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***"AN ACT MODIFYING CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS AND THE
POWERS OF THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT
COMMISSION."***

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

3 "Section 1. Subdivisions (25) and (26) of section 9-601 of the general
4 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

6 (25) "Organization expenditure" means an expenditure by a party
7 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
8 committee for the benefit of a candidate or candidate committee for:

9 (A) The preparation, display or mailing or other distribution of a
10 party candidate listing, including the electronic sharing, posting or

11 forwarding of content created by a candidate committee or a party
12 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
13 committee on behalf of a candidate, the use of a personal electronic mail
14 list or an existing electronic mail account for such purposes and other
15 similar de minimis activity that may or may not be related to
16 fundraising. As used in this subparagraph, "party candidate listing"
17 means any communication that meets the following criteria: (i) The
18 communication lists the name or names of candidates for election to
19 public office, (ii) the communication is distributed through public
20 advertising such as broadcast stations, cable television, newspapers or
21 similar media, or through direct mail, telephone, electronic mail,
22 publicly accessible sites on the Internet or personal delivery, and (iii) the
23 communication is made to promote the success or defeat of any
24 candidate or slate of candidates seeking the nomination for election, or
25 election or for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat
26 of any referendum question or the success or defeat of any political
27 party, provided such communication is not a solicitation for or on behalf
28 of a candidate committee;

29 (B) A document in printed or electronic form, including a party
30 platform, an electronic page providing merchant account services to be
31 used by a candidate for the collection of on-line contributions, a copy of
32 an issue paper, information pertaining to the requirements of this title,
33 a list of registered voters and voter identification information, which
34 document is created or maintained by a party committee, legislative
35 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee for the general
36 purposes of party or caucus building and is provided (i) to a candidate
37 who is a member of the party that has established such party committee,
38 or (ii) to a candidate who is a member of the party of the caucus or leader
39 who has established such legislative caucus committee or legislative
40 leadership committee, whichever is applicable;

41 (C) A campaign event at which campaign materials are present and
42 food or beverage may be provided, but at which no contribution shall
43 be received, solicited or bundled; or

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

46 (26) "Solicit" means (A) requesting that a contribution be made, (B)
47 participating in any fundraising activities for a candidate committee,
48 exploratory committee, political committee or party committee,
49 including, but not limited to, forwarding tickets to potential
50 contributors, receiving contributions for transmission to any such
51 committee, serving on the committee that is hosting a fundraising event,
52 introducing the candidate or making other public remarks at a
53 fundraising event, being honored or otherwise recognized at a
54 fundraising event, or bundling contributions, (C) serving as
55 chairperson, treasurer or deputy treasurer of any such committee, or (D)
56 establishing a political committee for the sole purpose of soliciting or
57 receiving contributions for any committee. "Solicit" does not include (i)
58 making a contribution that is otherwise permitted under this chapter,
59 (ii) informing any person of a position taken by a candidate for public
60 office or a public official, (iii) notifying the person of any activities of, or
61 contact information for, any candidate for public office, (iv) serving as a
62 member in any party committee or as an officer of such committee that
63 is not otherwise prohibited in this subdivision, [or] (v) mere attendance
64 at a [fundraiser] fundraising event, or (vi) electronically sharing a link
65 to a fundraising Internet web site or an invitation to a fundraising event,
66 if shared by a party committee, legislative caucus committee or
67 legislative leadership committee.

68 Sec. 2. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 9-621 of the general
69 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
70 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

71 (a) No individual shall make or incur any expenditure with the
72 consent of, in coordination with or in consultation with any candidate,
73 candidate committee or candidate's agent, no group of two or more
74 individuals acting together that receives funds or makes or incurs
75 expenditures not exceeding one thousand dollars in the aggregate and
76 has not formed a political committee shall make or incur any

77 expenditure, and no candidate or committee shall make or incur any
78 expenditure including an organization expenditure for a party
79 candidate listing, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of
80 section 9-601, as amended by this act, for any written, typed or other
81 printed communication, [or] any web-based, written communication or
82 any text message communication, which promotes the success or defeat
83 of any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election or
84 promotes or opposes any political party or solicits funds to benefit any
85 political party or committee unless such communication bears upon its
86 face as a disclaimer (1) the words "paid for by" and the following: (A) In
87 the case of such an individual, the name and address of such individual;
88 (B) [in the case of a committee other than a party committee, the name
89 of the committee and its treasurer; (C)] in the case of a [party] committee,
90 the name of the committee; or [(D)] (C) in the case of a group of two or
91 more individuals that receives funds or makes or incurs expenditures
92 not exceeding one thousand dollars in the aggregate and has not formed
93 a political committee, the name of the group and the name and address
94 of its agent, and (2) the words "approved by" and the following: (A) In
95 the case of an individual, group or committee other than a candidate
96 committee making or incurring an expenditure with the consent of, in
97 coordination with or in consultation with any candidate, candidate
98 committee or candidate's agent, the name of the candidate; or (B) in the
99 case of a candidate committee, the name of the candidate. For any text
100 message communication, the appearance of such a disclaimer in an
101 initial text message or the display of a link within the body of such
102 message to an Internet web site where such a disclaimer appears shall
103 be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

104 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section:

105 (1) No candidate or candidate committee or exploratory committee
106 established by a candidate shall make or incur any expenditure for
107 television advertising or Internet video advertising, which promotes the
108 success of such candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or
109 election or the defeat of another candidate's campaign for nomination at

110 a primary or election, unless, as a disclaimer, (A) [at the end of] during
111 such advertising there appears simultaneously, for a period of not less
112 than four seconds, (i) a clearly identifiable photographic or similar
113 image of the candidate making such expenditure, and (ii) a clearly
114 readable printed statement identifying such candidate [,] and indicating
115 that such candidate has approved the advertising, [and (iii) a
116 simultaneous, personal audio message, in the following form: "I am
117 (candidate's name) and I approved this message",] and (B) the
118 candidate's name and image appear in [, and the candidate's voice is
119 contained in,] the narrative of the advertising, before the end of such
120 advertising;

121 (2) No candidate or candidate committee or exploratory committee
122 established by a candidate shall make or incur any expenditure for radio
123 advertising or Internet audio advertising, which promotes the success
124 of such candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election or
125 the defeat of another candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary
126 or election, unless, as a disclaimer, (A) the advertising ends with a
127 personal audio statement by the candidate making such expenditure (i)
128 identifying such candidate and the office such candidate is seeking, and
129 (ii) indicating that such candidate has approved the advertising in the
130 following form: "I am (candidate's name) and I approved this
131 message", and (B) the candidate's name and voice are contained in the
132 narrative of the advertising, before the end of such advertising; and

133 (3) No candidate or candidate committee or exploratory committee
134 established by a candidate shall make or incur any expenditure for
135 automated telephone calls which promote the success of such
136 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election or the
137 defeat of another candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or
138 election, unless the candidate's name and voice are contained in the
139 narrative of the call, before the end of such call.

140 (c) No business entity, organization, association, committee, or group
141 of two or more individuals who have joined solely to promote the
142 success or defeat of a referendum question shall make or incur any

143 expenditure for any written, typed or other printed communication
144 which promotes the success or defeat of any referendum question unless
145 such communication bears upon its face, as a disclaimer, the words
146 "paid for by" and the following: (1) In the case of a business entity,
147 organization or association, the name of the business entity,
148 organization or association and the name of its chief executive officer or
149 equivalent, and in the case such communication is made during the
150 ninety-day period immediately prior to the referendum, such
151 communication shall also bear on its face the names of the five persons
152 who made the five largest aggregate covered transfers to such business
153 entity, organization or association during the twelve-month period
154 immediately prior to such referendum. The communication shall also
155 state that additional information about the business entity, organization
156 or association making such communication may be found on the State
157 Elections Enforcement Commission's Internet web site; (2) [in the case
158 of a political committee, the name of the committee and the name of its
159 treasurer; (3)] in the case of a political committee or a party committee,
160 the name of the committee; or [(4)] (3) in the case of such a group of two
161 or more individuals, the name of the group and the name and address
162 of its agent.

163 Sec. 3. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the general
164 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
165 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

166 (5) (A) To inspect or audit at any reasonable time and upon
167 reasonable notice the accounts or records of any treasurer or principal
168 treasurer, except as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this
169 subdivision, as required by chapter 155 or 157 and to audit any such
170 election, primary or referendum held within the state; provided, (i) (I)
171 not later than two months preceding the day of an election at which a
172 candidate is seeking election, the commission shall complete any audit
173 it has initiated in the absence of a complaint that involves a committee
174 of the same candidate from a previous election, and (II) during the two-
175 month period preceding the day of an election at which a candidate is

176 seeking election, the commission shall not initiate an audit in the
177 absence of a complaint that involves a committee of the same candidate
178 from a previous election, and (ii) the commission shall not audit any
179 caucus, as defined in subdivision (1) of section 9-372.

180 (B) When conducting an audit after an election or primary, the
181 commission shall randomly audit not more than [fifty] twenty per cent
182 of candidate committees, which shall be selected through the process of
183 a weighted lottery conducted by the commission that takes into account
184 the selection frequency of a district served by the office of state senator
185 or state representative, as applicable, for the immediately preceding
186 three regular elections for such office and increases or decreases the
187 likelihood that such district will be selected for audit based on such
188 selection frequency, except that the commissioner shall audit all
189 candidate committees for candidates for a state-wide office. Any such
190 lottery shall be duly noticed and open to the public.

191 (C) The commission shall notify, in writing, any committee of a
192 candidate for an office in the general election, or of any candidate who
193 had a primary for nomination to any such office, of its selection for an
194 audit not later than May thirty-first of the year immediately following
195 such election. In no case shall the commission audit any such candidate
196 committee that the commission fails to provide notice to in accordance
197 with this subparagraph.

198 (D) Not later than twelve months after the selection of candidate
199 committees through the lottery described in subparagraph (B) of this
200 subdivision, the commission shall complete the audit of each candidate
201 committee so selected and issue the commission's findings. Not later
202 than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the commission shall
203 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
204 having cognizance of matters relating to government oversight, in
205 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, concerning whether
206 there were any audits during the preceding calendar year that the
207 commission was unable to complete during such twelve-month period
208 and, if so, the reasons for such inability to complete such audits;

209 Sec. 4. Subdivision (14) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the general
210 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
211 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

212 (14) To (A) adopt and publish regulations and issue declaratory
213 rulings pursuant to chapter 54 to carry out the provisions of section 9-
214 7a, as amended by this act, this section, and chapters 155 and 157, [; to]
215 (B) issue upon request and publish advisory opinions in the Connecticut
216 Law Journal upon the requirements of chapters 155 and 157, (C) subject
217 to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, issue and publish
218 guidance documents relating to the requirements of chapters 155 and
219 157, and [to] (D) make recommendations to the General Assembly
220 concerning suggested revisions of the election laws, except that the
221 commission shall not issue any declaratory ruling or advisory opinion
222 relating to the provisions of chapter 157 during the one-hundred-eighty-
223 day period immediately preceding a state election, provided nothing in
224 this subdivision shall be construed to limit the commission's ability
225 during such period to provide general guidance and clarification
226 relating to the provisions of chapter 157;

227 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) On and after January 1, 2026, the
228 State Elections Enforcement Commission shall (1) issue and publish a
229 complete and detailed list of all documentation and internal records that
230 a treasurer of a qualified candidate committee, as defined in section 9-
231 700 of the general statutes, is required to maintain and furnish for the
232 purpose of complying with any audit conducted by the commission
233 pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the
234 general statutes, as amended by this act, and (2) include such list in each
235 guidance document that exceeds forty pages in length, or the equivalent
236 thereof for nonpaginated material, relating to the requirements of
237 chapter 157 of the general statutes issued and published by the
238 commission. Such list shall consist only of documentation and internal
239 records that are required by statute, regulation, declaratory ruling or
240 advisory opinion to be so maintained and furnished. No treasurer shall
241 be liable for failing to maintain or furnish any documentation or internal

242 record that is not contained in such list.

243 Sec. 6. Section 9-7b of the general statutes is amended by adding
244 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

245 (NEW) (c) (1) On and after July 1, 2025, prior to the issuance and
246 publication of any new guidance document that exceeds forty pages in
247 length, or the equivalent thereof for nonpaginated material, relating to
248 the requirements of chapters 155 and 157, or the revision of any such
249 existing guidance document, the commission shall submit such
250 guidance document to each of the four legislative leaders, as defined in
251 section 4-9d, and to the joint standing committee of the General
252 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
253 oversight, which may hold a hearing on such guidance document
254 within thirty days after the date of submittal to such committee.

255 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, "guidance document" (A)
256 means a document or material that provides general guidance relating
257 to the provisions of chapters 155 and 157, (B) includes any guidebook,
258 factsheet, document containing frequently asked questions, newsletter
259 and training module, including, but not limited to, any presentation
260 deck or slide, and (C) excludes any regulation, declaratory ruling and
261 advisory opinion.

262 Sec. 7. Subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of section 9-704 of the general
263 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
264 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

265 (b) (1) (A) For elections for the office of Governor or Lieutenant
266 Governor held in [2022, and thereafter] 2026, the aggregate contribution
267 amounts in subdivision (1) or (2) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of
268 this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections
269 Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, [2022, and
270 quadrennially thereafter] 2026, in accordance with any change in the
271 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
272 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during

273 the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December
274 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to
275 be made.

276 (B) For elections for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor
277 held in 2030, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in
278 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall
279 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
280 than December 15, 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance
281 with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
282 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
283 Statistics, during the period beginning on December 1, 2016, and ending
284 on November thirtieth in the year in which said adjustment is to be
285 made.

286 (2) (A) For elections for the office of Attorney General, State
287 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in [2018, and
288 thereafter] 2026, the aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (2)
289 of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
290 Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, [2018, and
291 quadrennially thereafter] 2026, in accordance with any change in the
292 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
293 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
294 the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December
295 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to
296 be made.

297 (B) For elections for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller,
298 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in 2030, and thereafter, the
299 aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
300 this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
301 Commission not later than December 15, 2026, and quadrennially
302 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
303 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
304 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
305 December 1, 2016, and ending on November thirtieth in the year in

306 which said adjustment is to be made.

307 (3) (A) [Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
308 for] For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
309 held in 2018, and thereafter until December 31, 2025, the aggregate
310 contribution amounts in subdivision (3) or (4) [, as applicable,] of
311 subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State
312 Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2018, and
313 biennially thereafter until December 31, 2025, in accordance with any
314 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
315 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
316 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending
317 on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said
318 adjustment is to be made.

319 (B) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
320 held in [2024] 2026, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts
321 in subdivision (3) or (4) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
322 Commission not later than [January 15, 2024] December 15, 2025, and
323 biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer
324 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
325 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
326 beginning on [January 1, 2017] December 1, 2016, and ending on
327 [December 31, 2021] November thirtieth in the year in which said
328 adjustment is to be made.

330 (c) (1) [For] (A) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this
331 subsection, for elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant
332 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
333 Secretary of the State held in [2022, and thereafter] 2026, the two-
334 hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount in
335 subdivision (1) or (2) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section, as
336 applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
337 Commission not later than January 15, [2022, and quadrennially
338 thereafter] 2026, in accordance with any change in the consumer price

339 index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
340 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
341 beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the
342 year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

343 (B) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection, for
344 elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
345 General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held
346 in 2030, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum
347 individual contribution amount in subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection
348 (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections
349 Enforcement Commission not later than December 15, 2026, and
350 quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
351 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
352 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
353 the period beginning on December 1, 2016, and ending on November
354 thirtieth in the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

355 (2) [For] (A) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this
356 subsection, for elections for the office of state senator or state
357 representative held in 2020, and thereafter until December 31, 2025, the
358 two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount in
359 subdivision (3) or (4) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section, as
360 applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
361 Commission not later than January 15, 2020, and biennially thereafter
362 until December 31, 2025, in accordance with any change in the consumer
363 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
364 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
365 beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the
366 year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

367 (B) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection, for
368 elections for the office of state senator or state representative held in
369 2026, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual
370 contribution amount in subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this
371 section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections

372 Enforcement Commission not later than December 15, 2025, and
373 biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer
374 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
375 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
376 beginning on December 1, 2016, and ending on November thirtieth in
377 the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

378 (3) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, on
379 and after December 15, 2025, the maximum individual contribution
380 amount resulting from any adjustment made by the State Elections
381 Enforcement Commission, pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this
382 subsection, as applicable, shall remain in effect until the immediately
383 following adjustment is made by the commission, at which time a new
384 maximum individual contribution amount shall take effect.

385 (B) In the event that any adjustment made by the State Elections
386 Enforcement Commission, pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this
387 subsection, as applicable, results in a new maximum individual
388 contribution amount that would be less than the maximum individual
389 contribution amount that resulted from the immediately preceding
390 adjustment, (i) such new maximum individual contribution amount
391 shall not take effect, and (ii) the maximum individual contribution
392 amount that resulted from the immediately preceding adjustment shall
393 remain in effect until the next adjustment made by the commission
394 pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection, as applicable.

395 (d) Each individual who makes a contribution of more than fifty
396 dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or promote the
397 success of a participating candidate for nomination or election shall
398 include with the contribution a certification that contains the same
399 information described in subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 9-
400 608 and shall follow the same procedure prescribed in said subsection.

401 (e) (1) The following shall not be deemed to be qualifying
402 contributions under subsection (a) of this section and shall be returned
403 to the contributor by the treasurer of the candidate committee [to the

404 contributor or transmitted to the State Elections Enforcement
405 Commission for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund] in accordance
406 with the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 9-706,
407 as amended by this act, or donated to a charitable organization which is
408 a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
409 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
410 revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time:

411 [(1)] (A) A contribution from a principal of a state contractor or
412 prospective state contractor;

413 [(2)] (B) A contribution of less than five dollars; [, and a contribution
414 of five dollars or more from an individual who does not provide the full
415 name and complete address of the individual;]

416 [(3)] (C) A contribution under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a)
417 of this section from an individual who does not reside in the state, in
418 excess of the applicable limit on contributions from out-of-state
419 individuals in subsection (a) of this section; and

420 [(4)] (D) A contribution made by a youth who is less than twelve years
421 of age.

422 (2) A contribution of five dollars or more from an individual who
423 does not provide the full name and complete address of such individual
424 shall not be deemed to be a qualifying contribution under subsection (a)
425 of this section and shall be returned to the contributor by the treasurer
426 of the candidate committee, if practicable, or transmitted to the State
427 Elections Enforcement Commission for deposit in the Citizens' Election
428 Fund.

429 Sec. 8. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 9-706 of the general
430 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
431 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

432 (b) The application shall include a written certification that:

- 433 (1) The candidate committee has received the required amount of
434 qualifying contributions;
- 435 (2) The candidate committee has repaid all moneys borrowed on
436 behalf of the campaign, as required by subsection (b) of section 9-710;
- 437 (3) The candidate committee has returned, whenever practicable, any
438 contribution of five dollars or more from an individual who does not
439 include the individual's name and address with the contribution;
- 440 (4) The candidate committee has [returned] taken reasonable efforts
441 to return all contributions or portions of contributions that do not meet
442 the criteria for qualifying contributions under section 9-704, as amended
443 by this act, and has transmitted all excess qualifying contributions to the
444 Citizens' Election Fund;
- 445 (5) The treasurer of the candidate committee will: (A) Comply with
446 the provisions of chapter 155 and this chapter, and (B) maintain and
447 furnish all records required pursuant to chapter 155 and this chapter
448 and any regulation adopted pursuant to such chapters;
- 449 (6) All moneys received from the Citizens' Election Fund will be
450 deposited upon receipt into the depository account of the candidate
451 committee;
- 452 (7) The treasurer of the candidate committee will expend all moneys
453 received from the fund in accordance with the provisions of subsection
454 (g) of section 9-607 and regulations adopted by the State Elections
455 Enforcement Commission under subsection (e) of this section;
- 456 (8) If the candidate withdraws from the campaign, becomes ineligible
457 or dies during the campaign, the candidate committee of the candidate
458 will return to the commission, for deposit in the fund, all moneys
459 received from the fund pursuant to sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,
460 which said candidate committee has not spent as of the date of such
461 occurrence;

462 (9) All outstanding civil penalties or forfeitures assessed pursuant to
463 chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, against the current or any former
464 committee of the candidate have been paid, provided (A) in the case of
465 any candidate seeking nomination for or election to the office of
466 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
467 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, any such penalty or forfeiture
468 was assessed not later than twenty-four months prior to the submission
469 of an application pursuant to this section; or (B) in the case of any
470 candidate seeking nomination for or election to the office of state senator
471 or state representative, any such penalty or forfeiture was assessed not
472 later than twelve months prior to the submission of an application
473 pursuant to this section;

474 (10) The treasurer has paid any civil penalties or forfeitures assessed
475 pursuant to chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, and has not been convicted
476 of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, in a court of competent
477 jurisdiction, any (A) felony involving fraud, forgery, larceny,
478 embezzlement or bribery, or (B) criminal offense under this title, unless
479 at least eight years have elapsed from the date of the conviction or plea
480 or the completion of any sentence, whichever date is later, without a
481 subsequent conviction of or plea to another such felony or offense;

482 (11) The candidate has not been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo
483 contendere to, in a court of competent jurisdiction, a criminal offense
484 under this title unless at least eight years have elapsed from the date of
485 the conviction or plea or the completion of any sentence, whichever date
486 is later, without a subsequent conviction of or plea to another such
487 offense; and

488 (12) The candidate has never been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo
489 contendere to, in a court of competent jurisdiction, a felony related to
490 the individual's public office, other than a criminal offense under this
491 title in accordance with subdivision (11) of this subsection.

492 (c) The application shall be accompanied by a cumulative itemized
493 accounting of all funds received, expenditures made and expenses

494 incurred but not yet paid by the candidate committee as of three days
495 preceding the day the application is filed. Such accounting shall be
496 sworn to under penalty of false statement by the treasurer of the
497 candidate committee. The commission shall prescribe the form of the
498 application and the cumulative itemized accounting. The form for such
499 accounting shall conform to the requirements of section 9-608. Both the
500 candidate and the treasurer of the candidate committee shall sign the
501 application.

502 (d) (1) In accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of this
503 section, the commission shall review the application [.] and determine
504 whether [(1)] (A) the candidate committee for the applicant has received
505 the required qualifying contributions, [(2)] (B) in the case of an
506 application for a grant from the fund for a convention campaign, the
507 applicant has met the applicable condition under subsection (a) of this
508 section for applying for such grant and complied with the provisions of
509 subsections (b) and (c) of this section, [(3)] (C) in the case of an
510 application for a grant from the fund for a primary campaign, the
511 applicant has met the applicable condition under subsection (a) of this
512 section for applying for such grant and complied with the provisions of
513 subsections (b) and (c) of this section, [(4)] (D) in the case of an
514 application for a grant from the fund for a general election campaign,
515 the applicant has met the applicable condition under subsection (a) of
516 this section for applying for such grant and complied with the
517 provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, and [(5)] (E) in the
518 case of an application by a minor party or petitioning party candidate
519 for a grant from the fund for a general election campaign, the applicant
520 qualifies as an eligible minor party candidate or an eligible petitioning
521 party candidate, whichever is applicable.

522 (2) During such review of the application:

523 (A) If the commission deems a contribution received by the candidate
524 committee not to be a qualifying contribution, the commission shall
525 advise the treasurer of the candidate committee of such determination
526 and cite the applicable reason and provision of law for such

527 determination and shall return the contribution to such treasurer based
528 on the information provided on the applicable contribution certification
529 form;

530 (B) For purposes of deeming a contribution a qualifying contribution,
531 there shall be a presumption that information provided on a
532 contribution certification form is true and correct, which presumption
533 may only be rebutted by proof to the contrary based on a prior
534 investigative finding of the commission; and

535 (C) The commission shall not disqualify any contribution from being
536 deemed a qualifying contribution for reason that (i) the residential
537 address associated with such contribution does not match the billing
538 address associated with such contribution, or (ii) such contribution was
539 made in response to an electronically shared link to a fundraising
540 Internet web site or invitation to a fundraising event.

541 (3) If the commission approves an application, the commission shall
542 determine the amount of the grant payable to the candidate committee
543 for the applicant pursuant to section 9-705 from the fund, and notify the
544 State Comptroller and the candidate of such candidate committee of
545 such amount. In so notifying the State Comptroller, the commission
546 shall (A) ensure that the qualified candidate committee of an applicant
547 is entitled to a full grant for the general election campaign only if (i) the
548 applicant's written certification under subsection (b) of this section
549 affirms that such committee received the required qualifying
550 contributions under section 9-704, as amended by this act, prior to the
551 seventieth day before the election, and (ii) the cumulative itemized
552 accounting under subsection (c) of this section demonstrates that the
553 applicant reasonably believes such written certification to be true and
554 correct, and (B) advise the State Comptroller accordingly. If the timing
555 of the commission's approval of the grant for a primary campaign or
556 general election campaign in relation to the Secretary of the State's
557 determination of ballot status is such that the commission cannot
558 determine whether the qualified candidate committee is entitled to the
559 applicable full initial grant for the primary or election or the applicable

560 partial grant for the primary or election, as the case may be, the
561 commission shall approve the lesser applicable partial initial grant. The
562 commission shall then authorize the payment of the remaining portion
563 of the applicable primary campaign or general election campaign grant
564 after the commission has knowledge of the circumstances regarding the
565 ballot status of the opposing candidates in such primary or election. Not
566 later than thirty days following notification by the commission in the
567 case of a convention campaign grant, or not later than two business days
568 following notification by the commission in the case of any other grant,
569 the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for
570 payment of any such approved amount to the qualified candidate
571 committee from the fund.

572 Sec. 9. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 9-7a of the general
573 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
574 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

575 (b) (1) A vacancy in the commission shall not impair the right of the
576 remaining members to exercise all the powers of the commission, and
577 three members of said commission shall constitute a quorum.

578 (2) All meetings of the commission, noticed in accordance with the
579 provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-
580 200, shall be broadcast contemporaneously and continuously on an
581 Internet web site identified in such notice. Such Internet web site shall
582 not require that any member of the public (A) create an account to access
583 such Internet web site, or (B) affirmatively reconnect to such broadcast
584 after an interruption due to the commission holding an executive
585 session. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to require the
586 broadcast of any portion of a meeting during which the commission is
587 holding an executive session.

588 (c) The commission shall at the close of each fiscal year report to the
589 General Assembly and the Governor concerning the action it has taken
590 including, but not limited to a list of all complaints investigated by the
591 commission and the disposition of each such complaint, by voting

592 districts, where the alleged violation occurred; the names, salaries and
593 duties of the individuals in its employ and the money it has disbursed;
594 and shall make such further reports on the matters within its jurisdiction
595 and such recommendations for further legislation as may appear
596 desirable.

597 (d) [The] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
598 the commission shall, subject to the provisions of chapter 67, employ
599 such employees as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
600 section, section 9-7b, as amended by this act, and section 9-623,
601 including an executive director, and may apply to the Commissioner of
602 Emergency Services and Public Protection or to the Chief State's
603 Attorney for necessary investigatory personnel, which the same are
604 hereby authorized to provide.

605 (2) (A) On or before March 1, 2027, and quadrennially thereafter, the
606 commission shall, with the advice and consent of both houses of the
607 General Assembly, appoint an executive director in the manner
608 prescribed in this subdivision, to serve at the pleasure of the commission
609 but not longer than four years after such appointment, unless
610 reappointed under the provisions of this subdivision.

611 (B) On or before February 1, 2027, and quadrennially thereafter, the
612 commission shall submit a nomination for executive director to both
613 houses of the General Assembly. Both houses shall immediately refer
614 the nomination to the committee on executive nominations, which shall
615 report thereon by resolution within fifteen calendar days from the date
616 of reference. The General Assembly, by resolution, shall confirm or
617 reject the nomination. If confirmed, the nominee shall take office on the
618 first day of March in the year in which the appointment is submitted. If
619 either house of the General Assembly rejects the nomination before the
620 first day of March in the year in which it is submitted, the procedure
621 prescribed in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision shall be followed.

622 (C) If a vacancy occurs in the office of executive director while the
623 General Assembly is in regular session, the commission shall, not later

624 than thirty days after the occurrence of the vacancy, submit its
625 nomination to fill the vacancy to both houses of the General Assembly.
626 Both houses shall immediately refer the nomination to the committee on
627 executive nominations, which shall report thereon by resolution within
628 fifteen legislative days from the date of reference. The General
629 Assembly, by resolution, shall confirm or reject such nomination. If the
630 General Assembly confirms the nomination within thirty calendar days
631 after it is submitted, the nominee shall forthwith take office to serve at
632 the pleasure of the commission but not longer than the original
633 appointee could have served under his or her appointment. If either
634 house of the General Assembly rejects the nomination within thirty
635 calendar days after it is submitted, the commission shall, within thirty
636 calendar days, submit another nomination to the General Assembly,
637 provided, if any nomination is submitted less than thirty calendar days
638 before the date established by the Constitution for adjournment of the
639 General Assembly, and the General Assembly fails to confirm or reject
640 the nomination before such adjournment on said date, the procedure
641 prescribed in subparagraph (D) of this subdivision shall be followed.

642 (D) If a vacancy occurs in the office of executive director while the
643 General Assembly is not in regular session, it shall be filled by the
644 commission until the sixth Wednesday of the next session of the General
645 Assembly. At the beginning of the next regular session of the General
646 Assembly, the commission shall submit the name of the vacancy
647 appointee to the General Assembly and the procedure prescribed in
648 subparagraph (C) of this subdivision shall be followed.

649 (E) No person whose name has been submitted by the commission
650 and whose nomination has been rejected by resolution of the General
651 Assembly shall serve in the office of executive director during the term
652 of the General Assembly which rejected him or her.

653 Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 9-601a of the general statutes is
654 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
655 *passage*):

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

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

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

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

667 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
668 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
669 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided for
670 the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under the
671 Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses made
672 by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal services to
673 any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an individual is
674 a volunteer if such individual is not receiving compensation for such
675 services regardless of whether such individual received compensation
676 in the past or may receive compensation for similar services that may be
677 performed in the future;

678 (5) The use of real or personal property, a portion or all of the cost of
679 invitations and the cost of food or beverages, voluntarily provided by
680 an individual to a candidate, including a nonparticipating or
681 participating candidate under the Citizens' Election Program, or to a
682 party, political or slate committee, in rendering voluntary personal
683 services at the individual's residential premises or a community room
684 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative
685 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual on
686 behalf of any candidate or committee does not exceed [four] five

687 hundred dollars with respect to any single event or does not exceed
688 [eight hundred] one thousand dollars for any such event hosted by two
689 or more individuals, provided at least one such individual owns or
690 resides at the residential premises, and further provided the cumulative
691 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual on
692 behalf of any such candidate or committee does not exceed [eight
693 hundred] one thousand dollars with respect to a calendar year or single
694 election, as the case may be;

695 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use by a party, political, slate or
696 candidate committee, including those for a participating or
697 nonparticipating candidate, at a discount, if the charge is not less than
698 the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative value of the
699 discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate committee does
700 not exceed four hundred dollars with respect to any single primary or
701 election, or to or on behalf of any party, political or slate committee, does
702 not exceed six hundred dollars in a calendar year;

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

704 (8) The payment, by a party committee or slate committee of the costs
705 of preparation, display, mailing or other distribution incurred by the
706 committee or individual with respect to any printed slate card, sample
707 ballot or other printed list containing the names of three or more
708 candidates;

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

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

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

721 (B) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
722 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-
723 raising affair sponsored by a party committee or a political committee,
724 other than an exploratory committee, provided the cumulative purchase
725 of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars from any single
726 party committee or a political committee, other than an exploratory
727 committee, in any calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or
728 fifty dollars for purchases by any other person. Notwithstanding the
729 provisions of this subparagraph, the following may not purchase
730 advertising space in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a
731 fund-raising affair sponsored by a party committee or a political
732 committee, other than an exploratory committee: (i) A communicator
733 lobbyist, (ii) a member of the immediate family of a communicator
734 lobbyist, (iii) a state contractor, (iv) a prospective state contractor, or (v)
735 a principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor. As used
736 in this subparagraph, "state contractor", "prospective state contractor"
737 and "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" have
738 the same meanings as provided in subsection (f) of section 9-612;

739 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's
740 candidate committee, provided the committee is for a nonparticipating
741 candidate;

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

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

750 individual;

751 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
752 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
753 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
754 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major purpose
755 of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to influence
756 the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such facilities,
757 equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a political party;

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

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

765 (17) The donation of food or beverage by an individual for
766 consumption at a slate, candidate, political committee or party
767 committee meeting, event or activity that is not a fund-raising affair to
768 the extent that the cumulative value of the food or beverages donated
769 by an individual for a single meeting or event does not exceed fifty
770 dollars;

771 (18) The value associated with the de minimis activity on behalf of a
772 party committee, political committee, slate committee or candidate
773 committee, including for activities including, but not limited to, (A) the
774 creation of electronic or written communications or digital photos or
775 video as part of an electronic file created on a voluntary basis without
776 compensation, including, but not limited to, the creation and ongoing
777 content development and delivery of social media on the Internet or
778 telephone, including, but not limited to, the sending or receiving of
779 electronic mail or messages, (B) the posting or display of a candidate's
780 name or group of candidates' names at a town fair, county fair, local

781 festival or similar mass gathering by a party committee, (C) the use of
782 personal property or a service that is customarily attendant to the
783 occupancy of a residential dwelling, or the donation of an item or items
784 of personal property that are customarily used for campaign purposes,
785 by an individual, to a candidate committee, provided the cumulative
786 fair market value of such use of personal property or service or items of
787 personal property does not exceed one hundred dollars in the aggregate
788 for any single election or calendar year, as the case may be;

789 (19) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar equipment
790 provided by a party committee, legislative caucus committee or
791 legislative leadership committee that serve as headquarters for or are
792 used by such party committee, legislative caucus committee or
793 legislative leadership committee;

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

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

797 (22) A communication containing an endorsement on behalf of a
798 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor,
799 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
800 Comptroller, Attorney General, state senator or state representative,
801 from a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
802 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney
803 General, state senator or state representative, provided the candidate
804 (A) making the endorsement is unopposed at the time of the
805 communication, and (B) being endorsed paid for such communication;

806 (23) A communication that is sent by mail to addresses in the district
807 for which a candidate being endorsed by another candidate pursuant to
808 this subdivision is seeking nomination or election to the office of state
809 senator or state representative, containing an endorsement on behalf of
810 such candidate for such nomination or election from a candidate for the
811 office of state senator or state representative, provided the candidate (A)

812 making the endorsement is not seeking election to the office of state
813 senator or state representative for a district that contains any
814 geographical area shared by the district for the office to which the
815 endorsed candidate is seeking nomination or election, and (B) being
816 endorsed paid for such communication; or

817 (24) Campaign training events provided to multiple individuals by a
818 legislative caucus committee and any associated materials, provided the
819 cumulative value of such events and materials does not exceed six
820 thousand dollars in the aggregate for a calendar year.

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

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

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

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

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

834 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
835 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
836 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided for
837 the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under the
838 Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses made
839 by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal services to
840 any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an individual is
841 a volunteer if such individual is not receiving compensation for such

842 services regardless of whether such individual received compensation
843 in the past or may receive compensation for similar services that may be
844 performed in the future;

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

849 (6) The use of real or personal property, a portion or all of the cost of
850 invitations and the cost of food or beverages, voluntarily provided by
851 an individual to a candidate, including a nonparticipating or
852 participating candidate under the Citizens' Election Program, or to a
853 party, political or slate committee, in rendering voluntary personal
854 services at the individual's residential premises or a community room
855 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative
856 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual on
857 behalf of any candidate or committee does not exceed ~~[four]~~ five
858 hundred dollars with respect to any single event or does not exceed
859 ~~[eight hundred]~~ one thousand dollars for any such event hosted by two
860 or more individuals, provided at least one such individual owns or
861 resides at the residential premises, and further provided the cumulative
862 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual on
863 behalf of any such candidate or committee does not exceed ~~[eight~~
864 ~~hundred]~~ one thousand dollars with respect to a calendar year or single
865 election, as the case may be;

866 (7) A communication described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
867 this section that includes speech or expression made (A) prior to the
868 ninety-day period preceding the date of a primary or an election at
869 which the clearly identified candidate or candidates are seeking
870 nomination to public office or position, that is made for the purpose of
871 influencing any legislative or administrative action, as defined in section
872 1-91, or executive action, or (B) during a legislative session for the
873 purpose of influencing legislative action;

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

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

880 (10) A communication containing an endorsement on behalf of a
881 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor,
882 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
883 Comptroller, Attorney General, state senator or state representative,
884 from a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
885 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney
886 General, state senator or state representative, shall not be an
887 expenditure attributable to the endorsing candidate, if the candidate
888 making the endorsement is unopposed at the time of the
889 communication;

890 (11) A communication that is sent by mail to addresses in the district
891 for which a candidate being endorsed by another candidate pursuant to
892 the provisions of this subdivision is seeking nomination or election to
893 the office of state senator or state representative, containing an
894 endorsement on behalf of such candidate for such nomination or
895 election, from a candidate for the office of state senator or state
896 representative, shall not be an expenditure attributable to the endorsing
897 candidate, if the candidate making the endorsement is not seeking
898 election to the office of state senator or state representative for a district
899 that contains any geographical area shared by the district for the office
900 to which the endorsed candidate is seeking nomination or election;

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

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

909 (14) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar equipment
 910 provided by a party committee, legislative caucus committee or
 911 legislative leadership committee that serve as headquarters for or are
 912 used by such party committee, legislative caucus committee or
 913 legislative leadership committee; or

914 (15) An expense or expenses incurred by a human being acting alone
 915 in an amount that is two hundred dollars or less, in the aggregate, that
 916 benefits a candidate for a single election."

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-601(25) and (26)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-621(a) to (c)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-7b(a)(5)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-7b(a)(14)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-7b(c)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-704(b) to (e)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-706(b) to (d)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-7a(b) to (d)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-601a(b)
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-601b(b)