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"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4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*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20 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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] January 1, 2026, and
101 quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
102 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
103 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
104 the period beginning on [January 1, 2017] November 1, 2016, and ending
105 on [December thirty-first] October thirty-first in the year preceding the
106 year in which said adjustment is to be made.

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

110 subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
111 Enforcement Commission not later than [January 15, 2018] January 1,
112 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
113 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
114 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
115 the period beginning on [January 1, 2017] November 1, 2016, and ending
116 on [December thirty-first] October thirty-first in the year preceding the
117 year in which said adjustment is to be made.

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

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

130 (ii) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
131 held in 2026, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in
132 subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall
133 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
134 than January 1, 2026, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any
135 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
136 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
137 Statistics, during the period beginning on November 1, 2016, and ending
138 on October thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said
139 adjustment is to be made.

140 (B) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
141 held in 2024, the aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (3) or

142 (4) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall
143 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
144 than January 15, 2024, in accordance with any change in the consumer
145 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
146 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
147 beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December 31, 2021.

148 (c) (1) For elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
149 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the
150 State held in [2022] 2026, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar
151 maximum individual contribution amount in subdivision (1) or (2) [, as
152 applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be
153 adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than
154 [January 15, 2022] January 1, 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, in
155 accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban
156 consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor,
157 Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on [January 1,
158 2017] November 1, 2016, and ending on [December thirty-first] October
159 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to
160 be made.

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

172 (B) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
173 held in 2026, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum
174 individual contribution amount in subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection

175 (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections
176 Enforcement Commission not later than January 1, 2026, and biennially
177 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
178 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
179 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
180 November 1, 2016, and ending on October thirty-first in the year
181 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

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

185 (d) (1) For elections held in 2026, and thereafter, the amount of the
186 grants in subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State
187 Elections Enforcement Commission not later than [January 15] January
188 1, 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
189 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
190 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
191 the period beginning on [January 1, 2022] November 1, 2021, and ending
192 on [December thirty-first] October thirty-first in the year preceding the
193 year in which said adjustment is to be made.

194 (2) For elections held in [2014] 2026, and thereafter, the amount of the
195 grants in subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by the
196 State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than [January 15,
197 2014] January 1, 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with
198 any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
199 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
200 Statistics, during the period beginning on [January 1, 2010] November
201 1, 2009, and ending on [December thirty-first] October thirty-first in the
202 year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

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

206 (h) (1) [Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for]

207 For elections held in 2010, and thereafter until December 31, 2025, the
208 amount of the grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall
209 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
210 than January 15, 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any
211 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
212 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
213 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending
214 on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said
215 adjustment is to be made.

216 (2) For elections held in [2018] 2026, and thereafter, the amount of the
217 grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted by
218 the State Elections Enforcement Commission [immediately] not later
219 than January 1, 2026, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any
220 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
221 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
222 Statistics, during the period beginning on [January 1, 2008] November
223 1, 2007, and ending on [December 31, 2015] October thirty-first in the
224 year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

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

228 (e) (1) For any election held in 2014, and thereafter until December 31,
229 2025, the amount of the limitations on organization expenditures
230 provided in subsections (a) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by
231 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
232 2014, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
233 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
234 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
235 the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December
236 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to
237 be made.

238 (2) For any election held in 2026, and thereafter, the amount of the

239 limitations on organization expenditures provided in subsections (a)
240 and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
241 Enforcement Commission not later than January 1, 2026, and biennially
242 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
243 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
244 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
245 November 1, 2009, and ending on October thirty-first in the year
246 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

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

250 (j) (1) The provisions of subsections (g), (h) and (i) of this [subsection]
251 section shall not apply to the campaign of a communicator lobbyist,
252 immediate family member of a communicator lobbyist or agent of a
253 communicator lobbyist who is a candidate for public office or to an
254 immediate family member of a communicator lobbyist who is an elected
255 public official.

256 (2) The provisions of subsection (g) of this section shall not apply to
257 any contribution that is made to a party committee, legislative caucus
258 committee or legislative leadership committee by a political committee
259 established or controlled by an immediate family member of a
260 communicator lobbyist who is an elected public official, provided such
261 communicator lobbyist does not solicit on behalf of such political
262 committee.

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

266 (25) "Organization expenditure" means an expenditure by a party
267 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
268 committee for the benefit of a candidate or candidate committee for:

269 (A) The preparation, display or mailing or other distribution of a

270 party candidate listing. As used in this subparagraph, "party candidate
271 listing" means any communication that meets the following criteria: (i)
272 The communication lists the name or names of candidates for election
273 to public office, (ii) the communication is distributed through public
274 advertising such as broadcast stations, cable television, newspapers or
275 similar media, or through direct mail, telephone, electronic mail,
276 publicly accessible sites on the Internet or personal delivery, and (iii) the
277 communication is made to promote the success or defeat of any
278 candidate or slate of candidates seeking the nomination for election, or
279 election or for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat
280 of any referendum question or the success or defeat of any political
281 party, provided such communication is not a solicitation for or on behalf
282 of a candidate committee;

283 (B) A document in printed or electronic form, including a party
284 platform, an electronic page providing merchant account services to be
285 used by a candidate for the collection of on-line contributions, a copy of
286 an issue paper, information pertaining to the requirements of this title,
287 a list of registered voters and voter identification information, which
288 document is created or maintained by a party committee, legislative
289 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee for the general
290 purposes of party or caucus building and is provided (i) to a candidate
291 who is a member of the party that has established such party committee,
292 or (ii) to a candidate who is a member of the party of the caucus or leader
293 who has established such legislative caucus committee or legislative
294 leadership committee, whichever is applicable;

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

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

301 Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 9-601a of the general statutes is

302 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
303 *passage*):

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

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

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

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

315 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
316 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
317 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided for
318 the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under the
319 Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses made
320 by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal services to
321 any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an individual is
322 a volunteer if such individual is not receiving compensation for such
323 services regardless of whether such individual received compensation
324 in the past or may receive compensation for similar services that may be
325 performed in the future;

326 (5) The use of real or personal property, a portion or all of the cost of
327 invitations and the cost of food or beverages, voluntarily provided by
328 an individual to a candidate, including a nonparticipating or
329 participating candidate under the Citizens' Election Program, or to a
330 party, political or slate committee, in rendering voluntary personal
331 services at the individual's residential premises or a community room
332 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative

333 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual on
334 behalf of any candidate or committee does not exceed four hundred
335 dollars with respect to any single event or does not exceed eight
336 hundred dollars for any such event hosted by two or more individuals,
337 provided at least one such individual owns or resides at the residential
338 premises, and further provided the cumulative value of the invitations,
339 food or beverages provided by an individual on behalf of any such
340 candidate or committee does not exceed eight hundred dollars with
341 respect to a calendar year or single election, as the case may be;

342 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use by a party, political, slate or
343 candidate committee, including those for a participating or
344 nonparticipating candidate, at a discount, if the charge is not less than
345 the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative value of the
346 discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate committee does
347 not exceed four hundred dollars with respect to any single primary or
348 election, or to or on behalf of any party, political or slate committee, does
349 not exceed six hundred dollars in a calendar year;

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

351 (8) The payment, by a party committee or slate committee of the costs
352 of preparation, display, mailing or other distribution incurred by the
353 committee or individual with respect to any printed slate card, sample
354 ballot or other printed list containing the names of three or more
355 candidates;

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

361 (10) (A) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
362 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by the
363 candidate committee of a candidate for an office of a municipality,
364 provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two

365 hundred fifty dollars from any single such candidate or the candidate's
366 committee with respect to any single election campaign if the purchaser
367 is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any other person;

368 (B) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
369 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-
370 raising affair sponsored by a party committee or a political committee,
371 other than an exploratory committee, provided the cumulative purchase
372 of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars from any single
373 party committee or a political committee, other than an exploratory
374 committee, in any calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or
375 fifty dollars for purchases by any other person. Notwithstanding the
376 provisions of this subparagraph, the following may not purchase
377 advertising space in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a
378 fund-raising affair sponsored by a party committee or a political
379 committee, other than an exploratory committee: (i) A communicator
380 lobbyist, (ii) a member of the immediate family of a communicator
381 lobbyist, (iii) a state contractor, (iv) a prospective state contractor, or (v)
382 a principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor. As used
383 in this subparagraph, "state contractor", "prospective state contractor"
384 and "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" have
385 the same meanings as provided in subsection (f) of section 9-612;

386 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's
387 candidate committee, provided the committee is for a nonparticipating
388 candidate;

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

393 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a telephone
394 company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications service for
395 a committee or to another utility company, such as an electric
396 distribution company, provided the security deposit is refunded to the

397 individual;

398 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
399 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
400 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
401 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major purpose
402 of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to influence
403 the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such facilities,
404 equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a political party;

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

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

412 (17) The donation of food or beverage by an individual for
413 consumption at a slate, candidate, political committee or party
414 committee meeting, event or activity that is not a fund-raising affair to
415 the extent that the cumulative value of the food or beverages donated
416 by an individual for a single meeting or event does not exceed fifty
417 dollars;

418 (18) The value associated with the de minimis activity on behalf of a
419 party committee, political committee, slate committee or candidate
420 committee, including for activities including, but not limited to, (A) the
421 creation of electronic or written communications or digital photos or
422 video as part of an electronic file created on a voluntary basis without
423 compensation, including, but not limited to, the creation and ongoing
424 content development and delivery of social media on the Internet or
425 telephone, including, but not limited to, the sending or receiving of
426 electronic mail or messages, (B) the posting or display of a candidate's
427 name or group of candidates' names at a town fair, county fair, local
428 festival or similar mass gathering by a party committee, (C) the use of

429 personal property or a service that is customarily attendant to the
430 occupancy of a residential dwelling, or the donation of an item or items
431 of personal property that are customarily used for campaign purposes,
432 by an individual, to a candidate committee, provided the cumulative
433 fair market value of such use of personal property or service or items of
434 personal property does not exceed one hundred dollars in the aggregate
435 for any single election or calendar year, as the case may be;

436 (19) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar equipment
437 provided by a party committee, legislative caucus committee or
438 legislative leadership committee that serve as headquarters for or are
439 used by such party committee, legislative caucus committee or
440 legislative leadership committee;

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

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

444 (22) A communication containing an endorsement on behalf of a
445 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor,
446 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
447 Comptroller, Attorney General, state senator or state representative,
448 from a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
449 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney
450 General, state senator or state representative, provided the candidate
451 (A) making the endorsement is unopposed at the time of the
452 communication, and (B) being endorsed paid for such communication;

453 (23) A communication that is sent by mail to addresses in the district
454 for which a candidate being endorsed by another candidate pursuant to
455 this subdivision is seeking nomination or election to the office of state
456 senator or state representative, containing an endorsement on behalf of
457 such candidate for such nomination or election from a candidate for the
458 office of state senator or state representative, provided the candidate (A)
459 making the endorsement is not seeking election to the office of state
460 senator or state representative for a district that contains any

461 geographical area shared by the district for the office to which the
462 endorsed candidate is seeking nomination or election, and (B) being
463 endorsed paid for such communication; [or]

464 (24) Campaign training events provided to multiple individuals by a
465 legislative caucus committee and any associated materials, provided the
466 cumulative value of such events and materials does not exceed six
467 thousand dollars in the aggregate for a calendar year; or

468 (25) With respect to an online platform that collects any contribution
469 from a contributor and transmits such contribution to a committee, a
470 voluntary payment made by such contributor to such online platform,
471 which is (A) in addition to such contribution, and (B) used by such
472 online platform to conduct its operations.

473 Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 9-601b of the general statutes is
474 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
475 *passage*):

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

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

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

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

486 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
487 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
488 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided for
489 the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under the
490 Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses made

491 by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal services to
492 any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an individual is
493 a volunteer if such individual is not receiving compensation for such
494 services regardless of whether such individual received compensation
495 in the past or may receive compensation for similar services that may be
496 performed in the future;

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

501 (6) The use of real or personal property, a portion or all of the cost of
502 invitations and the cost of food or beverages, voluntarily provided by
503 an individual to a candidate, including a nonparticipating or
504 participating candidate under the Citizens' Election Program, or to a
505 party, political or slate committee, in rendering voluntary personal
506 services at the individual's residential premises or a community room
507 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative
508 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual on
509 behalf of any candidate or committee does not exceed four hundred
510 dollars with respect to any single event or does not exceed eight
511 hundred dollars for any such event hosted by two or more individuals,
512 provided at least one such individual owns or resides at the residential
513 premises, and further provided the cumulative value of the invitations,
514 food or beverages provided by an individual on behalf of any such
515 candidate or committee does not exceed eight hundred dollars with
516 respect to a calendar year or single election, as the case may be;

517 (7) A communication described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
518 this section that includes speech or expression made (A) prior to the
519 ninety-day period preceding the date of a primary or an election at
520 which the clearly identified candidate or candidates are seeking
521 nomination to public office or position, that is made for the purpose of
522 influencing any legislative or administrative action, as defined in section
523 1-91, or executive action, or (B) during a legislative session for the

524 purpose of influencing legislative action;

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

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

531 (10) A communication containing an endorsement on behalf of a
532 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor,
533 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
534 Comptroller, Attorney General, state senator or state representative,
535 from a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
536 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney
537 General, state senator or state representative, shall not be an
538 expenditure attributable to the endorsing candidate, if the candidate
539 making the endorsement is unopposed at the time of the
540 communication;

541 (11) A communication that is sent by mail to addresses in the district
542 for which a candidate being endorsed by another candidate pursuant to
543 the provisions of this subdivision is seeking nomination or election to
544 the office of state senator or state representative, containing an
545 endorsement on behalf of such candidate for such nomination or
546 election, from a candidate for the office of state senator or state
547 representative, shall not be an expenditure attributable to the endorsing
548 candidate, if the candidate making the endorsement is not seeking
549 election to the office of state senator or state representative for a district
550 that contains any geographical area shared by the district for the office
551 to which the endorsed candidate is seeking nomination or election;

552 (12) Campaign training events provided to multiple individuals by a
553 legislative caucus committee and any associated materials, provided the
554 cumulative value of such events and materials does not exceed six
555 thousand dollars in the aggregate for a calendar year;

556 (13) A lawful communication by any charitable organization which is
 557 a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
 558 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
 559 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended;

560 (14) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar equipment
 561 provided by a party committee, legislative caucus committee or
 562 legislative leadership committee that serve as headquarters for or are
 563 used by such party committee, legislative caucus committee or
 564 legislative leadership committee; [or]

565 (15) An expense or expenses incurred by a human being acting alone
 566 in an amount that is two hundred dollars or less, in the aggregate, that
 567 benefits a candidate for a single election; or

568 (16) With respect to an online platform that collects any contribution
 569 from a contributor and transmits such contribution to a committee, the
 570 use of such online platform to request a voluntary payment made by
 571 such contributor to such online platform, which is (A) in addition to
 572 such contribution, and (B) used by such online platform to conduct its
 573 operations."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	9-621(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	9-618(d)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	9-619(d)
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	9-704(b) and (c)
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	9-705(d)
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	9-705(h)
Sec. 7	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	9-718(e)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	9-610(j)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	9-601(25)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-601a(b)
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-601b(b)