



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 478**

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Senate Bill No. 515

*Senate, April 3, 2025*

The Committee on Government Oversight reported through SEN. GADKAR-WILCOX of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MAXIMUM  
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT UNDER THE CITIZENS'  
ELECTION PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 9-704 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2025*):

4 (c) (1) [For] Subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this  
5 subsection, for elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant  
6 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or  
7 Secretary of the State held in 2022, and thereafter, the two-hundred-  
8 fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount in subdivision (1)  
9 or (2) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable,  
10 shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not  
11 later than January 15, 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance  
12 with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as  
13 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor

14 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending  
 15 on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said  
 16 adjustment is to be made.

17 (2) [For] Subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection,  
 18 for elections for the office of state senator or state representative held in  
 19 2020, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual  
 20 contribution amount in subdivision (3) or (4) [, as applicable,] of  
 21 subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State  
 22 Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2020, and  
 23 biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer  
 24 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States  
 25 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period  
 26 beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the  
 27 year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

28 (3) On and after July 1, 2025, the maximum individual contribution  
 29 amount resulting from any adjustment made by the State Elections  
 30 Enforcement Commission pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this  
 31 subsection, as applicable, shall remain in effect until the immediately  
 32 following adjustment is made by the commission, at which time a new  
 33 maximum individual contribution amount shall take effect.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	9-704(c)

**GOS**      *Joint Favorable*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill provides clarifying language and establishes that the maximum individual contribution under the Citizens Election Program will be in force for each office until a new calculation is made by the State Elections Enforcement Commission resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 515*****AN ACT CONCERNING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MAXIMUM INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT UNDER THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires that, on or after July 1, 2025, the adjusted individual qualifying contribution (QC) maximum amounts for the Citizens' Election Program (CEP) continue to apply until the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) makes its next inflationary adjustment. In practice, candidates may obtain QCs before an adjustment occurs, but they are limited to collecting the statutory maximum of \$250 until the adjustment goes into effect.

By law, candidates qualify for the CEP by raising a certain number of QCs. QCs must come from individual donors, and state law requires SEEC to adjust the maximum individual QC amounts for inflation. The law sets individual QC amounts, before inflation adjustment, at \$5 to \$250, and the inflation-adjusted maximum for the 2024 election was \$320.

Under existing law, SEEC must (1) publish the adjusted amounts by January 15 in the year of the applicable election and (2) base them on inflationary changes from January 1, 2017, through December 31 in the year before the adjustment must be made (e.g., through December 31, 2023, for the 2024 election).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

**BACKGROUND*****Related Bills***

sSB 1405, § 7, favorably reported by the Government Oversight

Committee, makes various changes regarding CEP QCs, including when and how they are adjusted for inflation and that the adjusted individual QC amounts continue to apply until SEEC makes its next inflationary adjustments.

SB 1533, § 2, favorably reported by the Government Administration and Elections (GAE) Committee, makes changes to the inflationary adjustment procedures for QCs.

sHB 7089, § 8, favorably reported by the Government Oversight Committee, makes changes to the inflationary adjustment procedures for QCs.

sHB 7222, § 8, favorably reported by the GAE Committee, makes changes to the inflationary adjustment procedures for QCs.

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    12    Nay   0    (03/18/2025)