee in
1827 accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, and [(5)]
1828 (E) the candidate submits an application and the commission approves
1829 the application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-706, as
1830 amended by this act.

1831 (2) After receiving a grant under sections 9-705 and 9-706, as
1832 amended by this act, a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for
1833 the office of Governor may then qualify for a supplemental grant under
1834 section 23 of this act.

1835 (c) (1) A candidate participating in the Citizens' Election Program

1836 shall limit the expenditures of the candidate's candidate committee (A)
1837 before a primary campaign and a general election campaign, to the
1838 amount of qualifying contributions permitted in section 9-704, as
1839 amended by this act, and any personal funds provided by the candidate
1840 under subsection (c) of section 9-710, as amended by this act, (B) for a
1841 primary campaign, to the sum of (i) the amount of such qualifying
1842 contributions and personal funds that have not been spent before the
1843 primary campaign, [and] (ii) the amount of the grant for the primary
1844 campaign authorized under section 9-705, as amended by this act, (iii)
1845 the amount of any supplemental grant for the primary campaign
1846 authorized under section 23 of this act, if applicable, for a candidate for
1847 the office of Governor, and (iv) the amount of any supplemental
1848 qualifying contributions under subdivision (3) of this subsection, if
1849 applicable, for a candidate for the office of Governor, and (C) for a
1850 general election campaign, to the sum of (i) the amount of such
1851 qualifying contributions and personal funds that have not been spent
1852 before the general election campaign, (ii) any unexpended funds from
1853 any grant for a primary campaign authorized under section 9-705, as
1854 amended by this act, [and] or from any supplemental grant for a
1855 primary campaign authorized under section 23 of this act, if applicable,
1856 (iii) the amount of the grant for the general election campaign
1857 authorized under section 9-705, as amended by this act, (iv) the amount
1858 of any supplemental grant for the general election campaign authorized
1859 under section 23 of this act, if applicable, for a candidate for the office of
1860 Governor, and (v) the amount of any supplemental qualifying
1861 contributions under subdivision (3) of this subsection for a candidate for
1862 the office of Governor.

1863 (2) The candidate committee of a minor or petitioning party
1864 candidate who has received a general election campaign grant from the
1865 fund pursuant to section 9-705, as amended by this act, shall be
1866 permitted to receive contributions in addition to the qualifying
1867 contributions subject to the limitations and restrictions applicable to
1868 participating candidates for the same office, provided such minor or
1869 petitioning party candidate shall limit the expenditures of the candidate

1870 committee for a general election campaign to the sum of the qualifying
1871 contributions and personal funds, the amount of the general election
1872 campaign grant received and the amount raised in additional
1873 contributions that is equivalent to the difference between the amount of
1874 the applicable general election campaign grant for a major party
1875 candidate for such office and the amount of the general election
1876 campaign grant received by such minor or petitioning party candidate.

1877 (3) After qualifying for a grant under section 9-705, as amended by
1878 this act, a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
1879 Governor that is eligible to receive a supplemental grant under section
1880 23 of this act, regardless of whether such candidate committee satisfies
1881 application deadlines under section 9-706, as amended by this act, may
1882 receive supplemental qualifying contributions subject to the limitations
1883 and restrictions under section 9-704, as amended by this act. The amount
1884 raised in supplemental qualifying contributions shall not exceed an
1885 amount that is equivalent to one-third of the maximum amount of the
1886 applicable grant for which such qualified candidate committee would
1887 be eligible if such qualified candidate committee received the maximum
1888 grant amount under section 23 of this act.

1889 (d) For the purposes of this chapter and section 23 of this act, if a
1890 qualified candidate committee receives a grant for a primary campaign
1891 and has qualifying contributions that have not been spent before the
1892 primary campaign, no expenditures by such committee during the
1893 primary campaign shall be deemed to have been made from such
1894 qualifying contributions until the primary campaign grant funds have
1895 been fully spent.

1896 (e) [No] Any grants or moneys paid to a qualified candidate
1897 committee from the Citizens' Election Fund under this chapter or section
1898 23 of this act shall not be deemed to be public funds under any other
1899 provision of the general statutes or any public or special act unless
1900 specifically stated by such provision.

1901 Sec. 26. Section 9-704 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1902 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2021*):

1903 (a) The amount of qualifying contributions that the candidate
1904 committee of a candidate shall be required to receive in order to be
1905 eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund under section 9-705,
1906 as amended by this act, shall be:

1907 (1) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
1908 of Governor, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount of
1909 two hundred fifty thousand dollars, of which two hundred twenty-five
1910 thousand dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in the
1911 state, except that in the case of a primary or election held in 2022, or
1912 thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted
1913 under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded
1914 to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars
1915 rounded upward. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to
1916 the following: (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this
1917 subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) before January 1,
1918 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any
1919 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
1920 candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii) on and after January 1,
1921 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any
1922 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
1923 candidate, that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and (iii) any such
1924 excess portion shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate
1925 contribution amounts under this subdivision, (B) all contributions
1926 received by (i) an exploratory committee established by said candidate,
1927 or (ii) an exploratory committee or candidate committee of a candidate
1928 for the office of Lieutenant Governor who is deemed to be jointly
1929 campaigning with a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
1930 Governor under subsection (a) of section 9-709, which meet the criteria
1931 for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section
1932 shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amounts,
1933 and (C) in the case of a primary or election held in 2022, or thereafter,
1934 the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount
1935 provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be first adjusted

1936 under subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded
1937 to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded
1938 upward.

1939 (2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
1940 of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
1941 Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in the
1942 aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which sixty-
1943 seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by
1944 individuals residing in the state, except that in the case of a primary or
1945 election for Lieutenant Governor held in 2022, or thereafter, the
1946 aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted under
1947 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the
1948 nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars
1949 rounded upward and in the case of a primary or election for Attorney
1950 General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held
1951 in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be first
1952 adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section and then
1953 rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty
1954 dollars rounded upward. The provisions of this subdivision shall be
1955 subject to the following: (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of
1956 this subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) before January 1,
1957 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any
1958 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
1959 candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii) on and after January 1,
1960 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any
1961 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
1962 candidate, that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and (iii) any such
1963 excess portion shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate
1964 contribution amounts under this subdivision, (B) all contributions
1965 received by an exploratory committee established by said candidate that
1966 meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees
1967 under this section shall be considered in calculating the aggregate
1968 contribution amounts, and (C) in the case of a primary or election held
1969 in 2022, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum

1970 individual contribution amount provided in subparagraph (A) of this
1971 subdivision shall be first adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection
1972 (c) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars
1973 with exactly five dollars rounded upward.

1974 (3) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
1975 of state senator for a district, contributions from individuals in the
1976 aggregate amount of fifteen thousand dollars, including contributions
1977 from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities
1978 included, in whole or in part, in said district, except that in the case of a
1979 primary or election held in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate
1980 contribution amount shall be first adjusted under subdivision (3) of
1981 subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple
1982 of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward. The
1983 provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A)
1984 Except as provided in subparagraph (D) of this subdivision and
1985 subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) before December 1, 2017, the candidate
1986 committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
1987 from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one
1988 hundred dollars, (ii) on and after December 1, 2017, the candidate
1989 committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
1990 from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds two
1991 hundred fifty dollars, and (iii) any such excess portion shall not be
1992 considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this
1993 subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes of the
1994 requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least three
1995 hundred individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in
1996 part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or more, and
1997 (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee established
1998 by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to
1999 candidate committees under this section shall be considered in
2000 calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision
2001 and all such exploratory committee contributions that also meet the
2002 requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least three
2003 hundred individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in

2004 part, in the district shall be counted for the purposes of said
2005 requirement, and (D) in the case of a primary or election held in 2020, or
2006 thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual
2007 contribution amount provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision
2008 shall be adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section
2009 and then rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five
2010 dollars rounded upward.

2011 (4) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
2012 of state representative for a district, contributions from individuals in
2013 the aggregate amount of five thousand dollars, including contributions
2014 from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities
2015 included, in whole or in part, in said district, except that in the case of a
2016 primary or election held in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate
2017 contribution amount shall be first adjusted under subdivision (3) of
2018 subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple
2019 of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward. The
2020 provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A)
2021 Except as provided in subparagraph (D) of this subdivision and
2022 subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) before December 1, 2017, the candidate
2023 committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
2024 from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one
2025 hundred dollars, (ii) on and after December 1, 2017, the candidate
2026 committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
2027 from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds two
2028 hundred fifty dollars, and (iii) any such excess portion shall not be
2029 considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this
2030 subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes of the
2031 requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least one
2032 hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole
2033 or in part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or more,
2034 (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee established
2035 by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to
2036 candidate committees under this section shall be considered in
2037 calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision

2038 and all such exploratory committee contributions that also meet the
2039 requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least one
2040 hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole
2041 or in part, in the district shall be counted for the purposes of said
2042 requirement, and (D) in the case of a primary or election held in 2020, or
2043 thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual
2044 contribution amount provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision
2045 shall be adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section
2046 and then rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five
2047 dollars rounded upward.

2048 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (3) and (4) of this
2049 subsection, in the case of a special election for the office of state senator
2050 or state representative for a district, (A) the aggregate amount of
2051 qualifying contributions that the candidate committee of a candidate for
2052 such office shall be required to receive in order to be eligible for a grant
2053 from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be seventy-five per cent or more
2054 of the corresponding amount required under the applicable said
2055 subdivision (3) or (4), as adjusted and rounded pursuant to the
2056 applicable provisions of subsection (b) of this section, and (B) the
2057 number of contributions required from individuals residing in
2058 municipalities included, in whole or in part, in said district shall be
2059 seventy-five per cent or more of the corresponding number required
2060 under the applicable said subdivision (3) or (4).

2061 (b) (1) For elections for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor
2062 held in 2022, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in
2063 subdivision (1) or (2), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this section shall
2064 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
2065 than January 15, 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with
2066 any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
2067 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
2068 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending
2069 on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said
2070 adjustment is to be made.

2071 (2) For elections for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller,
2072 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in 2018, and thereafter, the
2073 aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
2074 this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
2075 Commission not later than January 15, 2018, and quadrennially
2076 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
2077 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
2078 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
2079 January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year
2080 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

2081 (3) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
2082 held in 2018, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in
2083 subdivision (3) or (4), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this section shall
2084 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
2085 than January 15, 2018, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any
2086 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
2087 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
2088 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending
2089 on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said
2090 adjustment is to be made.

2091 (c) (1) For elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
2092 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the
2093 State held in 2022, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar
2094 maximum individual contribution amount in subdivision (1) or (2), as
2095 applicable, of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State
2096 Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2022, and
2097 quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
2098 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
2099 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
2100 the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December
2101 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to
2102 be made.

2103 (2) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative

2104 held in 2020, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum
2105 individual contribution amount in subdivision (3) or (4), as applicable,
2106 of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
2107 Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2020, and biennially
2108 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
2109 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
2110 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
2111 January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year
2112 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

2113 (d) The maximum amount of contributions that a qualified candidate
2114 committee described in section 23 of this act may receive as
2115 supplemental qualifying contributions in order to be eligible for a
2116 supplemental grant from the Citizens' Election Fund under said section
2117 shall be:

2118 (1) In the case of a qualified candidate committee of a major party
2119 candidate for the office of Governor who has a primary campaign for
2120 nomination to said office, contributions from individuals in an
2121 aggregate amount not to exceed one-third of the maximum amount of
2122 the supplemental grant for a primary campaign under subsection (a) of
2123 section 23 of this act, of which seventy-five per cent or more of the
2124 aggregate amount is contributed by individuals residing in the state.
2125 The qualified candidate committee shall return the portion of any
2126 contribution or contributions from any individual that exceeds one
2127 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
2128 calculating such amounts.

2129 (2) In the case of a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for
2130 election to the office of Governor, contributions from individuals in an
2131 aggregate amount not to exceed one-third of the maximum amount of
2132 the supplemental grant for a general election campaign under
2133 subsection (a) of section 23 of this act, of which seventy-five per cent or
2134 more of the aggregate amount is contributed by individuals residing in
2135 the state. The qualified candidate committee shall return the portion of
2136 any contribution or contributions from any individual that exceeds one

2137 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
2138 calculating such amounts.

2139 [(d)] (e) Each individual who makes a contribution of more than fifty
2140 dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or promote the
2141 success of a participating candidate for nomination or election shall
2142 include with the contribution a certification that contains the same
2143 information described in subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 9-
2144 608, as amended by this act, and shall follow the same procedure
2145 prescribed in said subsection.

2146 [(e)] (f) The following shall not be deemed to be qualifying
2147 contributions under subsection (a) of this section, or supplemental
2148 qualifying contributions under subsection (d) of this section, and shall
2149 be returned by the treasurer of the candidate committee to the
2150 contributor or transmitted to the State Elections Enforcement
2151 Commission for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund:

2152 (1) A contribution from a principal of a state contractor or prospective
2153 state contractor;

2154 (2) A contribution of less than five dollars, and a contribution of five
2155 dollars or more from an individual who does not provide the full name
2156 and complete address of the individual;

2157 (3) A contribution under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this
2158 section, or under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (d) of this section,
2159 from an individual who does not reside in the state, in excess of the
2160 applicable limit on contributions from out-of-state individuals in
2161 subsection (a) or (d), as applicable, of this section; and

2162 (4) A contribution made by a youth who is less than twelve years of
2163 age.

2164 [(f) After] (g) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
2165 subsection, after a candidate committee receives the applicable
2166 aggregate amount of qualifying contributions under subsection (a) of

2167 this section, the candidate committee shall transmit any additional
2168 contributions that it receives to the State Treasurer for deposit in the
2169 Citizens' Election Fund.

2170 (2) If a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
2171 Governor is eligible for a supplemental grant under section 23 of this
2172 act, the qualified candidate committee may use excess qualifying
2173 contributions, the aggregate amount of which shall be not more than
2174 twenty per cent of the applicable aggregate amount of qualifying
2175 contributions under subsection (a) of this section, as supplemental
2176 qualifying contributions under subsection (d) of this section. If a
2177 qualified candidate committee for the office of Governor is eligible for a
2178 supplemental grant for a primary campaign under section 23 of this act,
2179 the qualified candidate committee may use excess supplemental
2180 qualifying contributions, the aggregate amount of which shall be not
2181 more than twenty per cent of the applicable aggregate amount of
2182 supplemental qualifying contributions for a primary campaign grant, as
2183 supplemental qualifying contributions for a supplemental grant for the
2184 general election campaign under section 23 of this act.

2185 (h) The two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution
2186 amount provided in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection
2187 (a) of this section shall apply to the aggregate total of each qualifying
2188 contribution and each supplemental qualifying contribution. In the case
2189 of a primary or election held in 2022, or thereafter, such maximum
2190 individual contribution amount shall be first adjusted under
2191 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the
2192 nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded
2193 upward.

2194 [(g)] (i) As used in this section, "principal of a state contractor or
2195 prospective state contractor" has the same meaning as provided in
2196 subsection (g) of section 9-612, and "individual" shall include sole
2197 proprietorships.

2198 Sec. 27. Subdivision (2) of subsection (i) of section 9-705 of the general

2199 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
2200 (*Effective January 1, 2021*):

2201 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
2202 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized under
2203 subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section, or does not expend the entire
2204 supplemental grant for the primary campaign authorized under section
2205 23 of this act, if applicable, the amount of the grant for the general
2206 election campaign shall be reduced by the total amount of any such
2207 unexpended [primary campaign] grant for the primary campaign,
2208 supplemental grant for the primary campaign and moneys;

2209 Sec. 28. Subsections (b) to (g), inclusive, of section 9-706 of the general
2210 statutes, as amended by section 6 of this act, are repealed and the
2211 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2021*):

2212 (b) The application shall include a written certification that:

2213 (1) The candidate committee has received the required amount of
2214 qualifying contributions;

2215 (2) The candidate committee has repaid all moneys borrowed on
2216 behalf of the campaign, as required by subsection (b) of section 9-710;

2217 (3) The candidate committee has returned any contribution of five
2218 dollars or more from an individual who does not include the
2219 individual's name and address with the contribution;

2220 (4) [The] Except as provided in subsection (e) of section 9-704, as
2221 amended by this act, the candidate committee has returned all
2222 contributions or portions of contributions that do not meet the criteria
2223 for qualifying contributions under section 9-704, as amended by this act,
2224 and transmitted all excess qualifying contributions and supplemental
2225 qualifying contributions to the Citizens' Election Fund;

2226 (5) The treasurer of the candidate committee will: (A) Comply with
2227 the provisions of chapter 155 and this chapter, and (B) maintain and
2228 furnish all records required pursuant to chapter 155 and this chapter

2229 and any regulation adopted pursuant to such chapters;

2230 (6) All moneys received from the Citizens' Election Fund will be
2231 deposited upon receipt into the depository account of the candidate
2232 committee;

2233 (7) The treasurer of the candidate committee will expend all moneys
2234 received from the fund in accordance with the provisions of subsection
2235 (g) of section 9-607, as amended by this act, and regulations adopted by
2236 the State Elections Enforcement Commission under subsection (e) of this
2237 section;

2238 (8) If the candidate withdraws from the campaign, becomes ineligible
2239 or dies during the campaign, the candidate committee of the candidate
2240 will return to the commission, for deposit in the fund, all moneys
2241 received from the fund pursuant to [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,
2242 which] this chapter and section 23 of this act that said candidate
2243 committee has not spent as of the date of such occurrence;

2244 (9) All outstanding civil penalties or forfeitures assessed pursuant to
2245 chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, against the current or any former
2246 committee of the candidate have been paid, provided (A) in the case of
2247 any candidate seeking nomination for or election to the office of
2248 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
2249 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, any such penalty or forfeiture
2250 was assessed not later than twenty-four months prior to the submission
2251 of an application pursuant to this section; or (B) in the case of any
2252 candidate seeking nomination for or election to the office of state senator
2253 or state representative, any such penalty or forfeiture was assessed not
2254 later than twelve months prior to the submission of an application
2255 pursuant to this section;

2256 (10) The treasurer has paid any civil penalties or forfeitures assessed
2257 pursuant to chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, and has not been convicted
2258 of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, in a court of competent
2259 jurisdiction, any (A) felony involving fraud, forgery, larceny,
2260 embezzlement or bribery, or (B) criminal offense under this title, unless

2261 at least eight years have elapsed from the date of the conviction or plea
2262 or the completion of any sentence, whichever date is later, without a
2263 subsequent conviction of or plea to another such felony or offense;

2264 (11) The candidate has not been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo
2265 contendere to, in a court of competent jurisdiction, a criminal offense
2266 under this title unless at least eight years have elapsed from the date of
2267 the conviction or plea or the completion of any sentence, whichever date
2268 is later, without a subsequent conviction of or plea to another such
2269 offense; and

2270 (12) The candidate has never been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo
2271 contendere to, in a court of competent jurisdiction, a felony related to
2272 the individual's public office, other than a criminal offense under this
2273 title in accordance with subdivision (11) of this subsection.

2274 (c) The application shall be accompanied by a cumulative itemized
2275 accounting of all funds received, expenditures made and expenses
2276 incurred but not yet paid by the candidate committee as of three days
2277 preceding the day the application is filed. Such accounting shall be
2278 sworn to under penalty of false statement by the treasurer of the
2279 candidate committee. The commission shall prescribe the form of the
2280 application and the cumulative itemized accounting. The form for such
2281 accounting shall conform to the requirements of section 9-608, as
2282 amended by this act. Both the candidate and the treasurer of the
2283 candidate committee shall sign the application.

2284 (d) In accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of this section,
2285 the commission shall review the application, determine whether (1) the
2286 candidate committee for the applicant has received the required
2287 qualifying contributions, (2) in the case of an application for a grant from
2288 the fund for a primary campaign, the applicant has met the applicable
2289 condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying for such grant
2290 and complied with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this
2291 section, (3) in the case of an application for a grant from the fund for a
2292 general election campaign, the applicant has met the applicable

2293 condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying for such
2294 moneys and complied with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of
2295 this section, and (4) in the case of an application by a minor party or
2296 petitioning party candidate for a grant from the fund for a general
2297 election campaign, the applicant qualifies as an eligible minor party
2298 candidate or an eligible petitioning party candidate, whichever is
2299 applicable. If the commission approves an application, the commission
2300 shall determine the amount of the grant payable to the candidate
2301 committee for the applicant pursuant to section 9-705, as amended by
2302 this act, from the fund, and notify the State Comptroller and the
2303 candidate of such candidate committee, of such amount. If the timing of
2304 the commission's approval of the grant in relation to the Secretary of the
2305 State's determination of ballot status is such that the commission cannot
2306 determine whether the qualified candidate committee is entitled to the
2307 applicable full initial grant for the primary or election or the applicable
2308 partial grant for the primary or election, as the case may be, the
2309 commission shall approve the lesser applicable partial initial grant. The
2310 commission shall then authorize the payment of the remaining portion
2311 of the applicable grant after the commission has knowledge of the
2312 circumstances regarding the ballot status of the opposing candidates in
2313 such primary or election. Not later than two business days following
2314 notification by the commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an
2315 order on the State Treasurer for payment of any such approved amount
2316 to the qualified candidate committee from the fund.

2317 (e) (1) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall adopt
2318 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, on
2319 permissible expenditures under subsection (g) of section 9-607, as
2320 amended by this act, for qualified candidate committees receiving
2321 grants from the fund [under sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive] pursuant
2322 to this chapter and section 23 of this act.

2323 (2) Expenditures for dependent care services made by the qualified
2324 candidate committee of a participating candidate shall be deemed
2325 permissible if expenditures for dependent care services (A) are, in the
2326 aggregate, not more than the amount of qualifying contributions

2327 permitted under section 9-704, as amended by this act, and (B) otherwise
2328 comply with all other regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (1)
2329 of this subsection.

2330 (f) If a nominated participating candidate dies, withdraws the
2331 candidate's candidacy or becomes disqualified to hold the office for
2332 which the candidate has been nominated after the commission approves
2333 the candidate's application for a grant under this section, the candidate
2334 committee of the candidate who is nominated to replace said candidate
2335 pursuant to section 9-460 shall be eligible to receive grants from the fund
2336 without complying with the provisions of section 9-704, as amended by
2337 this act, if said replacement candidate files an affidavit under section 9-
2338 703, as amended by this act, certifying the candidate's intent to abide by
2339 the expenditure limits set forth in subsection (c) of section 9-702, as
2340 amended by this act, and notifies the commission on a form prescribed
2341 by the commission.

2342 (g) (1) Any application submitted pursuant to this section for a grant
2343 for the primary or general election campaign under section 9-705, as
2344 amended by this act, or a supplemental grant for the primary or general
2345 election campaign under section 23 of this act, shall be submitted in
2346 accordance with the following schedule: (A) By five o'clock p.m. on the
2347 third Wednesday in May of the year that the primary or election will be
2348 held at which such participating candidate will seek nomination or
2349 election, or (B) by five o'clock p.m. on any subsequent Wednesday of
2350 such year, provided no application shall be accepted by the commission
2351 after five o'clock p.m. on or after the fourth to last Friday prior to the
2352 primary or election at which such participating candidate will seek
2353 nomination or election. Not later than five business days following any
2354 such Wednesday or Friday, as applicable, for participating candidates
2355 seeking nomination or election to the office of state senator or state
2356 representative, or ten business days following any such Wednesday or
2357 Friday, as applicable, for participating candidates seeking nomination
2358 or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
2359 General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or,
2360 in the event of a national, regional or local emergency or local natural

2361 disaster, as soon thereafter as is practicable, the commission shall review
2362 any application received by such Wednesday or Friday, in accordance
2363 with the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, and determine
2364 whether such application shall be approved or disapproved.
2365 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, if an application for
2366 a grant for the general election [grant] campaign under section 9-705, as
2367 amended by this act, or a supplemental grant for the general election
2368 campaign under section 23 of this act, is received during the period
2369 beginning at five o'clock p.m. on the Wednesday of the week preceding
2370 the week of the last primary application deadline and ending five
2371 o'clock p.m. on the last primary application deadline, as set forth in this
2372 subsection, the commission shall review such application in accordance
2373 with the provisions of subsection (d) of this section and determine
2374 whether it shall be approved or disapproved not later than five business
2375 days or ten business days, as applicable, after the first application
2376 deadline following the last primary application deadline. For any such
2377 application that is approved, any disbursement of funds by the
2378 commission shall be made not later than twelve business days prior to
2379 any such primary or general election. From the third week of June in
2380 even-numbered years until the third week in July, the commission shall
2381 meet twice weekly to determine whether or not to approve applications
2382 for grants if there are pending grant applications.

2383 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
2384 subsection, no application for a special election shall be accepted by the
2385 commission after five o'clock p.m. on or after ten business days prior to
2386 the special election at which such participating candidate will seek
2387 election. Not later than three business days following such deadline, or,
2388 in the event of a national, regional or local emergency or local natural
2389 disaster, as soon thereafter as practicable, the commission shall review
2390 any such application received by such deadline, in accordance with the
2391 provisions of subsection (d) of this section, and determine whether such
2392 application shall be approved or disapproved. For any such application
2393 that is approved, any disbursement of funds by the commission shall be
2394 made not later than seven business days prior to any such special

2395 election.

2396 (3) The commission shall publish such application review schedules
2397 and meeting schedules on the commission's web site and with the
2398 Secretary of the State.

2399 Sec. 29. Section 9-701 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2400 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2021*):

2401 There is established the "Citizens' Election Fund", which shall be a
2402 separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The fund may
2403 contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the fund.
2404 Investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund shall become part
2405 of the assets of the fund. The State Treasurer shall administer the fund.
2406 All moneys deposited in the fund shall be used for the purposes of
2407 [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive] this chapter and section 23 of this act.

2408 Sec. 30. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-703 of the general statutes
2409 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2410 *January 1, 2021*):

2411 (b) A candidate who so certifies the candidate's intent to abide by the
2412 expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election Program set forth in
2413 subsection (c) of section 9-702, as amended by this act, shall be referred
2414 to in [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,] this chapter and section 23 of
2415 this act as a "participating candidate", and a candidate who so certifies
2416 the candidate's intent to not abide by said limits shall be referred to in
2417 [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,] this chapter and section 23 of this act
2418 as a "nonparticipating candidate". The commission shall prepare a list
2419 of the participating candidates and a list of the nonparticipating
2420 candidates and shall make such lists available for public inspection.

2421 (c) A participating candidate may withdraw from participation in the
2422 Citizens' Election Program before applying for an initial grant under
2423 section 9-706, as amended by this act, by filing an affidavit with the State
2424 Elections Enforcement Commission, which includes a written
2425 certification of such withdrawal. A candidate who files such an affidavit

2426 shall be deemed to be a nonparticipating candidate for the purposes of
2427 [sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,] this chapter and section 23 of this act
2428 and shall not be penalized for such withdrawal. No participating
2429 candidate shall withdraw from participation in the Citizens' Election
2430 Program after applying for an initial grant under section 9-706, as
2431 amended by this act.

2432 Sec. 31. Section 9-707 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2433 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2021*):

2434 Following the initial deposit of moneys from the Citizens' Election
2435 Fund into the depository account of a qualified candidate committee, no
2436 contribution, loan, amount of the candidate's own moneys or any other
2437 moneys received by the candidate or the treasurer on behalf of the
2438 committee shall be deposited into said depository account, except (1)
2439 grants under section 9-705, as amended by this act, and supplemental
2440 grants under section 23 of this act from the fund, [and] (2) any
2441 supplemental qualifying contributions received in accordance with the
2442 provisions of subsection (b) of section 9-704, as amended by this act, or
2443 the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 9-702, as
2444 amended by this act, and (3) reimbursement from another candidate
2445 committee for shared expenses [as provided] pursuant to subsection (b)
2446 of section 9-610.

2447 Sec. 32. Subsection (a) of section 9-711 of the general statutes is
2448 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
2449 *1, 2021*):

2450 (a) If an expenditure in excess of the applicable expenditure limit set
2451 forth in subsection (c) of section 9-702, as amended by this act, is made
2452 or incurred by a qualified candidate committee that receives a grant
2453 from the Citizens' Election Fund pursuant to section 9-706, as amended
2454 by this act, (1) the candidate and treasurer of said committee shall be
2455 jointly and severally liable for paying for the excess expenditure, (2) the
2456 committee shall not receive any additional grants or moneys from the
2457 fund for the remainder of the election cycle if the State Elections

2458 Enforcement Commission determines that the candidate or treasurer of
2459 said committee had knowledge of the excess expenditure, (3) the
2460 treasurer shall be subject to penalties under section 9-7b, and (4) the
2461 candidate of said candidate committee shall be deemed to be a
2462 nonparticipating candidate for the purposes of [sections 9-700 to 9-716,
2463 inclusive,] this chapter and section 23 of this act if the commission
2464 determines that the candidate or treasurer of said committee had
2465 knowledge of the excess expenditure. The commission may waive the
2466 provisions of this subsection upon determining that an excess
2467 expenditure is de minimis. The commission shall adopt regulations, in
2468 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing standards for
2469 making such determinations. Such standards shall include, but not be
2470 limited to, a finding by the commission that the candidate or treasurer
2471 has, from the candidate's or treasurer's personal funds, either paid the
2472 excess expenditure or reimbursed the qualified candidate committee for
2473 its payment of the excess expenditure.

2474 Sec. 33. Subsection (b) of section 9-712 of the general statutes is
2475 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
2476 *1, 2021*):

2477 (b) (1) As used in this section, "excess expenditure" means an
2478 expenditure made, or obligated to be made, by a nonparticipating or a
2479 participating candidate who is opposed by one or more other
2480 participating candidates in a primary campaign or a general election
2481 campaign, which is in excess of the amount of the applicable limit on
2482 expenditures for said participating candidates for said campaign [and
2483 which is the sum of (A) the applicable qualifying contributions that the
2484 participating candidate is required to receive under section 9-704 to be
2485 eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund, and (B) one hundred
2486 per cent of the applicable full grant amount for a major party candidate
2487 authorized under section 9-705 for the applicable campaign period] as
2488 set forth in subsection (c) of section 9-702, as amended by this act.

2489 (2) The commission shall confirm whether an expenditure described
2490 in a declaration filed under this subsection is an excess expenditure.

2491 Sec. 34. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-716 of the general statutes
2492 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2493 *January 1, 2021*):

2494 (a) Not later than June 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, the State
2495 Elections Enforcement Commission shall issue a report on the status of
2496 the Citizens' Election Fund during the previous calendar year. Such
2497 report shall include the amount of moneys deposited in the fund, the
2498 sources of moneys received by category, the number of contributions,
2499 the number of contributors, the amount of moneys expended by
2500 category, the recipients of moneys distributed from the fund and an
2501 accounting of the costs incurred by the commission in administering the
2502 provisions of this chapter and section 23 of this act.

2503 (b) Not later than January first in any year in which a state election is
2504 to be held, the commission shall determine whether the amount of
2505 moneys in the fund is sufficient to carry out the purposes of this chapter
2506 and section 23 of this act. The commission shall issue a report on said
2507 determination.

2508 Sec. 35. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-601a of the general
2509 statutes, as amended by section 2 of this act, are repealed and the
2510 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2021*):

2511 (a) As used in this chapter, [and] chapter 157 and section 23 of this
2512 act, "contribution" means:

2513 (1) Any gift, subscription, loan, advance, payment or deposit of
2514 money or anything of value, made to promote the success or defeat of
2515 any candidate seeking the nomination for election, or election or for the
2516 purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any referendum
2517 question or the success or defeat of any political party;

2518 (2) A written contract, promise or agreement to make a contribution
2519 for any such purpose;

2520 (3) The payment by any person, other than a candidate or treasurer,

2521 of compensation for the personal services of any other person which are
2522 rendered without charge to a committee or candidate for any such
2523 purpose;

2524 (4) An expenditure that is not an independent expenditure; or

2525 (5) Funds received by a committee which are transferred from
2526 another committee or other source for any such purpose.

2527 (b) As used in this chapter, [and] chapter 157 and section 23 of this
2528 act, "contribution" does not mean:

2529 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a
2530 national or state bank;

2531 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or
2532 association solely to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
2533 administrative personnel, or their families;

2534 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns by
2535 any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,
2536 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their
2537 families;

2538 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
2539 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
2540 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided for
2541 the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under the
2542 Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses made
2543 by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal services to
2544 any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an individual is
2545 a volunteer if such individual is not receiving compensation for such
2546 services regardless of whether such individual received compensation
2547 in the past or may receive compensation for similar services that may be
2548 performed in the future;

2549 (5) The use of real or personal property, a portion or all of the cost of
2550 invitations and the cost of food or beverages, voluntarily provided by

2551 an individual to a candidate, including a nonparticipating or
2552 participating candidate under the Citizens' Election Program, or to a
2553 party, political or slate committee, in rendering voluntary personal
2554 services at the individual's residential premises or a community room
2555 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative
2556 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual on
2557 behalf of any candidate or committee does not exceed four hundred
2558 dollars with respect to any single event or does not exceed eight
2559 hundred dollars for any such event hosted by two or more individuals,
2560 provided at least one such individual owns or resides at the residential
2561 premises, and further provided the cumulative value of the invitations,
2562 food or beverages provided by an individual on behalf of any such
2563 candidate or committee does not exceed eight hundred dollars with
2564 respect to a calendar year or single election, as the case may be;

2565 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use by a party, political, slate or
2566 candidate committee, including those for a participating or
2567 nonparticipating candidate, at a discount, if the charge is not less than
2568 the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative value of the
2569 discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate committee does
2570 not exceed four hundred dollars with respect to any single primary or
2571 election, or to or on behalf of any party, political or slate committee, does
2572 not exceed six hundred dollars in a calendar year;

2573 (7) The display of a lawn sign by a human being or on real property;

2574 (8) The payment, by a party committee or slate committee of the costs
2575 of preparation, display, mailing or other distribution incurred by the
2576 committee or individual with respect to any printed slate card, sample
2577 ballot or other printed list containing the names of three or more
2578 candidates;

2579 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual to
2580 a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, or
2581 the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to the
2582 extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not exceed

2583 one hundred dollars;

2584 (10) (A) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
2585 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by the
2586 candidate committee of a candidate for an office of a municipality,
2587 provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two
2588 hundred fifty dollars from any single such candidate or the candidate's
2589 committee with respect to any single election campaign if the purchaser
2590 is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any other person;

2591 (B) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
2592 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-
2593 raising affair sponsored by a party committee or a political committee,
2594 other than an exploratory committee, provided the cumulative purchase
2595 of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars from any single
2596 party committee or a political committee, other than an exploratory
2597 committee, in any calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or
2598 fifty dollars for purchases by any other person. Notwithstanding the
2599 provisions of this subparagraph, the following may not purchase
2600 advertising space in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a
2601 fund-raising affair sponsored by a party committee or a political
2602 committee, other than an exploratory committee: (i) A communicator
2603 lobbyist, (ii) a member of the immediate family of a communicator
2604 lobbyist, (iii) a state contractor, (iv) a prospective state contractor, or (v)
2605 a principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor. As used
2606 in this subparagraph, "state contractor", "prospective state contractor"
2607 and "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" have
2608 the same meanings as provided in subsection (f) of section 9-612;

2609 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's
2610 candidate committee, provided the committee is for a nonparticipating
2611 candidate;

2612 (12) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a
2613 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to
2614 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed two

2615 hundred dollars;

2616 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a telephone
2617 company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications service for
2618 a committee or to another utility company, such as an electric
2619 distribution company, provided the security deposit is refunded to the
2620 individual;

2621 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
2622 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
2623 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
2624 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major purpose
2625 of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to influence
2626 the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such facilities,
2627 equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a political party;

2628 (15) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an
2629 individual at a town fair, county fair, local festival or similar mass
2630 gathering held within the state, to the extent that the cumulative
2631 payment made by any one individual for such items does not exceed
2632 fifty dollars;

2633 (16) An organization expenditure by a party committee, legislative
2634 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee;

2635 (17) The donation of food or beverage by an individual for
2636 consumption at a slate, candidate, political committee or party
2637 committee meeting, event or activity that is not a fund-raising affair to
2638 the extent that the cumulative value of the food or beverages donated
2639 by an individual for a single meeting or event does not exceed fifty
2640 dollars;

2641 (18) The value associated with the de minimis activity on behalf of a
2642 party committee, political committee, slate committee or candidate
2643 committee, including for activities including, but not limited to, (A) the
2644 creation of electronic or written communications or digital photos or
2645 video as part of an electronic file created on a voluntary basis without

2646 compensation, including, but not limited to, the creation and ongoing
2647 content development and delivery of social media on the Internet or
2648 telephone, including, but not limited to, the sending or receiving of
2649 electronic mail or messages, (B) the posting or display of a candidate's
2650 name or group of candidates' names at a town fair, county fair, local
2651 festival or similar mass gathering by a party committee, (C) the use of
2652 personal property or a service that is customarily attendant to the
2653 occupancy of a residential dwelling, or the donation of an item or items
2654 of personal property that are customarily used for campaign purposes,
2655 by an individual, to a candidate committee, provided the cumulative
2656 fair market value of such use of personal property or service or items of
2657 personal property does not exceed one hundred dollars in the aggregate
2658 for any single election or calendar year, as the case may be;

2659 (19) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar equipment
2660 provided by a party committee, legislative caucus committee or
2661 legislative leadership committee that serve as headquarters for or are
2662 used by such party committee, legislative caucus committee or
2663 legislative leadership committee;

2664 (20) A communication, as described in subdivision (7) of subsection
2665 (b) of section 9-601b, as amended by this act;

2666 (21) An independent expenditure, as defined in section 9-601c, as
2667 amended by this act;

2668 (22) A communication containing an endorsement on behalf of a
2669 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor,
2670 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
2671 Comptroller, Attorney General, state senator or state representative,
2672 from a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
2673 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney
2674 General, state senator or state representative, provided the candidate
2675 (A) making the endorsement is unopposed at the time of the
2676 communication, and (B) being endorsed paid for such communication;

2677 (23) A communication that is sent by mail to addresses in the district

2678 for which a candidate being endorsed by another candidate pursuant to
 2679 this subdivision is seeking nomination or election to the office of state
 2680 senator or state representative, containing an endorsement on behalf of
 2681 such candidate for such nomination or election from a candidate for the
 2682 office of state senator or state representative, provided the candidate (A)
 2683 making the endorsement is not seeking election to the office of state
 2684 senator or state representative for a district that contains any
 2685 geographical area shared by the district for the office to which the
 2686 endorsed candidate is seeking nomination or election, and (B) being
 2687 endorsed paid for such communication;

2688 (24) A communication described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
 2689 of section 9-601b that refers to a clearly identified candidate for
 2690 Governor or President of the United States, which communication is
 2691 paid for by a candidate for nomination or election to any other office or
 2692 by any committee of such candidate, provided such communication
 2693 shall only not be a contribution to any candidate for Governor or
 2694 President of the United States; or

2695 (25) Campaign training events provided to multiple individuals by a
 2696 legislative caucus committee or party committee and any associated
 2697 materials, provided the cumulative value of such events and materials
 2698 does not exceed six thousand dollars in the aggregate for a calendar
 2699 year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-601
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2020, and applicable to actions pending on or filed on or after July 1, 2020</i>	9-601a(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2020, and applicable to actions pending on or filed on or after July 1, 2020</i>	9-601b(b)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-607(g)(2)

Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-607(k)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-706(e)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-710(c)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-622
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-703
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-601d(c) to (i)
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	9-605(a) and (b)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	9-608(c)
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	9-617(d)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	9-618(e)
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	9-621(h) to (m)
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	9-7a(g)(1)
Sec. 19	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	9-750
Sec. 21	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	9-601c
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	9-7a(a)(2)
Sec. 23	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	9-700
Sec. 24	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 25	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	9-702
Sec. 26	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	9-704
Sec. 27	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	9-705(i)(2)
Sec. 28	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	9-706(b) to (g)
Sec. 29	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	9-701
Sec. 30	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	9-703(b) and (c)
Sec. 31	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	9-707
Sec. 32	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	9-711(a)
Sec. 33	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	9-712(b)
Sec. 34	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	9-716(a) and (b)
Sec. 35	<i>January 1, 2021</i>	9-601a(a) and (b)

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) provide exemptions for communications that clearly identify the Governor or President of the United States and for campaign training conducted by party committees, (2) permit the use of Citizens' Election Program grant funds to offset dependent care costs, (3) increase transparency with respect to moneys paid to campaign consultants, (4) increase disclosure of independent expenditures and prohibit such expenditures by foreign-influenced entities, (5) reveal persons behind political committees and contributors to such committees, (6) revise the

manner in which the State Elections Enforcement Commission processes complaints, (7) require online platforms to disclose purchasers of political advertisements, (8) ensure the amount of funds in the Citizens' Election Fund is sufficient to provide grants to each qualified candidate committee under the Citizens' Election Program, (9) create bright lines between coordinated and independent spending, (10) permit members of the State Elections Enforcement Commission to serve more than two consecutive terms, and (11) permit gubernatorial candidates participating in the Citizens' Election Program to raise additional funds and qualify for supplemental grants.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]