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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORMS.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (14) of section 9-601 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (14) ["Solicitor"] "Collector" means an individual appointed by a
5 treasurer of a committee to receive, but not to disburse, funds on behalf
6 of the committee.

7 Sec. 2. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section
8 9-7b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted
9 in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

10 (B) To issue an order when the commission finds that an intentional
11 violation of any provision of chapter 155 or 157 has been committed,
12 after an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in accordance
13 with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, which order may contain one or
14 more of the following sanctions: (i) Removal of a treasurer, deputy

15 treasurer or [solicitor] collector; (ii) prohibition on serving as a treasurer,
16 deputy treasurer or [solicitor] collector; and (iii) in the case of a party
17 committee or a political committee, suspension of all political activities,
18 including, but not limited to, the receipt of contributions and the making
19 of expenditures, provided the commission may not order such a
20 suspension unless the commission has previously ordered the removal
21 of the treasurer and notifies the officers of the committee that the
22 commission is considering such suspension;

23 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 9-602 of the general statutes is
24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
25 *passage*):

26 (b) No contribution in aid of or in opposition to the candidacy of any
27 person or to any party or referendum question shall be made at any
28 time, except to the committee's treasurer whose designation is on file
29 with the proper authority, a [solicitor] collector or a candidate who is
30 exempt from the requirement to form a candidate committee and has
31 filed a certification.

32 Sec. 4. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 9-606 of the general statutes
33 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
34 *from passage*):

35 (c) The treasurer of each committee, other than a political committee
36 established by an organization which receives its funds from the
37 organization's treasury, may appoint [solicitors. If solicitors] collectors.
38 If collectors are appointed, the treasurer shall receive and report all
39 contributions made or promised to each [solicitor. Each solicitor]
40 collector. Each collector shall submit to the treasurer a list of all
41 contributions made or promised to [him] such collector. The list shall be
42 complete as of seventy-two hours immediately preceding midnight of
43 the day preceding the dates on which the treasurer is required to file a
44 sworn statement as provided in section 9-608. Lists shall be received by
45 the treasurer not later than twenty-four hours immediately preceding

46 each required filing date. Each [solicitor] collector shall deposit all
47 contributions with the treasurer, [within] not later than seven days after
48 receipt. No [solicitor] collector shall expend any contributions received
49 by [him] such collector or disburse such contributions to any person
50 other than the treasurer.

51 (d) No person shall act as a treasurer or deputy treasurer (1) unless
52 the person is an elector of this state, the person has paid any civil
53 penalties or forfeitures assessed pursuant to chapters 155 to 157,
54 inclusive, and a statement, signed by the [chairman] chairperson in the
55 case of a party committee or political committee or by the candidate in
56 the case of a candidate committee, designating the person as treasurer
57 or deputy treasurer, has been filed in accordance with section 9-603, and
58 (2) if such person has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere
59 to, in a court of competent jurisdiction, any (A) felony involving fraud,
60 forgery, larceny, embezzlement or bribery, or (B) criminal offense under
61 this title, unless at least eight years have elapsed from the date of the
62 conviction or plea or the completion of any sentence, whichever date is
63 later, without a subsequent conviction of or plea to another such felony
64 or offense. In the case of a political committee, the filing of a statement
65 of organization by the [chairman] chairperson of the committee, in
66 accordance with the provisions of section 9-605, shall constitute
67 compliance with the filing requirements of this section. No provision of
68 this subsection shall prevent the treasurer, deputy treasurer or [solicitor]
69 collector of any committee from being the treasurer, deputy treasurer or
70 [solicitor] collector of any other committee or prevent any committee
71 from having more than one [solicitor] collector, but no candidate shall
72 have more than one treasurer. A candidate shall not serve as the
73 candidate's own treasurer or deputy treasurer, except that a candidate
74 who is exempt from forming a candidate committee under subsection
75 (b) of section 9-604 and has filed a certification that the candidate is
76 financing the candidate's campaign from the candidate's own personal
77 funds or is not receiving or expending in excess of one thousand dollars
78 may perform the duties of a treasurer for the candidate's own campaign.

79 Sec. 5. Subdivision (25) of section 9-601 of the general statutes is
80 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
81 *passage*):

82 (25) "Organization expenditure" means an expenditure by a party
83 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
84 committee for the benefit of a candidate or candidate committee for:

85 (A) The preparation, display or mailing or other distribution of a
86 party candidate listing. As used in this subparagraph, "party candidate
87 listing" means any communication that meets the following criteria: (i)
88 The communication lists the name or names of candidates for election
89 to public office, (ii) the communication is distributed through public
90 advertising such as broadcast stations, cable television, newspapers or
91 similar media, or through direct mail, telephone, electronic mail,
92 publicly accessible sites on the Internet or personal delivery, and (iii) the
93 communication is made to promote the success or defeat of any
94 candidate or slate of candidates seeking the nomination for election, or
95 election or for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat
96 of any referendum question or the success or defeat of any political
97 party, provided such communication is not a solicitation for or on behalf
98 of a candidate committee;

99 (B) A document in printed or electronic form, including a party
100 platform, an electronic page providing merchant account services to be
101 used by a candidate for the collection of on-line contributions, a copy of
102 an issue paper, information pertaining to the requirements of this title,
103 a list of registered voters and voter identification information, which
104 document is created or maintained by a party committee, legislative
105 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee for the general
106 purposes of party or caucus building and is provided (i) to a candidate
107 who is a member of the party that has established such party committee,
108 or (ii) to a candidate who is a member of the party of the caucus or leader
109 who has established such legislative caucus committee or legislative
110 leadership committee, whichever is applicable;

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

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

117 Sec. 6. Subdivision (9) of subsection (b) of section 9-601c of the general
118 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
119 (*Effective from passage*):

120 (9) An expenditure made by a person or an entity for consultant or
121 creative services, including, but not limited to, services related to
122 communications strategy or design or campaign strategy or to engage a
123 campaign-related vendor, to be used to promote or oppose a candidate's
124 election to office if the provider of such services is or has provided
125 consultant or creative services to such candidate, such candidate's
126 candidate committee or an agent of such candidate committee, or to any
127 opposing candidate's candidate committee or an agent of such
128 candidate committee after January first of the year in which the
129 expenditure occurs. For purposes of this subdivision, communications
130 strategy or design does not include the costs of printing or costs for the
131 use of a medium for the purpose of communications. For purposes of
132 this subdivision, [campaign-related vendor] "campaign-related vendor"
133 includes, but is not limited to, a vendor that provides the following
134 services: [Polling, mail design, mail strategy, political strategy, general
135 campaign advice or telephone banking] (A) Campaign strategy, (B)
136 design or management of campaign communications, literature or
137 advertising, or (C) fundraising or management services, including the
138 identification, hiring and payment of subvendors for goods or services
139 on behalf of a committee.

140 Sec. 7. Section 9-622 of the general statutes is repealed and the
141 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

144 (1) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or by another
145 person, gives or offers or promises to any person any money, gift,
146 advantage, preferment, entertainment, aid, emolument or other
147 valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or procuring any person to
148 sign a nominating, primary or referendum petition or to vote or refrain
149 from voting for or against any person or for or against any measure at
150 any election, caucus, convention, primary or referendum;

151 (2) Any person who, directly or indirectly, receives, accepts, requests
152 or solicits from any person, committee, association, organization or
153 corporation, any money, gift, advantage, preferment, aid, emolument or
154 other valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or procuring any
155 person to sign a nominating, primary or referendum petition or to vote
156 or refrain from voting for or against any person or for or against any
157 measure at any such election, caucus, primary or referendum;

158 (3) Any person who, in consideration of any money, gift, advantage,
159 preferment, aid, emolument or other valuable thing paid, received,
160 accepted or promised to the person's advantage or any other person's
161 advantage, votes or refrains from voting for or against any person or for
162 or against any measure at any such election, caucus, primary or
163 referendum;

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

169 (5) Any person who, directly or indirectly, pays, gives, contributes or
170 promises any money or other valuable thing to defray or towards
171 defraying the cost or expenses of any campaign, primary, referendum
172 or election to any person, committee, company, club, organization or

173 association, other than to a treasurer, except that this subdivision shall
174 not apply to any expenses for postage, telegrams, telephoning,
175 stationery, express charges, traveling, meals, lodging or photocopying
176 incurred by any candidate for office or for nomination to office, so far as
177 may be permitted under the provisions of this chapter;

178 (6) Any person who, in order to secure or promote the person's own
179 nomination or election as a candidate, or that of any other person,
180 directly or indirectly, promises to appoint, or promises to secure or
181 assist in securing the appointment, nomination or election of any other
182 person to any public position, or to any position of honor, trust or
183 emolument; but any person may publicly announce the person's own
184 choice or purpose in relation to any appointment, nomination or
185 election in which the person may be called to take part, if the person is
186 nominated for or elected to such office;

187 (7) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or through
188 another person, makes a payment or promise of payment to a treasurer
189 in a name other than the person's own, and any treasurer who
190 knowingly receives a payment or promise of payment, or enters or
191 causes the same to be entered in the person's accounts in any other name
192 than that of the person by whom such payment or promise of payment
193 is made;

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

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

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

201 (11) Any department head or deputy department head of a state
202 department who solicits a contribution on behalf of, or for the benefit of,

203 any candidate for state, district or municipal office or any political party;

204 (12) Any municipal employee who solicits a contribution on behalf
205 of, or for the benefit of, any candidate for state, district or municipal
206 office, any political committee or any political party, from (A) an
207 individual under the supervision of such employee, or (B) the spouse or
208 a dependent child of such individual;

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

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

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

219 (16) Any chief of staff for the Governor or Lieutenant Governor who
220 solicits a contribution on behalf of or for the benefit of any candidate for
221 state, district or municipal office from a member of the staff of the
222 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or from any commissioner or deputy
223 commissioner of any state agency;

224 (17) Any foreign national that makes, directly or indirectly, (A) any
225 contribution or any express or implied promise to make a contribution,
226 or (B) any expenditure; [or]

227 (18) Any person who solicits, accepts or receives any contribution or
228 covered transfer from a foreign national; or

229 (19) Any campaign-related vendor, as described in subdivision (9) of
230 subsection (b) of section 9-601c, as amended by this act, who is paid by
231 a qualified candidate committee in excess of ten per cent of the Citizens'

232 Election Program grant received by such qualified candidate committee,
 233 or five thousand dollars, whichever is less, and who fails to provide to
 234 the treasurer of such qualified candidate committee complete
 235 documentation regarding any financial obligation made or to be made
 236 on behalf of such qualified candidate committee by such campaign-
 237 related vendor, which documentation is necessary for the treasurer of
 238 such qualified candidate committee to perform such treasurer's duties
 239 under chapters 155 to 157, inclusive.

240 Sec. 8. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-704 of the general statutes
 241 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 242 *1, 2025*):

243 (b) (1) (A) For elections for the office of Governor or Lieutenant
 244 Governor held in 2026, the aggregate contribution amounts in
 245 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall
 246 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
 247 than July 3, 2025, in accordance with any change in the consumer price
 248 index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
 249 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
 250 beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December 31, 2024.

251 [(b) (1)] (B) For elections for the office of Governor or Lieutenant
 252 Governor held in [2022] 2030, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution
 253 amounts in subdivision (1) or (2) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of
 254 this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections
 255 Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, [2022] 2029, and
 256 quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
 257 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
 258 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
 259 the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December
 260 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to
 261 be made.

262 (2) (A) For elections for the office of Attorney General, State

263 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in 2026, the
264 aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
265 this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
266 Commission not later than July 3, 2025, in accordance with any change
267 in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
268 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
269 the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December 31,
270 2024.

271 [(2)] (B) For elections for the office of Attorney General, State
272 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in [2018] 2030,
273 and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (2) of
274 subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
275 Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, [2018] 2029, and
276 quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
277 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
278 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
279 the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December
280 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to
281 be made.

282 (3) (A) [Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
283 for] For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
284 held in [2018, and thereafter] 2026, the aggregate contribution amounts
285 in subdivision (3) or (4) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section,
286 as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
287 Commission not later than [January 15, 2018, and biennially thereafter]
288 July 3, 2025, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
289 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
290 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
291 January 1, 2017, and ending on [December thirty-first in the year
292 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made] December
293 31, 2024.

294 (B) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative

295 held in [2024] 2028, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts
 296 in subdivision (3) or (4) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section,
 297 as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
 298 Commission not later than January 15, [2024] 2027, and biennially
 299 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
 300 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
 301 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
 302 January 1, 2017, and ending on December [31, 2021] thirty-first in the
 303 year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

304 (c) (1) (A) For elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant
 305 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
 306 Secretary of the State held in 2026, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar
 307 maximum individual contribution amount in subdivision (1) or (2) of
 308 subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State
 309 Elections Enforcement Commission not later than July 3, 2025, in
 310 accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban
 311 consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor,
 312 Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1,
 313 2017, and ending on December 31, 2024.

314 [(c) (1)] (B) For elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant
 315 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
 316 Secretary of the State held in [2022] 2030, and thereafter, the two-
 317 hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount in
 318 subdivision (1) or (2) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section,as
 319 applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
 320 Commission not later than January 15, [2022] 2029, and quadrennially
 321 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
 322 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
 323 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
 324 January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year
 325 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

326 (2) (A) For elections for the office of state senator or state

327 representative held in 2026, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum
 328 individual contribution amount in subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection
 329 (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections
 330 Enforcement Commission not later than July 3, 2025, in accordance with
 331 any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
 332 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
 333 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending
 334 on December 31, 2024.

335 [(2)] (B) For elections for the office of state senator or state
 336 representative held in [2020] 2028, and thereafter, the two-hundred-
 337 fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount in subdivision (3)
 338 or (4) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable,
 339 shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not
 340 later than January 15, [2020] 2027, and biennially thereafter, in
 341 accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban
 342 consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor,
 343 Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1,
 344 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year
 345 in which said adjustment is to be made.

346 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 9-706 of the general statutes is
 347 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
 348 *1, 2028*):

349 (a) (1) (A) A participating major party candidate for nomination to
 350 the office of Governor in [2026] 2030, or thereafter, may apply to the
 351 State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund
 352 under the Citizens' Election Program for a convention campaign,
 353 beginning in January of the year preceding the election for said office
 354 and after such candidate files the affidavit under section 9-703 certifying
 355 such candidate's intent to abide by the expenditure limits under said
 356 program.

357 (B) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state

358 senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of
359 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
360 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may apply
361 to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from the
362 fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a primary campaign, after
363 the close of the state convention of the candidate's party that is called
364 for the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for the office that
365 the candidate is seeking, if a primary is required under chapter 153, and
366 (i) said party endorses the candidate for the office that the candidate is
367 seeking, (ii) the candidate is seeking nomination to the office of
368 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
369 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state
370 senator or state representative and receives at least fifteen per cent of the
371 votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call
372 vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate
373 for the office the candidate is seeking, or (iii) the candidate circulates a
374 petition and obtains the required number of signatures for filing a
375 candidacy for nomination for (I) the office of Governor, Lieutenant
376 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
377 Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state
378 representative, pursuant to section 9-400, or (II) the municipal office of
379 state senator or state representative, pursuant to section 9-406,
380 whichever is applicable.

381 (C) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall make any
382 such grants to participating candidates in accordance with the
383 provisions of subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of this section.

384 (2) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state
385 senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of
386 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or
387 State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections
388 Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens'
389 Election Program for a general election campaign:

390 (A) After the close of the state or district convention or municipal
391 caucus, convention or town committee meeting, whichever is
392 applicable, of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of
393 choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is
394 seeking, if (i) said party endorses said candidate for the office that the
395 candidate is seeking and no other candidate of said party files a
396 candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
397 provisions of section 9-400 or 9-406, whichever is applicable, (ii) the
398 candidate is seeking election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant
399 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
400 Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state
401 representative and receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the
402 convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on
403 the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for the office
404 the candidate is seeking, no other candidate for said office at such
405 convention either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of
406 said votes for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with
407 the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
408 388 or a candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
409 provisions of section 9-400, and no other candidate for said office
410 circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for
411 filing a candidacy for nomination for said office pursuant to section 9-
412 400, (iii) the candidate is seeking election to the office of Governor,
413 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
414 Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator
415 or state representative, circulates a petition and obtains the required
416 number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for said
417 office pursuant to section 9-400 and no other candidate for said office at
418 the state or district convention either receives the party endorsement or
419 said percentage of said votes for said endorsement or files a certificate
420 of endorsement with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
421 provisions of section 9-388 or a candidacy with the Secretary of the State
422 in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400, or (iv) the candidate
423 is seeking election to the municipal office of state senator or state

424 representative, circulates a petition and obtains the required number of
425 signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for the office the
426 candidate is seeking pursuant to section 9-406 and no other candidate
427 for said office at the caucus, convention or town committee meeting
428 either receives the party endorsement or files a certification of
429 endorsement with the town clerk in accordance with the provisions of
430 section 9-391;

431 (B) After any primary held by such party for nomination for said
432 office, if the Secretary of the State declares that the candidate is the party
433 nominee in accordance with the provisions of section 9-440;

434 (C) In the case of a minor party candidate, after the nomination of
435 such candidate is certified and filed with the Secretary of the State
436 pursuant to section 9-452; or

437 (D) In the case of a petitioning party candidate, after approval by the
438 Secretary of the State of such candidate's nominating petition pursuant
439 to section 9-453o.

440 (3) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state
441 senator or state representative at a special election in 2008, or thereafter,
442 may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant
443 from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a general
444 election campaign after the close of the district convention or municipal
445 caucus, convention or town committee meeting of the candidate's party
446 that is called for the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for
447 the office that the candidate is seeking.

448 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
449 subsection, no participating candidate for nomination or election who
450 changes the candidate's status as a major party, minor party or
451 petitioning party candidate or becomes a candidate of a different party,
452 after filing the [affidavit required under section 9-703] grant application
453 under this section, shall be eligible to [apply for a grant] receive
454 additional grant funds under the Citizens' Election Program for such

455 candidate's primary campaign for such nomination or general election
456 campaign for such election. The provisions of this subdivision shall not
457 apply in the case of a candidate who is nominated by more than one
458 party and does not otherwise change the candidate's status as a major
459 party, minor party or petitioning party candidate.

460 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, no candidate
461 may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant
462 from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program if such candidate
463 has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, in a court of
464 competent jurisdiction, any (A) criminal offense under this title unless
465 at least eight years have elapsed from the date of the conviction or plea
466 or the completion of any sentence, whichever date is later, without a
467 subsequent conviction of or plea to another such offense, or (B) a felony
468 related to the individual's public office, other than an offense under this
469 title in accordance with subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

470 Sec. 10. Subsection (d) of section 9-706 of the general statutes is
471 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
472 *passage*):

473 (d) (1) In accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of this
474 section, the commission shall review the application, determine whether
475 [(1)] (A) the candidate committee for the applicant has received the
476 required qualifying contributions, [(2)] (B) in the case of an application
477 for a grant from the fund for a convention campaign, the applicant has
478 met the applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for
479 applying for such grant and complied with the provisions of subsections
480 (b) and (c) of this section, [(3)] (C) in the case of an application for a grant
481 from the fund for a primary campaign, the applicant has met the
482 applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying for
483 such grant and complied with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c)
484 of this section, [(4)] (D) in the case of an application for a grant from the
485 fund for a general election campaign, the applicant has met the
486 applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying for

487 such grant and complied with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c)
488 of this section, and [(5)] (E) in the case of an application by a minor party
489 or petitioning party candidate for a grant from the fund for a general
490 election campaign, the applicant qualifies as an eligible minor party
491 candidate or an eligible petitioning party candidate, whichever is
492 applicable.

493 (2) (A) If the commission approves an application, the commission
494 shall determine the amount of the grant payable to the candidate
495 committee for the applicant pursuant to section 9-705 from the fund, and
496 notify the State Comptroller and the candidate of such candidate
497 committee of such amount.

498 (B) (i) If the timing of the commission's approval of the grant for a
499 convention campaign in relation to the commission's consumer price
500 index adjustment under subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 9-
501 705 is such that the commission cannot yet determine the full amount of
502 the convention campaign grant, the commission shall approve the lesser
503 initial amount. The commission shall then authorize the payment of the
504 remaining portion of the convention campaign grant after such
505 adjustment has been made.

506 (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B)(i) of this
507 subdivision, the candidate committee of an applicant who submits an
508 application prior to July 3, 2025, shall only be approved by the
509 commission to receive payment of the lesser amount described in said
510 subparagraph.

511 (C) If the timing of the commission's approval of the grant for a
512 primary campaign or general election campaign in relation to the
513 Secretary of the State's determination of ballot status is such that the
514 commission cannot determine whether the qualified candidate
515 committee is entitled to the applicable full initial grant for the primary
516 or election or the applicable partial grant for the primary or election, as
517 the case may be, the commission shall approve the lesser applicable

518 partial initial grant. The commission shall then authorize the payment
519 of the remaining portion of the applicable primary campaign or general
520 election campaign grant after the commission has knowledge of the
521 circumstances regarding the ballot status of the opposing candidates in
522 such primary or election.

523 (D) Not later than thirty days following notification by the
524 commission in the case of a convention campaign grant, or not later than
525 two business days following notification by the commission in the case
526 of any other grant, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the
527 State Treasurer for payment of any such approved amount to the
528 qualified candidate committee from the fund.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-601(14)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-7b(a)(3)(B)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-602(b)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-606(c) and (d)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-601(25)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-601c(b)(9)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-622
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-704(b) and (c)
Sec. 9	<i>January 1, 2028</i>	9-706(a)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-706(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) provide clarification to the term "solicit" by defining the term "collector", (2) redefine "organization expenditure" to include campaign events at which a candidate or candidates are present, (3) impose liability upon certain campaign-related vendors who do not provide to qualified candidate committee treasurers the information necessary for such treasurers to perform their duties under campaign finance laws, (4) move the timing of the consumer price index adjustments for individual contribution amounts and the aggregate contribution amounts candidates are required to raise, from January of the election year to (A) not later than July 3, 2025, for elections held in 2026, and (B) January of

the prior year for elections held in subsequent cycles, (5) beginning with the 2030 election, allow major party candidates for Governor to apply for convention campaign grants beginning the January of the year preceding the election, (6) provide that candidates who change their party status after filing their grant applications are ineligible to receive additional grant funds, and (7) address approvals of grant applications in relation to the timing of such consumer price index adjustments.

[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.]