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Substitute Bill No. 1409



AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILINGS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-603 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2029*):

3 (a) Statements filed pursuant to chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, by
4 party committees, political committees formed to aid or promote the
5 success or defeat of a referendum question, [proposing a constitutional
6 convention, constitutional amendment or revision of the Constitution,
7 individual lobbyists,] and those political committees and candidate
8 committees formed to aid or promote the success or defeat of any
9 candidate for [the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of
10 the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney General, judge of
11 probate and members of the General Assembly] public office or the
12 position of town committee member, or any other persons covered
13 under said chapters, shall be filed with the State Elections Enforcement
14 Commission. A political committee formed for a slate of candidates in a
15 primary for the office of justice of the peace shall file statements with the
16 [town clerk of the municipality in which the primary is to be held] State
17 Elections Enforcement Commission.

18 [(b) Statements filed by political committees formed solely to aid or
19 promote the success or defeat of a referendum question to be voted
20 upon by the electors of a single municipality and those political

21 committees or candidate committees formed to aid or promote the
22 success or defeat of any candidate for public office, other than those
23 enumerated in subsection (a) of this section, or the position of town
24 committee member shall be filed only with the town clerk of the
25 municipality in which the election or referendum is to be held. Each
26 unsalaried town clerk shall be entitled to receive ten cents from the town
27 for the filing of each such statement.]

28 [(c)] (b) A certification of a candidate who is exempt from the
29 requirement of subsection (a) of section 9-604, as amended by this act,
30 to form a candidate committee shall be filed with the State Elections
31 Enforcement Commission. [if the candidate seeks an office enumerated
32 in subsection (a) of this section, or with the town clerk of the
33 municipality in which the election is to be held if the candidate seeks an
34 office other than those enumerated. A certification of a group of
35 individuals who have joined solely to aid or promote a referendum
36 question and who are exempt from the requirement to form a political
37 committee under section 9-605 shall be filed with the town clerk of each
38 municipality in which the referendum is to be held.]

39 [(d)] (c) On December 31, 2006, the duties of the Secretary of the State
40 concerning the administration of campaign finance reporting under this
41 chapter shall be transferred to the State Elections Enforcement
42 Commission.

43 Sec. 2. Section 9-604 of the general statutes is repealed and the
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2029*):

45 (a) Each candidate for a particular public office or the position of
46 town committee member shall form a single candidate committee for
47 which he shall designate a treasurer and a depository institution
48 situated in this state as the depository for the committee's funds and
49 shall file a committee statement containing such designations, not later
50 than ten days after becoming a candidate, with the [proper authority]
51 State Elections Enforcement Commission as required by section 9-603,
52 as amended by this act. The candidate may also designate a deputy

53 treasurer on such committee statement. The treasurer and any deputy
54 treasurer so designated shall sign a statement accepting such
55 designation which the candidate shall include as part of, or file with, the
56 committee statement.

57 (b) The formation of a candidate committee by a candidate and the
58 filing of statements pursuant to section 9-608, as amended by this act,
59 shall not be required if the candidate files a certification with the [proper
60 authority] State Elections Enforcement Commission required by section
61 9-603, as amended by this act, not later than ten days after becoming a
62 candidate, and any of the following conditions exist for the campaign:
63 (1) The candidate is one of a slate of candidates whose campaigns are
64 funded solely by a party committee or a political committee formed for
65 a single election or primary and expenditures made on behalf of the
66 candidate's campaign are reported by the committee sponsoring the
67 candidate's candidacy; (2) the candidate finances the candidate's
68 campaign entirely from personal funds and does not solicit or receive
69 contributions, provided if said candidate personally makes an
70 expenditure or expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars to, or for
71 the benefit of, said candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or
72 election to an office or position, said candidate shall file statements
73 according to the same schedule and in the same manner as is required
74 of a treasurer of a candidate committee under section 9-608, as amended
75 by this act; (3) the candidate does not receive or expend funds in excess
76 of one thousand dollars; or (4) the candidate does not receive or expend
77 any funds, including personal funds, for the candidate's campaign. If
78 the candidate no longer qualifies for the exemption under any of these
79 conditions, the candidate shall comply with the provisions of subsection
80 (a) of this section, not later than three business days thereafter and shall
81 provide the candidate's designated treasurer with all information
82 required for completion of the treasurer's statements and filings as
83 required by section 9-608, as amended by this act. If the candidate no
84 longer qualifies for the exemption due to the condition stated in the
85 candidate's certification but so qualifies due to a different condition
86 specified in this subsection, the candidate shall file an amended

87 certification with the [proper authority] State Elections Enforcement
88 Commission and provide the new condition for the candidate's
89 qualification not later than three business days following the change in
90 circumstances of the financing of the candidate's campaign. The filing
91 of a certification under this subsection shall not relieve the candidate
92 from compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

93 (c) The chairman of a political committee formed to support a single
94 candidate for public office shall, not later than seven days after filing a
95 statement of organization with the [proper authority] State Elections
96 Enforcement Commission under section 9-603, as amended by this act,
97 send the candidate a notice, by certified mail, of such filing. If a
98 candidate (1) does not, within fourteen days after receiving such notice,
99 disavow such committee, in writing, to the [proper authority] State
100 Elections Enforcement Commission under section 9-603, as amended by
101 this act, or (2) disavows such committee within such period, but, at any
102 time before such disavowal, accepts funds from the committee for his
103 campaign, such committee shall be deemed to have been authorized by
104 such candidate and shall constitute a candidate committee for the
105 purposes of this chapter. No candidate shall establish, agree to or assist
106 in establishing, or give his consent or authorization to establishing,
107 a committee other than a single candidate committee to promote his
108 candidacy for any public office, except that a candidate may establish
109 an exploratory committee. The candidate shall designate on the
110 statement of organization for the exploratory committee the type of
111 office to which the candidate is determining whether to seek nomination
112 or election, as follows: (A) The General Assembly, (B) a state office, or
113 (C) any other public office. The candidate may also certify on the
114 statement of organization that the candidate will not be a candidate for
115 the office of state representative. Not later than fifteen days after a public
116 declaration by the candidate of the candidate's intention to seek
117 nomination or election to a particular public office, the candidate shall
118 form a single candidate committee, except that in the case of a candidate
119 establishing an exploratory committee for purposes including aiding or
120 promoting the candidate's candidacy for nomination or election to the

121 General Assembly or a state office, the candidate shall form a single
122 candidate committee not later than fifteen days after the date that the
123 treasurer of such exploratory committee is required to file a notice of
124 intent to dissolve the committee under subsection (f) of section 9-608, as
125 amended by this act. As used in this subsection, "state office" has the
126 same meaning as provided in subsection (e) of section 9-610.

127 (d) A slate of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of the
128 peace shall designate a chairperson to form a single political committee
129 to comply with the requirements of section 9-605, as amended by this
130 act, except if the individuals on the slate unanimously consent to have
131 their campaign financed solely by a town committee and such
132 committee consents to such financing by filing a statement of consent
133 with the [town clerk of the municipality in which the primary is to be
134 held] State Elections Enforcement Commission.

135 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 9-608 of the general statutes is
136 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
137 *1, 2029*):

138 (d) At the time of filing statements required under this section, the
139 treasurer of each candidate committee shall send to the candidate a
140 duplicate statement and the treasurer of each party committee and each
141 political committee other than an exploratory committee shall send to
142 the chairman of the committee a duplicate statement. Each statement
143 required to be filed [with the commission] under this section, section 9-
144 601d, section 9-706 or section 9-712 shall be deemed to be filed in a
145 timely manner if: (1) For a statement filed as a hard copy, including, but
146 not limited to, a statement delivered by the United States Postal Service,
147 courier service, parcel service or hand delivery, the statement is received
148 by the commission by five o'clock p.m. on the day the statement is
149 required to be filed, (2) for a statement authorized by the commission to
150 be filed electronically, including, but not limited to, a statement filed via
151 dedicated electronic mail, facsimile machine, a web-based program
152 created by the commission or other electronic means, the statement is
153 transmitted to the commission not later than eleven fifty-nine o'clock

154 p.m. on the day the statement is required to be filed, or (3) for a
155 statement required to be filed pursuant to section 9-601d, section 9-706
156 or section 9-712, by the deadline specified in each such section. [Any
157 other filing required to be filed with a town clerk pursuant to this section
158 shall be deemed to be filed in a timely manner if it is delivered by hand
159 to the office of the town clerk in accordance with the provisions of
160 section 9-603 before four-thirty o'clock p.m. or postmarked by the
161 United States Postal Service before midnight on the required filing day.]
162 If the day for any filing falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the
163 statement shall be filed on the next business day thereafter. The State
164 Elections Enforcement Commission shall not levy a penalty upon a
165 treasurer for failure to file a hard copy of a statement in a timely manner
166 in accordance with the provisions of this section if such treasurer has a
167 copy of the statement time stamped by the State Elections Enforcement
168 Commission that shows timely receipt of the statement or the treasurer
169 has a return receipt from the United States Postal Service or a similar
170 receipt from a commercial delivery service confirming timely delivery
171 of such statement was made or should have been made to said
172 commission.

173 Sec. 4. Subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 9-610 of the general
174 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
175 (*Effective January 1, 2029*):

176 (2) A political committee established for ongoing political activities,
177 [and required pursuant to subsection (a) of section 9-603 to file
178 statements with the commission] other than a committee established
179 solely for the purpose of aiding or promoting any candidate or
180 candidates for municipal office or the success or defeat of a referendum
181 question, shall be subject to the prohibition on making contributions
182 under subsection (e) of this section unless the treasurer of the committee
183 has filed a registration statement as described in subsection (b) of section
184 9-605 with the commission, on forms prescribed by the commission, on
185 or before November 15, 2012, for all such political committees in
186 existence on such date, or, if the committee is not in existence on such
187 date, not later than ten days after the organization of the committee

188 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 9-605, as amended by this act, and
189 on or before November fifteenth of each even-numbered year thereafter.
190 Such statements shall be filed even if there are no changes, additions or
191 deletions to the registration statement previously filed with the
192 commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, if an
193 officer of the committee has changed since the last registration statement
194 filed with the commission, such registration statement shall be filed by
195 the chairperson of the committee.

196 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 9-623 of the general statutes is
197 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
198 *1, 2029*):

199 (b) (1) If any treasurer fails to file any statement required by section
200 9-608, as amended by this act, or if any candidate fails to file either (A)
201 a statement for the formation of a candidate committee as required by
202 section 9-604, as amended by this act, or (B) a certification pursuant to
203 section 9-603, as amended by this act, that the candidate is exempt from
204 forming a candidate committee as required by section 9-604, as
205 amended by this act, within the time required, the treasurer or
206 candidate, as the case may be, shall pay a late filing fee of one hundred
207 dollars.

208 (2) In the case of any such statement or certification that is required
209 to be filed with the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the
210 commission shall, not later than ten days after the filing deadline is, or
211 should be, known to have passed, notify by certified mail, return receipt
212 requested, the person required to file that, if such statement or
213 certification is not filed not later than twenty-one days after such notice,
214 the person is in violation of section 9-603, as amended by this act, 9-604,
215 as amended by this act, or 9-608, as amended by this act.

216 [(3) In the case of any such statement or certification that is required
217 to be filed with a town clerk, the town clerk shall forthwith after the
218 filing deadline is, or should be, known to have passed, notify by certified
219 mail, return receipt requested, the person required to file that, if such

220 statement or certification is not filed not later than seven days after the
221 town clerk mails such notice, the town clerk shall notify the State
222 Elections Enforcement Commission that the person is in violation of
223 section 9-603, 9-604 or 9-608.]

224 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) The penalty for any violation of section 9-603, as amended by
225 this act, 9-604, as amended by this act, or 9-608, as amended by this act,
226 shall be a fine of not less than two hundred dollars or more than two
227 thousand dollars or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

228 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
229 subsection, the commission may waive any late filing fee described in
230 said subdivision for any treasurer or candidate in a municipality in
231 which a primary or election for municipal office is being held in 2029.

232 Sec. 6. Section 9-624 of the general statutes is repealed and the
233 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2029*):

234 ~~[(a)]~~ The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall prepare and
235 print the forms required for compliance with this chapter and distribute
236 them upon request to candidates and treasurers.

237 ~~[(b)]~~ The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall, at the
238 expense of the state, prepare and print all forms for statements required
239 to be returned under the provisions of this chapter and shall furnish to
240 each town clerk a sufficient supply of each of such blank forms as are
241 required to be filed with or returned to the town clerk. The town clerk
242 of each town shall, upon request, distribute to treasurers the forms
243 required for compliance with this chapter and, if not salaried, shall be
244 entitled to receive from the town the sum of ten cents for each copy.]

245 Sec. 7. Section 9-675 of the general statutes is repealed and the
246 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2029*):

247 (a) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall (1) create a
248 web-based program for the preparation and electronic submission of
249 registration, certification of exemption from registration and financial

250 disclosure statements required by chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, and (2)
251 prescribe the standard reporting format and specifications for any
252 software program created by a vendor for such purpose. No software
253 program created by a vendor may be used for the electronic submission
254 of such financial disclosure statements unless the commission
255 determines that the software program provides for the standard
256 reporting format and complies with the specifications prescribed under
257 subdivision (2) of this subsection for any such software program. The
258 commission shall provide training in the use of the web-based program
259 created by the commission.

260 (b) [On and after July 1, 2017, the] The following shall file all financial
261 disclosure statements required by chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, by
262 electronic submission pursuant to subsection (a) of this section: (1) The
263 treasurer of the candidate committee or exploratory committee for each
264 candidate for nomination or election to [the office of Governor,
265 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
266 Treasurer, Secretary of the State, state senator, state representative or
267 judge of probate] public office or the position of town committee
268 member that raises or spends one thousand dollars or more, (2) the
269 treasurer of any state central committee, legislative caucus committee or
270 legislative leadership committee, (3) the treasurer of any other political
271 committee or town committee [required to be registered with the
272 commission] that (A) raises or spends one thousand dollars or more
273 during the current calendar year, or (B) raised or spent one thousand
274 dollars or more in the preceding regular election cycle, and (4) the
275 treasurer of any committee, or any other person, who makes or obligates
276 to make any independent expenditure and who is required to file a
277 financial disclosure statement of any such independent expenditure
278 [with the State Elections Enforcement Commission] in accordance with
279 the provisions of section 9-601d. Once any such candidate committee or
280 exploratory committee has raised or spent one thousand dollars or more
281 during an election campaign, all previously filed statements required by
282 chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, which were not filed by electronic
283 submission shall be refiled in such manner not later than the date on

284 which the treasurer of such committee is required to file its next
285 financial disclosure statement.

286 (c) (1) The treasurer of the candidate committee for any other
287 candidate, as defined in section 9-601, that neither raises nor spends one
288 thousand dollars or more who is required to file the financial disclosure
289 statements required by chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, [with the
290 commission,] and (2) the treasurer of any other political committee or
291 town committee that neither raises nor spends one thousand dollars or
292 more who is required to file the financial disclosure statements required
293 by chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, [with the State Elections Enforcement
294 Commission] may file any such financial disclosure statements by
295 electronic submission pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

296 (d) All registration and certification of exemption from registration
297 statements required of candidates by chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, shall
298 be filed by electronic submission pursuant to subdivision (1) of
299 subsection (a) of this section. Any amendment to any such statement
300 shall be filed by electronic submission not later than ten days after the
301 addition or change specified by such amendment, or within the time
302 period otherwise required by chapters 155 to 157, inclusive.

303 [(d)] (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, upon the
304 written request of a treasurer or any other person described in
305 subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section, or a
306 candidate in subsection (d) of this section, the commission may waive
307 the requirement to file by electronic submission pursuant to subsection
308 (a) of this section if such treasurer, [or] other person or candidate
309 demonstrates good cause.

310 Sec. 8. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-602 of the general statutes
311 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
312 *January 1, 2029*):

313 (b) No contribution in aid of or in opposition to the candidacy of any
314 person or to any party or referendum question shall be made at any
315 time, except to the committee's treasurer whose designation is on file

316 with the [proper authority] State Elections Enforcement Commission, a
317 solicitor or a candidate who is exempt from the requirement to form a
318 candidate committee and has filed a certification.

319 (c) An individual who is designated as treasurer of a committee shall
320 be responsible for all duties required of him under this chapter until the
321 committee is terminated. The treasurer shall be relieved of such duties
322 upon his permanent incapacity, resignation or replacement, provided a
323 statement to that effect is filed with the [proper authority] State Elections
324 Enforcement Commission, as provided in section 9-603, as amended by
325 this act. In the event of the death of the treasurer or after a statement has
326 been filed concerning the treasurer's incapacity, resignation or
327 replacement, if a deputy treasurer has been designated, the deputy
328 treasurer shall be responsible for all duties required of the treasurer
329 under this chapter until the candidate or chairman of the committee files
330 with the [proper authority] State Elections Enforcement Commission a
331 designation of a successor treasurer. If a deputy treasurer has not been
332 designated, the candidate or chairman shall designate a successor
333 treasurer and file such designation with the [proper authority] State
334 Elections Enforcement Commission not more than ten days after the
335 death of the treasurer or the filing of the statement of his incapacity,
336 resignation or replacement.

337 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 9-605 of the general statutes is
338 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
339 *1, 2029*):

340 (a) The chairperson of each political committee shall designate a
341 treasurer and may designate a deputy treasurer. The treasurer and any
342 deputy treasurer so designated shall sign a statement accepting the
343 designation. The chairperson of each political committee shall file a
344 registration statement described in subsection (b) of this section along
345 with the statement signed by the designated treasurer and deputy
346 treasurer with the [proper authority] State Elections Enforcement
347 Commission, within ten days after its organization, provided that the
348 chairperson of any political committee organized within ten days prior

349 to any primary, election or referendum in connection with which it
350 intends to make any contributions or expenditures, shall immediately
351 file a registration statement.

352 Sec. 10. Subsection (c) of section 9-605 of the general statutes is
353 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
354 *1, 2029*):

355 (c) The treasurer of each political committee shall report any addition
356 to or change in information previously submitted in a statement of
357 organization to the [proper authority] State Elections Enforcement
358 Commission not later than ten days after the addition or change,
359 provided if an officer of the committee has changed, such amended
360 statement shall be filed by the chairperson of the committee.

361 Sec. 11. Subsection (m) of section 9-607 of the general statutes is
362 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
363 *1, 2029*):

364 (m) Any obligation or restriction imposed by this section and sections
365 9-608, as amended by this act, 9-610, as amended by this act, 9-611, 9-
366 613, 9-615, 9-616, 9-618, 9-620, 9-621, 9-622 and 9-623, as amended by this
367 act, on a treasurer or a candidate committee shall be deemed to be
368 imposed on any candidate who is exempt from forming a candidate
369 committee and has filed a certification pursuant to subsection (b) of
370 section 9-604, as amended by this act, with the [proper authority] State
371 Elections Enforcement Commission.

372 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 9-608 of the general statutes is
373 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
374 *1, 2029*):

375 (a) (1) Each treasurer of a committee, other than a state central
376 committee, shall file a statement, sworn under penalty of false statement
377 with the [proper authority] State Elections Enforcement Commission in
378 accordance with the provisions of section 9-603, as amended by this act,
379 (A) on the tenth calendar day in the months of January, April, July and

380 October, provided, if such tenth calendar day is a Saturday, Sunday or
381 legal holiday, the statement shall be filed on the next business day,
382 except that in the case of a candidate or exploratory committee
383 established for an office to be elected at a special election, statements
384 pursuant to this subparagraph shall not be required, (B) on the seventh
385 day preceding each regular state election, except that (i) in the case of a
386 candidate or exploratory committee established for an office to be
387 elected at a municipal election, the statement shall be filed on the
388 seventh day preceding a regular municipal election in lieu of such date,
389 except if the candidate's name is not eligible to appear on the ballot, in
390 which case such statement shall not be required, (ii) in the case of a town
391 committee, the statement shall be filed on the seventh day preceding
392 each municipal election in addition to such date, (iii) in the case of a
393 candidate committee in a state election that is required to file any
394 supplemental campaign finance statements pursuant to subdivisions (1)
395 and (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-712, such supplemental campaign
396 finance statements shall satisfy the filing requirement under this
397 subdivision, and (iv) in the case of a candidate committee established by
398 a candidate whose name is not eligible to appear on the ballot, such
399 statement shall not be required, and (C) if the committee has made or
400 received a contribution or expenditure in connection with any other
401 election, a primary or a referendum, on the seventh day preceding the
402 election, primary or referendum, except that in the case of a candidate
403 committee in a primary that is required to file statements pursuant to
404 subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-712, such
405 statements shall satisfy the filing requirement under this subdivision.
406 The statement shall be complete as of eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of
407 the last day of the month preceding the month in which the statement is
408 required to be filed, except that for the statement required to be filed on
409 the seventh day preceding the election, primary or referendum, the
410 statement shall be complete as of eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the
411 second day immediately preceding the required filing day. The
412 statement shall cover a period to begin with the first day not included
413 in the last filed statement. In the case of a candidate committee, the
414 statement required to be filed in January shall be in lieu of the statement

415 formerly required to be filed within forty-five days following an
416 election.

417 (2) Each treasurer of a candidate committee established by a
418 candidate in a primary, not later than thirty days after such primary,
419 and each treasurer of a political committee formed for a single primary,
420 election or referendum, not later than forty-five days after any election
421 or referendum not held in November, shall file statements in the same
422 manner as is required of them under subdivision (1) of this subsection.
423 A candidate committee established by a candidate who is unsuccessful
424 in the primary shall not be required to file any statements required
425 under subdivision (1) of this subsection following the primary unless
426 the candidate is eligible to appear on the general election ballot. If the
427 treasurer of a candidate committee established by a candidate, who is
428 unsuccessful in the primary or has terminated his candidacy prior to the
429 primary, distributes all surplus funds within thirty days following the
430 scheduled primary and discloses the distribution on the postprimary
431 statement, such treasurer shall not be required to file any subsequent
432 statement unless the committee has a deficit, in which case he shall file
433 any required statements in accordance with the provisions of
434 subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of this section.

435 (3) In the case of state central committees, (A) on the tenth calendar
436 day in the months of January, April and July, provided, if such tenth
437 calendar day is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, on the next business
438 day, (B) on the twelfth day preceding any regular election, and (C) if the
439 committee has made or received a contribution or expenditure in
440 connection with any other election, or any primary or referendum, on
441 the twelfth day preceding the election, primary or referendum, the
442 treasurer of each such committee shall file with the [proper authority]
443 State Elections Enforcement Commission, a statement, sworn under
444 penalty of false statement, complete as of the last day of the month
445 immediately preceding the month in which such statement is to be filed
446 in the case of statements required to be filed in January, April and July,
447 and complete as of the nineteenth day preceding an election, primary or
448 referendum in the case of the statement required to be filed on the

449 twelfth day preceding an election, primary or referendum, and in each
450 case covering a period to begin with the first day not included in the last
451 filed statement.

452 Sec. 13. Subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection (e) of section 9-608 of
453 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
454 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2029*):

455 (3) Not later than seven days after such distribution or not later than
456 seven days after all funds have been expended in accordance with
457 subparagraph (D) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the treasurer
458 shall file a supplemental statement, sworn under penalty of false
459 statement, with the [proper authority] State Elections Enforcement
460 Commission, identifying all further contributions received since the
461 previous statement and explaining how any surplus has been
462 distributed or expended in accordance with this section. No surplus
463 may be distributed or expended until after the election, primary or
464 referendum.

465 (4) In the event of a deficit, the treasurer shall file a supplemental
466 statement ninety days after an election, primary or referendum not held
467 in November or on the seventh calendar day in February, or the next
468 business day if such day is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, after an
469 election or referendum held in November, with the [proper authority]
470 State Elections Enforcement Commission and, thereafter, on the seventh
471 day of each month following if on the last day of the previous month
472 there was an increase or decrease in the deficit in excess of five hundred
473 dollars from that reported on the last statement filed. The treasurer shall
474 file such supplemental statements as required until the deficit is
475 eliminated. If any such committee does not have a surplus or a deficit,
476 the statement required to be filed not later than forty-five days following
477 any election or referendum not held in November or on the seventh
478 calendar day in January, or the next business day if such day is a
479 Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, following an election or referendum
480 held in November, or not later than thirty days following any primary
481 shall be the last required statement.

482 Sec. 14. Subsection (f) of section 9-608 of the general statutes is
483 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
484 *1, 2029*):

485 (f) If an exploratory committee has been established by a candidate
486 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-604, as amended by this act, the
487 treasurer of the committee shall file a notice of intent to dissolve it with
488 the [appropriate authority] State Elections Enforcement Commission
489 not later than fifteen days after the candidate's declaration of intent to
490 seek nomination or election to a particular public office, except that in
491 the case of an exploratory committee established by a candidate for
492 purposes that include aiding or promoting the candidate's candidacy for
493 nomination or election to the General Assembly or a state office, the
494 treasurer of the committee shall file such notice of intent to dissolve the
495 committee not later than fifteen days after the earlier of: (1) The
496 candidate's declaration of intent to seek nomination or election to a
497 particular public office, (2) the candidate's endorsement at a convention,
498 caucus or town committee meeting, or (3) the candidate's filing of a
499 candidacy for nomination under section 9-400 or 9-405. The treasurer
500 shall also file a statement identifying all contributions received or
501 expenditures made by the exploratory committee since the previous
502 statement and the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be. In the
503 event of a surplus, the treasurer shall, not later than the filing of the
504 statement, distribute the surplus to the candidate committee established
505 pursuant to said section, except that (A) in the case of a surplus of an
506 exploratory committee established by a candidate who intends to be a
507 participating candidate, as defined in section 9-703, as amended by this
508 act, in the Citizens' Election Program, the treasurer may distribute to the
509 candidate committee only that portion of such surplus that is
510 attributable to contributions that meet the criteria for qualifying
511 contributions for the candidate committee under section 9-704 and shall
512 distribute the remainder of such surplus to the Citizens' Election Fund
513 established in section 9-701, and (B) in the case of a surplus of an
514 exploratory committee established for nomination or election to an
515 office other than the General Assembly or a state office (i) the treasurer

516 may only distribute to the candidate committee for nomination or
517 election to the General Assembly or state office of such candidate that
518 portion of such surplus which is in excess of the total contributions
519 which the exploratory committee received from lobbyists or political
520 committees established by lobbyists, during any period in which the
521 prohibitions in subsection (e) of section 9-610 apply, and (ii) any
522 remaining amount shall be returned to all such lobbyists and political
523 committees established by or on behalf of lobbyists, on a prorated basis
524 of contribution, or distributed to any charitable organization which is a
525 tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
526 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
527 of the United States, as from time to time amended. If the candidate
528 decides not to seek nomination or election to any office, the treasurer
529 shall, within fifteen days after such decision, comply with the provisions
530 of this subsection and distribute any surplus in the manner provided by
531 this section for political committees other than those formed for ongoing
532 political activities, except that if the surplus is from an exploratory
533 committee established by the State Treasurer, any portion of the surplus
534 that is received from a principal of an investment services firm or a
535 political committee established by such firm shall be returned to such
536 principal or committee on a prorated basis of contribution. In the event
537 of a deficit, the treasurer shall file a statement thirty days after the
538 decision or declaration with the [proper authority] State Elections
539 Enforcement Commission and, thereafter, on the seventh day of each
540 month following if on the last day of the previous month there was an
541 increase or decrease in such deficit in excess of five hundred dollars
542 from that reported on the last statement filed. The treasurer shall file
543 supplemental statements until the deficit is eliminated. If the
544 exploratory committee does not have a surplus or deficit, the statement
545 filed after the candidate's declaration or decision shall be the last
546 required statement. If a candidate certifies on the statement of
547 organization for the exploratory committee pursuant to subsection (c) of
548 section 9-604, as amended by this act, that the candidate will not be a
549 candidate for the office of state representative and subsequently
550 establishes a candidate committee for the office of state representative,

551 the treasurer of the candidate committee shall pay to the State Treasurer,
552 for deposit in the General Fund, an amount equal to the portion of any
553 contribution received by said exploratory committee that exceeded two
554 hundred fifty dollars. As used in this subsection, "principal of an
555 investment services firm" has the meaning set forth in subsection (e) of
556 section 9-612 and "state office" has the same meaning set forth in
557 subsection (e) of section 9-610.

558 Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 9-609 of the general statutes is
559 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
560 *1, 2029*):

561 (a) The chairman of each party committee shall designate a treasurer
562 and may designate a deputy treasurer, or in the case of a state central
563 committee, not more than two deputy treasurers. The treasurer and any
564 deputy treasurers so designated shall sign a statement accepting the
565 designation, which shall be filed with the [proper authority] State
566 Elections Enforcement Commission with the statement of designation
567 required under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-602. No
568 state central committee or town committee shall establish a committee
569 other than a single party committee for purposes of this chapter. A party
570 committee or a political committee organized for ongoing political
571 activities shall form no other political committees, except that two or
572 more such committees may join to form a political committee for the
573 purpose of a single fund-raising event.

574 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 9-703 of the general statutes is
575 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
576 *1, 2029*):

577 (a) Each candidate for nomination or election to the office of state
578 senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of
579 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
580 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, shall file
581 an affidavit with the State Elections Enforcement Commission. The
582 affidavit shall include a written certification that the candidate either

intends to abide by the expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election Program set forth in subsection (c) of section 9-702, or does not intend to abide by said limits. If the candidate intends to abide by said limits, the affidavit shall also include written certifications (1) that the treasurer of the candidate committee for said candidate shall expend any moneys received from the Citizens' Election Fund in accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of section 9-607 and regulations adopted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission under subsection (e) of section 9-706, (2) that the candidate shall repay to the fund any such moneys that are not expended in accordance with subsection (g) of section 9-607 and said regulations, (3) that the candidate and the treasurer shall comply with the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-711, and (4) stating the candidate's status as a major party, minor party or petitioning party candidate and, in the case of a major party or minor party candidate, the name of such party. The written certification described in subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be made by both the candidate and the treasurer of the candidate committee for said candidate. A candidate for nomination or election to any such office shall file such affidavit not later than four o'clock p.m. on the twenty-fifth day before the day of a primary, if applicable, or on the fortieth day before the day of the election for such office, except that in the case of a special election for the office of state senator or state representative, the candidate shall file such affidavit not later than four o'clock p.m. on the twenty-fifth day before the day of such special election. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a candidate who is not required to form a candidate committee pursuant to subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 9-604, as amended by this act, files a certification with the commission pursuant to subsection [(c)] (b) of section 9-603, as amended by this act, and does not intend to participate in the Citizens' Election Program shall not be required to file such affidavit of intent not to abide by the expenditure limits of said program. Any such candidate shall be referred to as a nonparticipating candidate, in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 9-709 of the general statutes is

617 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
618 *1, 2029*):

619 (b) If a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
620 Governor is campaigning jointly with a candidate for nomination or
621 election to the office of Governor, the candidate committee and any
622 exploratory committee for the candidate for the office of Lieutenant
623 Governor shall be dissolved as of the applicable date set forth in
624 subsection (a) of this section. Not later than fifteen days after said date,
625 the treasurer of the candidate committee formed to aid or promote the
626 success of said candidate for nomination or election to the office of
627 Lieutenant Governor shall file a statement with the [proper authority]
628 State Elections Enforcement Commission under section 9-603, as
629 amended by this act, identifying all contributions received or
630 expenditures made by the committee since the previous statement and
631 the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be. Not later than thirty
632 days after the applicable date set forth in subsection (a) of this section,
633 (1) the treasurer of a qualified candidate committee formed to aid or
634 promote the success of said candidate for nomination or election to the
635 office of Lieutenant Governor shall distribute any surplus to the fund,
636 and (2) the treasurer of a nonqualified candidate committee formed to
637 aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination or election
638 to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall distribute such surplus in
639 accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) of section 9-608, as
640 amended by this act.

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

Section 1	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-603
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-604
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-608(d)
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-610(f)(2)
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-623(b)
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-624
Sec. 7	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-675
Sec. 8	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-602(b) and (c)

Sec. 9	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-605(a)
Sec. 10	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-605(c)
Sec. 11	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-607(m)
Sec. 12	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-608(a)
Sec. 13	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-608(e)(3) and (4)
Sec. 14	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-608(f)
Sec. 15	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-609(a)
Sec. 16	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-703(a)
Sec. 17	<i>January 1, 2029</i>	9-709(b)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), "covered persons" was changed to "persons covered under said chapters" for clarity; in Section 7(d), "of candidates" was added in the first sentence for clarity; and in Section 7(e), "a candidate" and "or candidate" were added for clarity.

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