



General Assembly

Amendment

February Session, 2024

LCO No. 5980



Offered by:

REP. BLUMENTHAL, 147th Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5452

File No. 489

Cal. No. 339

"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORMS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 9-621 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
5 *2024*):

6 (d) The provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section do not
7 apply to (1) any editorial, news story, or commentary published in any
8 newspaper, magazine or journal on its own behalf and upon its own
9 responsibility and for which it does not charge or receive any
10 compensation whatsoever, (2) any banner, (3) political paraphernalia
11 including pins, buttons, badges, emblems, hats, bumper stickers or
12 other similar materials, [or] (4) signs with a surface area of not more than
13 thirty-two square feet, or (5) any text or media message, as defined in
14 section 42-284, for which a legislative caucus or legislative leadership
15 committee made or incurred an expenditure, that (A) does not solicit

16 funds, (B) clearly identifies one or more candidates or political parties,
17 and (C) states the name of each such committee that made or incurred
18 such expenditure.

19 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 9-618 of the 2024 supplement to the
20 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
21 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

22 (d) (1) (A) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
23 committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit
24 of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a
25 committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for
26 nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to
27 the office of: [(A)] (i) State senator, in excess of ten thousand dollars; or
28 [(B)] (ii) state representative, in excess of five thousand dollars. The
29 limits imposed by this subdivision shall apply separately to primaries
30 and elections. No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
31 committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit
32 of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a
33 committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for
34 nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to
35 any office not included in this subdivision.

36 (B) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision:
37 [a]

38 (i) A legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee
39 may pay or reimburse another legislative caucus committee or
40 legislative leadership committee for its pro rata share of certain
41 expenses in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section
42 9-610; and

43 (ii) A legislative caucus committee and a legislative leadership
44 committee, or a legislative leadership committee and another legislative
45 leadership committee, for the same political party in the same house of
46 the General Assembly may transfer funds between themselves,
47 provided the treasurers of both such committees authorize such transfer

48 in writing.

49 (2) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
50 committee shall make a contribution or contributions in any calendar
51 year to, or for the benefit of, the state central committee of a political
52 party, in excess of ten thousand dollars.

53 (3) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
54 committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the
55 benefit of, any committee except as provided in this subsection.

56 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 9-619 of the 2024 supplement to the
57 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
58 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

59 (d) (1) (A) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
60 committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit
61 of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a
62 committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for
63 nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to
64 the office of: ~~[(A)]~~ (i) State senator, in excess of ten thousand dollars; or
65 ~~[(B)]~~ (ii) state representative, in excess of five thousand dollars. The
66 limits imposed by this subdivision shall apply separately to primaries
67 and elections. No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
68 committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit
69 of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a
70 committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for
71 nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to
72 any office not included in this subdivision.

73 (B) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision:
74 [a]

75 (i) A legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee
76 may pay or reimburse another legislative caucus committee or
77 legislative leadership committee for its pro rata share of certain
78 expenses in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section

79 9-610; and

80 (ii) A legislative caucus committee and a legislative leadership
81 committee, or a legislative leadership committee and another legislative
82 leadership committee, for the same political party in the same house of
83 the General Assembly may transfer funds between themselves,
84 provided the treasurers of both such committees authorize such transfer
85 in writing.

86 (2) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
87 committee shall make a contribution or contributions in any calendar
88 year to, or for the benefit of, the state central committee of a political
89 party, in excess of ten thousand dollars.

90 (3) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
91 committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the
92 benefit of, any committee except as provided in this subsection.

93 Sec. 4. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-704 of the 2024 supplement
94 to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in
95 lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2025*):

96 (b) (1) For elections for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor
97 held in [2022] 2026, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts
98 in subdivision (1) or (2) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section,
99 as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
100 Commission [not later than January 15, 2022] as soon as reasonably
101 practicable after November 15, 2025, but in no case later than December
102 1, 2025, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
103 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
104 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
105 the period beginning on [January 1, 2017] November 1, 2016, and ending
106 on [December thirty-first] October thirty-first in the year [preceding the
107 year] in which said adjustment is to be made.

108 (2) For elections for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller,
109 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in [2018] 2026, and

110 thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (2) of
111 subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
112 Enforcement Commission [not later than January 15, 2018] as soon as
113 reasonably practicable after November 15, 2025, but in no case later than
114 December 1, 2025, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any
115 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
116 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
117 Statistics, during the period beginning on [January 1, 2017] November
118 1, 2016, and ending on [December thirty-first] October thirty-first in the
119 year [preceding the year] in which said adjustment is to be made.

120 (3) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision: [,
121 for]

122 (i) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
123 held in 2018, and thereafter until December 31, 2025, the aggregate
124 contribution amounts in subdivision (3) or (4) [, as applicable,] of
125 subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State
126 Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2018, and
127 biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer
128 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
129 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
130 beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the
131 year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

132 (ii) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
133 held in 2026, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in
134 subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall
135 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission as soon as
136 reasonably practicable after November 15, 2025, but in no case later than
137 December 1, 2025, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any
138 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
139 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
140 Statistics, during the period beginning on November 1, 2016, and ending
141 on October thirty-first in the year in which said adjustment is to be
142 made.

143 (B) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
144 held in 2024, the aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (3) or
145 (4) [~~as applicable,~~] of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall
146 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
147 than January 15, 2024, in accordance with any change in the consumer
148 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
149 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
150 beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December 31, 2021.

151 (c) (1) For elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
152 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the
153 State held in [~~2022~~] 2026, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar
154 maximum individual contribution amount in subdivision (1) or (2) [~~as~~
155 ~~applicable,~~] of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be
156 adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission [~~not later than~~
157 ~~January 15, 2022~~] as soon as reasonably practicable after November 15,
158 2025, but in no case later than December 1, 2025, and quadrennially
159 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
160 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
161 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
162 [~~January 1, 2017~~] November 1, 2016, and ending on [~~December thirty-~~
163 ~~first~~] October thirty-first in the year [~~preceding the year~~] in which said
164 adjustment is to be made.

165 (2) (A) For elections for the office of state senator or state
166 representative held in 2020, and thereafter until December 31, 2025, the
167 two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount in
168 subdivision (3) or (4) [~~as applicable,~~] of subsection (a) of this section, as
169 applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
170 Commission not later than January 15, 2020, and biennially thereafter,
171 in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban
172 consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor,
173 Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1,
174 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year
175 in which said adjustment is to be made.

176 (B) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
177 held in 2026, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum
178 individual contribution amount in subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection
179 (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections
180 Enforcement Commission as soon as reasonably practicable after
181 November 15, 2025, but in no case later than December 1, 2025, and
182 biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer
183 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
184 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
185 beginning on November 1, 2016, and ending on October thirty-first in
186 the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

187 Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 9-705 of the 2024 supplement to the
188 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
189 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2025*):

190 (d) (1) For elections held in 2026, and thereafter, the amount of the
191 grants in subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State
192 Elections Enforcement Commission [not later than January 15, 2026] as
193 soon as reasonably practicable after November 15, 2025, but in no case
194 later than December 1, 2025, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance
195 with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
196 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
197 Statistics, during the period beginning on [January 1, 2022] November
198 1, 2021, and ending on [December thirty-first] October thirty-first in the
199 year [preceding the year] in which said adjustment is to be made.

200 (2) For elections held in [2014] 2026, and thereafter, the amount of the
201 grants in subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by the
202 State Elections Enforcement Commission [not later than January 15,
203 2014] as soon as reasonably practicable after November 15, 2025, but in
204 no case later than December 1, 2025, and quadrennially thereafter, in
205 accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban
206 consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor,
207 Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on [January 1,
208 2010] November 1, 2009, and ending on [December thirty-first] October

209 thirty-first in the year [preceding the year] in which said adjustment is
210 to be made.

211 Sec. 6. Subsection (h) of section 9-705 of the 2024 supplement to the
212 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
213 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2025*):

214 (h) (1) [Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for]
215 For elections held in 2010, and thereafter until December 31, 2025, the
216 amount of the grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall
217 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
218 than January 15, 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any
219 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
220 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
221 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending
222 on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said
223 adjustment is to be made.

224 (2) For elections held in [2018] 2026, and thereafter, the amount of the
225 grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted by
226 the State Elections Enforcement Commission [immediately] as soon as
227 reasonably practicable after November 15, 2025, but in no case later than
228 December 1, 2025, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any
229 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
230 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
231 Statistics, during the period beginning on [January 1, 2008] November
232 1, 2007, and ending on [December 31, 2015] October thirty-first in the
233 year in which said adjustment is to be made.

234 Sec. 7. Subsection (e) of section 9-718 of the 2024 supplement to the
235 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
236 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2025*):

237 (e) (1) For any election held in 2014, and thereafter until December 31,
238 2025, the amount of the limitations on organization expenditures
239 provided in subsections (a) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by
240 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,

241 2014, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
242 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
243 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
244 the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December
245 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to
246 be made.

247 (2) For any election held in 2026, and thereafter, the amount of the
248 limitations on organization expenditures provided in subsections (a)
249 and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
250 Enforcement Commission as soon as reasonably practicable after
251 November 15, 2025, but in no case later than December 1, 2025, and
252 biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer
253 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
254 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
255 beginning on November 1, 2009, and ending on October thirty-first in
256 the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

257 Sec. 8. Subsection (j) of section 9-610 of the 2024 supplement to the
258 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
259 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

260 (j) (1) The provisions of subsections (g), (h) and (i) of this [subsection]
261 section shall not apply to the campaign of a communicator lobbyist,
262 immediate family member of a communicator lobbyist or agent of a
263 communicator lobbyist who is a candidate for public office or to an
264 immediate family member of a communicator lobbyist who is an elected
265 public official.

266 (2) The provisions of subsection (g) of this section shall not apply to
267 any contribution that is made to a party committee, legislative caucus
268 committee or legislative leadership committee by a political committee
269 established or controlled by an immediate family member of a
270 communicator lobbyist who is an elected public official, provided such
271 communicator lobbyist does not solicit on behalf of such political
272 committee.

273 Sec. 9. Subdivision (25) of section 9-601 of the 2024 supplement to the
274 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
275 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

276 (25) "Organization expenditure" means an expenditure by a party
277 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
278 committee for the benefit of a candidate or candidate committee for:

279 (A) The preparation, display or mailing or other distribution of a
280 party candidate listing. As used in this subparagraph, "party candidate
281 listing" means any communication that meets the following criteria: (i)
282 The communication lists the name or names of candidates for election
283 to public office, (ii) the communication is distributed through public
284 advertising such as broadcast stations, cable television, newspapers or
285 similar media, or through direct mail, telephone, electronic mail,
286 publicly accessible sites on the Internet or personal delivery, and (iii) the
287 communication is made to promote the success or defeat of any
288 candidate or slate of candidates seeking the nomination for election, or
289 election or for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat
290 of any referendum question or the success or defeat of any political
291 party, provided such communication is not a solicitation for or on behalf
292 of a candidate committee;

293 (B) A document in printed or electronic form, including a party
294 platform, an electronic page providing merchant account services to be
295 used by a candidate for the collection of on-line contributions, a copy of
296 an issue paper, information pertaining to the requirements of this title,
297 a list of registered voters and voter identification information, which
298 document is created or maintained by a party committee, legislative
299 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee for the general
300 purposes of party or caucus building and is provided (i) to a candidate
301 who is a member of the party that has established such party committee,
302 or (ii) to a candidate who is a member of the party of the caucus or leader
303 who has established such legislative caucus committee or legislative
304 leadership committee, whichever is applicable;

305 (C) A campaign event at which (i) campaign materials are present
 306 and food or beverage may be provided, but at which no contribution
 307 shall be received, solicited or bundled, or (ii) a candidate or candidates
 308 are present; or

309 (D) The retention of the services of an advisor or individual to
 310 provide assistance relating to a candidate's campaign."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	9-621(d)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2024	9-618(d)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2024	9-619(d)
Sec. 4	January 1, 2025	9-704(b) and (c)
Sec. 5	January 1, 2025	9-705(d)
Sec. 6	January 1, 2025	9-705(h)
Sec. 7	January 1, 2025	9-718(e)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2024	9-610(j)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2024	9-601(25)