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Public Act No. 24-61

AN ACT CONCERNING CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM GRANTS FOR COURT-ORDERED PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS AND FUNDING.

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

Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-705 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) (1) (A) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of Governor shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the convention campaign, in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-706 in the amount of eight hundred six thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars, provided in 2026, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section.

(B) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of (i) two million four hundred twenty thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars, if such candidate

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previously received a grant from the fund for the convention campaign, or (ii) three million two hundred twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, if such candidate did not previously receive a grant from the fund for the convention campaign, provided, in the case of a primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section.

(2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of Governor who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of fifteen million four hundred ninety-two thousand dollars, provided (A) any such committee shall receive seventy-five per cent of said amount if such committee applies for such grant, in accordance with section 9-706, on or after the seventieth day but before the fifty-sixth day preceding the election, (B) any such committee shall receive sixty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-second day preceding the election, (C) any such committee shall receive fifty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the forty-second day but before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, (D) any such committee shall receive forty per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, and (E) in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section.

(3) (A) In the case of a new primary ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, including a new primary ordered pursuant to section 9-329a, a qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of Governor who appears on the ballot for such new primary shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the new primary in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided in the case of

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a primary held in 2026, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

(B) In the case of an adjourned election pursuant to section 9-332 or a new election ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, including a new election ordered pursuant to section 9-324, a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of Governor who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter 153, and who appears on the ballot for such adjourned election or new election shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2026, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

(b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section.

(2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided (A) any such committee shall receive seventy-five per cent of said amount if such committee applies for such grant, in accordance with section 9-706, on or after the seventieth day but before the fifty-sixth day preceding the election, (B) any such

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committee shall receive sixty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-second day preceding the election, (C) any such committee shall receive fifty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the forty-second day but before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, (D) any such committee shall receive forty per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, and (E) in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section.

(3) (A) (i) In the case of a new primary ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, including a new primary ordered pursuant to section 9-329a, a qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who appears on the ballot for such new primary shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the new primary in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, provided in the case of a primary held in 2026, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

(ii) In the case of an adjourned primary or a new primary for the office of Lieutenant Governor but not the office of Governor, where the party-endorsed candidate for Lieutenant Governor has declared prior to the primary that such candidate will campaign jointly with the party-endorsed candidate for Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, the joint committee shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the adjourned primary or new primary in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, provided in the case of a primary held in 2026, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

(B) In the case of an adjourned election pursuant to section 9-332 or a new election ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, including a

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new election ordered pursuant to section 9-324, a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter 153, and who appears on the ballot for such adjourned election or new election shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2026, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

Sec. 2. Subsections (e) and (f) of section 9-705 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of state senator who has a primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, provided (A) if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be seventy-five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35 shall not be counted for such purposes.

(2) (A) In the case of a state election, the qualified candidate

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committee of a candidate for the office of state senator who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of eighty-five thousand dollars, provided (i) any such committee shall receive seventy-five per cent of said amount if such committee applies for such grant, in accordance with section 9-706, on or after the seventieth day but before the fifty-sixth day preceding the election, (ii) any such committee shall receive sixty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-second day preceding the election, (iii) any such committee shall receive fifty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the forty-second day but before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, (iv) any such committee shall receive forty per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, and (v) in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

(B) In the case of a special election, the qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of state senator who has been nominated shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount specified in subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision, provided in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

(3) (A) In the case of an adjourned primary pursuant to section 9-446 or a new primary ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, including a new primary ordered pursuant to section 9-329a, a qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of state senator who appears on the ballot for such adjourned primary or new primary shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the

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adjourned primary or new primary in [an] the amount of fifteen thousand dollars, provided in the case of a primary held in 2016, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

(B) In the case of an adjourned election pursuant to section 9-332 or a new election ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state senator who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter 153, and who appears on the ballot for such adjourned election or new election shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2016, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

(f) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of state representative who has a primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of ten thousand dollars, provided (A) if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be twenty-five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35 shall not be counted for such purposes.

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(2) (A) In the case of a state election, the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state representative who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, provided (i) any such committee shall receive seventy-five per cent of said amount if such committee applies for such grant, in accordance with section 9-706, on or after the seventieth day but before the fifty-sixth day preceding the election, (ii) any such committee shall receive sixty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-second day preceding the election, (iii) any such committee shall receive fifty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the forty-second day but before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, (iv) any such committee shall receive forty per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, and (v) in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

(B) In the case of a special election, the qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of state representative who has been nominated shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount specified in subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision, provided in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

(3) (A) In the case of an adjourned primary pursuant to section 9-446 or a new primary ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, including a new primary ordered pursuant to section 9-329a, a qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of state representative who appears on the ballot for such adjourned primary or

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new primary shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the adjourned primary or new primary in [an] the amount of five thousand dollars, provided in the case of a primary held in 2016, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

(B) In the case of an adjourned election pursuant to section 9-332 or a new election ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state representative who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter 153, and who appears on the ballot for such adjourned election or new election shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of five thousand dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2016, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

Sec. 3. Section 3-69a of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 186 of public act 23-205, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the funds received under this part, excluding the proceeds from the sale of property deposited in the Special Abandoned Property Fund in accordance with section 3-62h, shall be deposited in the General Fund.

(2) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, and each fiscal year thereafter, a portion of the funds received under this part shall, upon deposit in the General Fund, be credited to the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-701 as follows: (i) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, seventeen million dollars, (ii) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, sixteen million dollars, (iii) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, seventeen million three hundred thousand dollars, and (iv) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount deposited for the preceding fiscal year under this subparagraph,

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adjusted in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers for such preceding fiscal year, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The State Treasurer shall determine such adjusted amount not later than thirty days after the end of such preceding fiscal year.

(B) [Notwithstanding] In addition to the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter preceding the fiscal year in which an election for the office of Governor is to be held, a portion of the funds received under this part shall, upon deposit in the General Fund, be credited to the Citizens' Election Fund as deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of chapter 157 for the election cycle in which such election is to be held, based on the report issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-716.

(b) All costs incurred in the administration of this part, except as provided in section 3-62h and subsection (a) of this section, and all claims allowed under this part shall be paid from the General Fund.

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