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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4 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof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 (i) campaign materials are present
42 and food or beverage may be provided, but at which no contribution
43 shall be received, solicited or bundled, or (ii) a candidate or candidates
44 are present; or

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

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

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71 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof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

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

80 expenditure including an organization expenditure for a party
81 candidate listing, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (25) of
82 section 9-601, as amended by this act, for any written, typed or other
83 printed communication, [or] any web-based, written communication or
84 any text message communication, which promotes the success or defeat
85 of any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election or
86 promotes or opposes any political party or solicits funds to benefit any
87 political party or committee unless such communication bears upon its
88 face as a disclaimer (1) the words "paid for by" and the following: (A) In
89 the case of such an individual, the name and address of such individual;
90 (B) [in the case of a committee other than a party committee, the name
91 of the committee and its treasurer; (C)] in the case of a [party] committee,
92 the name of the committee; or [(D)] (C) in the case of a group of two or
93 more individuals that receives funds or makes or incurs expenditures
94 not exceeding one thousand dollars in the aggregate and has not formed
95 a political committee, the name of the group and the name and address
96 of its agent, and (2) the words "approved by" and the following: (A) In
97 the case of an individual, group or committee other than a candidate
98 committee making or incurring an expenditure with the consent of, in
99 coordination with or in consultation with any candidate, candidate
100 committee or candidate's agent, the name of the candidate; or (B) in the
101 case of a candidate committee, the name of the candidate. For any text
102 message communication, the appearance of such a disclaimer in an
103 initial text message or the display of a link within the body of such
104 message to an Internet web site where such a disclaimer appears shall
105 be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

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

107 (1) No candidate or candidate committee or exploratory committee
108 established by a candidate shall make or incur any expenditure for
109 television advertising or Internet video advertising, which promotes the
110 success of such candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or
111 election or the defeat of another candidate's campaign for nomination at
112 a primary or election, unless, as a disclaimer, (A) [at the end of] during

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

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

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

142 (c) No business entity, organization, association, committee, or group
143 of two or more individuals who have joined solely to promote the
144 success or defeat of a referendum question shall make or incur any
145 expenditure for any written, typed or other printed communication

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

165 Sec. 3. Subsection (h) of section 9-621 of the general statutes is
166 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
167 *2025*):

168 (h) (1) No person shall make or incur an independent expenditure for
169 any written, typed or other printed communication, including on a
170 billboard, or any web-based, written communication, unless such
171 communication bears upon its face, as a disclaimer, the words "Paid for
172 by" and the name of such person and the following statement: "This
173 message was made independent of any candidate or political party.". In
174 the case of a person making or incurring such an independent
175 expenditure during the ninety-day period immediately prior to the
176 primary or election for which the independent expenditure is made,
177 such communication shall also bear upon its face the names of the five
178 persons who made the five largest aggregate covered transfers to the

179 person making such communication during the twelve-month period
180 immediately prior to such primary or election, as applicable. The
181 communication shall also state that additional information about the
182 person making such communication may be found on the State
183 Elections Enforcement Commission's Internet web site.

184 (2) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
185 subsection, no person shall make or incur an independent expenditure
186 for a video broadcast by television, satellite or Internet, unless at the end
187 of such advertising there appears for a period of not less than four
188 seconds as a disclaimer, the following as [an audio message and] a
189 written statement: "This message was paid for by (person making the
190 communication) and made independent of any candidate or political
191 party.". In the case of a person making or incurring such an independent
192 expenditure during the ninety-day period immediately prior to the
193 primary or election for which the independent expenditure is made,
194 such communication shall also list the names of the five persons who
195 made the five largest aggregate covered transfers to the person making
196 such communication during the twelve-month period immediately
197 prior to such primary or election, as applicable. The communication
198 shall also state that additional information about the person making
199 such communication may be found on the State Elections Enforcement
200 Commission's Internet web site.

201 (3) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
202 subsection, no person shall make or incur an independent expenditure
203 for an audio communication broadcast by radio, satellite or Internet,
204 unless the advertising ends with a disclaimer that is a personal audio
205 statement by such person's agent (A) identifying the person paying for
206 the expenditure, and (B) indicating that the message was made
207 independent of any candidate or political party, using the following
208 form: "I am (name of the person's agent), (title), of (the person).
209 This message was made independent of any candidate or political
210 party.". In the case of a person making or incurring such an independent
211 expenditure during the ninety-day period immediately prior to the

212 primary or election for which the independent expenditure is made,
213 such communication shall state the names of the five persons who made
214 the five largest aggregate covered transfers to the person making such
215 communication during the twelve-month period immediately prior to
216 such primary or election, as applicable. The communication shall also
217 state that additional information about the person making such
218 communication may be found on the State Elections Enforcement
219 Commission's Internet web site.

220 (4) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (1) of this
221 subsection, no person shall make or incur an independent expenditure
222 for telephone calls, unless the narrative of the telephone call identifies
223 the person making the expenditure and during the ninety-day period
224 immediately prior to the primary or election for which the independent
225 expenditure is made, such communication shall state the names of the
226 five persons who made the five largest aggregate covered transfers to
227 the person making such communication during the twelve-month
228 period immediately prior to such primary or election, as applicable. The
229 communication shall also state that additional information about the
230 person making such communication may be found on the State
231 Elections Enforcement Commission's Internet web site.

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

235 (14) To (A) adopt and publish regulations and issue declaratory
236 rulings pursuant to chapter 54 to carry out the provisions of section 9-
237 7a, as amended by this act, this section, and chapters 155 and 157, ; to]
238 (B) issue upon request and publish advisory opinions in the Connecticut
239 Law Journal upon the requirements of chapters 155 and 157, (C) issue
240 and publish guidance documents relating to the requirements of
241 chapters 155 and 157, and [to] (D) make recommendations to the
242 General Assembly concerning suggested revisions of the election laws;

243 Sec. 5. Subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of section 9-704 of the general

244 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
245 (*Effective from passage*):

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

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

265 (2) (A) For elections for the office of Attorney General, State
266 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in 2026, the
267 aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
268 this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
269 Commission not later than July 3, 2025, in accordance with any change
270 in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
271 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
272 the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December 31,
273 2024.

274 ~~[(2)]~~ (B) For elections for the office of Attorney General, State
275 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in ~~[2018]~~ 2030,

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

285 (3) (A) [Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
286 for] For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
287 held in [2018, and thereafter] 2026, the aggregate contribution amounts
288 in subdivision (3) or (4) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section,
289 as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
290 Commission not later than [January 15, 2018, and biennially thereafter]
291 July 3, 2025, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
292 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
293 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
294 January 1, 2017, and ending on [December thirty-first in the year
295 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made] December
296 31, 2024.

297 (B) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
298 held in [2024] 2028, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts
299 in subdivision (3) or (4) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section,
300 as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
301 Commission not later than January 15, [2024] 2027, and biennially
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 January 1, 2017, and ending on December [31, 2021] thirty-first in the
306 year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

307 (c) (1) (A) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this
308 subsection, for elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant

309 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
310 Secretary of the State held in 2026, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar
311 maximum individual contribution amount in subdivision (1) or (2) of
312 subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State
313 Elections Enforcement Commission not later than July 3, 2025, in
314 accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban
315 consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor,
316 Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1,
317 2017, and ending on December 31, 2024.

318 [(c) (1) For] (B) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this
319 subsection, for elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant
320 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
321 Secretary of the State held in [2022] 2030, and thereafter, the two-
322 hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount in
323 subdivision (1) or (2) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section, as
324 applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
325 Commission not later than January 15, [2022] 2029, and quadrennially
326 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
327 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
328 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
329 January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year
330 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

331 (2) (A) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection,
332 for elections for the office of state senator or state representative held in
333 2026, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution
334 amount in subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this section, as
335 applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
336 Commission not later than July 3, 2025, in accordance with any change
337 in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
338 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
339 the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December 31,
340 2024.

341 [(2) For] (B) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this

342 subsection, for elections for the office of state senator or state
343 representative held in [2020] 2028, and thereafter, the two-hundred-
344 fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount in subdivision (3)
345 or (4) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable,
346 shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not
347 later than January 15, [2020] 2027, and biennially thereafter, in
348 accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban
349 consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor,
350 Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1,
351 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year
352 in which said adjustment is to be made.

353 (3) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, on
354 and after December 30, 2025, the maximum individual contribution
355 amount resulting from any adjustment made by the State Elections
356 Enforcement Commission, pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this
357 subsection, as applicable, shall remain in effect until the immediately
358 following adjustment is made by the commission, at which time a new
359 maximum individual contribution amount shall take effect.

360 (B) In the event that any adjustment made by the State Elections
361 Enforcement Commission, pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this
362 subsection, as applicable, results in a new maximum individual
363 contribution amount that would be less than the maximum individual
364 contribution amount that resulted from the immediately preceding
365 adjustment, (i) such new maximum individual contribution amount
366 shall not take effect, and (ii) the maximum individual contribution
367 amount that resulted from the immediately preceding adjustment shall
368 remain in effect until the next adjustment made by the commission
369 pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection, as applicable.

370 (d) Each individual who makes a contribution of more than fifty
371 dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or promote the
372 success of a participating candidate for nomination or election shall
373 include with the contribution a certification that contains the same
374 information described in subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 9-

375 608 and shall follow the same procedure prescribed in said subsection.

376 (e) (1) The following shall not be deemed to be qualifying
377 contributions under subsection (a) of this section and shall be returned
378 to the contributor by the treasurer of the candidate committee [to the
379 contributor or transmitted to the State Elections Enforcement
380 Commission for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund] and, as may be
381 necessary, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of
382 subsection (d) of section 9-706, as amended by this act:

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

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

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

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

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

401 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 9-706 of the general statutes is
402 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
403 *1, 2028*):

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

412 (B) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state
413 senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of
414 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
415 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may apply
416 to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from the
417 fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a primary campaign, after
418 the close of the state convention of the candidate's party that is called
419 for the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for the office that
420 the candidate is seeking, if a primary is required under chapter 153, and
421 (i) said party endorses the candidate for the office that the candidate is
422 seeking, (ii) the candidate is seeking nomination to the office of
423 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
424 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state
425 senator or state representative and receives at least fifteen per cent of the
426 votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call
427 vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate
428 for the office the candidate is seeking, or (iii) the candidate circulates a
429 petition and obtains the required number of signatures for filing a
430 candidacy for nomination for (I) the office of Governor, Lieutenant
431 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
432 Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state
433 representative, pursuant to section 9-400, or (II) the municipal office of
434 state senator or state representative, pursuant to section 9-406,
435 whichever is applicable.

436 (C) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall make any

437 such grants to participating candidates in accordance with the
438 provisions of subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of this section.

439 (2) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state
440 senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of
441 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or
442 State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections
443 Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens'
444 Election Program for a general election campaign:

445 (A) After the close of the state or district convention or municipal
446 caucus, convention or town committee meeting, whichever is
447 applicable, of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of
448 choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is
449 seeking, if (i) said party endorses said candidate for the office that the
450 candidate is seeking and no other candidate of said party files a
451 candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
452 provisions of section 9-400 or 9-406, whichever is applicable, (ii) the
453 candidate is seeking election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant
454 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
455 Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state
456 representative and receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the
457 convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on
458 the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for the office
459 the candidate is seeking, no other candidate for said office at such
460 convention either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of
461 said votes for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with
462 the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
463 388 or a candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
464 provisions of section 9-400, and no other candidate for said office
465 circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for
466 filing a candidacy for nomination for said office pursuant to section 9-
467 400, (iii) the candidate is seeking election to the office of Governor,
468 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
469 Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator

470 or state representative, circulates a petition and obtains the required
471 number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for said
472 office pursuant to section 9-400 and no other candidate for said office at
473 the state or district convention either receives the party endorsement or
474 said percentage of said votes for said endorsement or files a certificate
475 of endorsement with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
476 provisions of section 9-388 or a candidacy with the Secretary of the State
477 in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400, or (iv) the candidate
478 is seeking election to the municipal office of state senator or state
479 representative, circulates a petition and obtains the required number of
480 signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for the office the
481 candidate is seeking pursuant to section 9-406 and no other candidate
482 for said office at the caucus, convention or town committee meeting
483 either receives the party endorsement or files a certification of
484 endorsement with the town clerk in accordance with the provisions of
485 section 9-391;

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

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

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

495 (3) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state
496 senator or state representative at a special election in 2008, or thereafter,
497 may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant
498 from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a general
499 election campaign after the close of the district convention or municipal
500 caucus, convention or town committee meeting of the candidate's party
501 that is called for the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for

502 the office that the candidate is seeking.

503 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
504 subsection, no participating candidate for nomination or election who
505 changes the candidate's status as a major party, minor party or
506 petitioning party candidate or becomes a candidate of a different party,
507 after filing the [affidavit required under section 9-703] grant application
508 under this section, shall be eligible to [apply for a grant] receive
509 additional grant funds under the Citizens' Election Program for such
510 candidate's primary campaign for such nomination or general election
511 campaign for such election. The provisions of this subdivision shall not
512 apply in the case of a candidate who is nominated by more than one
513 party and does not otherwise change the candidate's status as a major
514 party, minor party or petitioning party candidate.

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

525 Sec. 7. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 9-706 of the general
526 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
527 (*Effective from passage*):

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

529 (1) The candidate committee has received the required amount of
530 qualifying contributions;

531 (2) The candidate committee has repaid all moneys borrowed on
532 behalf of the campaign, as required by subsection (b) of section 9-710;

533 (3) The candidate committee has returned, whenever practicable, any
534 contribution of five dollars or more from an individual who does not
535 include the individual's name and address with the contribution;

536 (4) The candidate committee has [returned] taken reasonable efforts
537 to return all contributions or portions of contributions that do not meet
538 the criteria for qualifying contributions under section 9-704, as amended
539 by this act, and has transmitted all excess qualifying contributions to the
540 Citizens' Election Fund;

541 (5) The treasurer of the candidate committee will: (A) Comply with
542 the provisions of chapter 155 and this chapter, and (B) maintain and
543 furnish all records required pursuant to chapter 155 and this chapter
544 and any regulation adopted pursuant to such chapters;

545 (6) All moneys received from the Citizens' Election Fund will be
546 deposited upon receipt into the depository account of the candidate
547 committee;

548 (7) The treasurer of the candidate committee will expend all moneys
549 received from the fund in accordance with the provisions of subsection
550 (g) of section 9-607 and regulations adopted by the State Elections
551 Enforcement Commission under subsection (e) of this section;

552 (8) If the candidate withdraws from the campaign, becomes ineligible
553 or dies during the campaign, the candidate committee of the candidate
554 will return to the commission, for deposit in the fund, all moneys
555 received from the fund pursuant to sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive,
556 which said candidate committee has not spent as of the date of such
557 occurrence;

558 (9) All outstanding civil penalties or forfeitures assessed pursuant to
559 chapters 155 to 157, inclusive, against the current or any former
560 committee of the candidate have been paid, provided (A) in the case of
561 any candidate seeking nomination for or election to the office of
562 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
563 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, any such penalty or forfeiture

564 was assessed not later than twenty-four months prior to the submission
565 of an application pursuant to this section; or (B) in the case of any
566 candidate seeking nomination for or election to the office of state senator
567 or state representative, any such penalty or forfeiture was assessed not
568 later than twelve months prior to the submission of an application
569 pursuant to this section;

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

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

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

588 (c) The application shall be accompanied by a cumulative itemized
589 accounting of all funds received, expenditures made and expenses
590 incurred but not yet paid by the candidate committee as of three days
591 preceding the day the application is filed. Such accounting shall be
592 sworn to under penalty of false statement by the treasurer of the
593 candidate committee. The commission shall prescribe the form of the
594 application and the cumulative itemized accounting. The form for such
595 accounting shall conform to the requirements of section 9-608. Both the

596 candidate and the treasurer of the candidate committee shall sign the
597 application.

598 (d) (1) In accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of this
599 section, the commission shall review the application [,] and determine
600 whether [(1)] (A) the candidate committee for the applicant has received
601 the required qualifying contributions, [(2)] (B) in the case of an
602 application for a grant from the fund for a convention campaign, the
603 applicant has met the applicable condition under subsection (a) of this
604 section for applying for such grant and complied with the provisions of
605 subsections (b) and (c) of this section, [(3)] (C) in the case of an
606 application for a grant from the fund for a primary campaign, the
607 applicant has met the applicable condition under subsection (a) of this
608 section for applying for such grant and complied with the provisions of
609 subsections (b) and (c) of this section, [(4)] (D) in the case of an
610 application for a grant from the fund for a general election campaign,
611 the applicant has met the applicable condition under subsection (a) of
612 this section for applying for such grant and complied with the
613 provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, and [(5)] (E) in the
614 case of an application by a minor party or petitioning party candidate
615 for a grant from the fund for a general election campaign, the applicant
616 qualifies as an eligible minor party candidate or an eligible petitioning
617 party candidate, whichever is applicable.

618 (2) During such review of the application, if the commission deems a
619 contribution received by the candidate committee not to be a qualifying
620 contribution, the commission shall advise the treasurer of the candidate
621 committee of such determination and return the funds to such treasurer
622 not later than seven days after the primary or election, as applicable, in
623 order to allow such treasurer to return the contribution to the
624 contributor based on the information provided on the applicable
625 contribution certification form.

626 (3) (A) If the commission approves an application, the commission
627 shall determine the amount of the grant payable to the candidate
628 committee for the applicant pursuant to section 9-705 from the fund, and

629 notify the State Comptroller and the candidate of such candidate
630 committee of such amount.

631 (B) (i) If the timing of the commission's approval of the grant for a
632 convention campaign in relation to the commission's consumer price
633 index adjustment under subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 9-
634 705 is such that the commission cannot yet determine the final amount
635 of the convention campaign grant, the commission shall approve the
636 unadjusted initial amount. The commission shall then authorize the
637 payment of any remaining portion of the convention campaign grant
638 after such adjustment has been made.

639 (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B)(i) of this
640 subdivision, the candidate committee of an applicant who submits an
641 application prior to July 3, 2025, shall only be approved by the
642 commission to receive payment of the unadjusted amount described in
643 said subparagraph.

644 (C) If the timing of the commission's approval of the grant for a
645 primary campaign or general election campaign in relation to the
646 Secretary of the State's determination of ballot status is such that the
647 commission cannot determine whether the qualified candidate
648 committee is entitled to the applicable full initial grant for the primary
649 or election or the applicable partial grant for the primary or election, as
650 the case may be, the commission shall approve the lesser applicable
651 partial initial grant. The commission shall then authorize the payment
652 of the remaining portion of the applicable primary campaign or general
653 election campaign grant after the commission has knowledge of the
654 circumstances regarding the ballot status of the opposing candidates in
655 such primary or election.

656 (D) Not later than thirty days following notification by the
657 commission in the case of a convention campaign grant, or not later than
658 two business days following notification by the commission in the case
659 of any other grant, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the
660 State Treasurer for payment of any such approved amount to the

661 qualified candidate committee from the fund.

662 Sec. 8. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 9-7a of the general
663 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
664 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

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

668 (2) All meetings of the commission, noticed in accordance with the
669 provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-
670 200, shall be broadcast contemporaneously and continuously on an
671 Internet web site identified in such notice. Such Internet web site shall
672 not require that any member of the public (A) create an account to access
673 such Internet web site, or (B) affirmatively reconnect to such broadcast
674 after an interruption due to the commission holding an executive
675 session. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to require the
676 broadcast of any portion of a meeting during which the commission is
677 holding an executive session.

678 (c) The commission shall at the close of each fiscal year report to the
679 General Assembly and the Governor concerning the action it has taken
680 including, but not limited to a list of all complaints investigated by the
681 commission and the disposition of each such complaint, by voting
682 districts, where the alleged violation occurred; the names, salaries and
683 duties of the individuals in its employ and the money it has disbursed;
684 and shall make such further reports on the matters within its jurisdiction
685 and such recommendations for further legislation as may appear
686 desirable.

687 (d) The commission shall, subject to the provisions of chapter 67,
688 employ such employees as may be necessary to carry out the provisions
689 of this section, section 9-7b, as amended by this act, and section 9-623
690 and may apply to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
691 Protection or to the Chief State's Attorney for necessary investigatory

692 personnel, which the same are hereby authorized to provide. Not later
693 than July 1, 2025, and every five years thereafter, the commission shall
694 appoint an executive director who shall serve for a term of five years,
695 except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such position shall
696 only be so appointed for the unexpired term. An executive director may
697 serve consecutive terms and may serve until a successor is appointed
698 and has qualified.

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

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

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

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

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

713 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
714 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
715 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided for
716 the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under the
717 Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses made
718 by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal services to
719 any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an individual is
720 a volunteer if such individual is not receiving compensation for such
721 services regardless of whether such individual received compensation
722 in the past or may receive compensation for similar services that may be

723 performed in the future;

724 (5) The use of real or personal property, a portion or all of the cost of
725 invitations and the cost of food or beverages, voluntarily provided by
726 an individual to a candidate, including a nonparticipating or
727 participating candidate under the Citizens' Election Program, or to a
728 party, political or slate committee, in rendering voluntary personal
729 services at the individual's residential premises or a community room
730 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative
731 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual on
732 behalf of any candidate or committee does not exceed ~~[four]~~ five
733 hundred dollars with respect to any single event or does not exceed
734 ~~[eight hundred]~~ one thousand dollars for any such event hosted by two
735 or more individuals, provided at least one such individual owns or
736 resides at the residential premises, and further provided the cumulative
737 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual on
738 behalf of any such candidate or committee does not exceed ~~[eight~~
739 ~~hundred]~~ one thousand dollars with respect to a calendar year or single
740 election, as the case may be;

741 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use by a party, political, slate or
742 candidate committee, including those for a participating or
743 nonparticipating candidate, at a discount, if the charge is not less than
744 the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative value of the
745 discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate committee does
746 not exceed four hundred dollars with respect to any single primary or
747 election, or to or on behalf of any party, political or slate committee, does
748 not exceed six hundred dollars in a calendar year;

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

750 (8) The payment, by a party committee or slate committee of the costs
751 of preparation, display, mailing or other distribution incurred by the
752 committee or individual with respect to any printed slate card, sample
753 ballot or other printed list containing the names of three or more
754 candidates;

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

760 (10) (A) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
761 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair sponsored by the
762 candidate committee of a candidate for an office of a municipality,
763 provided the cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two
764 hundred fifty dollars from any single such candidate or the candidate's
765 committee with respect to any single election campaign if the purchaser
766 is a business entity or fifty dollars for purchases by any other person;

767 (B) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
768 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a fund-
769 raising affair sponsored by a party committee or a political committee,
770 other than an exploratory committee, provided the cumulative purchase
771 of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars from any single
772 party committee or a political committee, other than an exploratory
773 committee, in any calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or
774 fifty dollars for purchases by any other person. Notwithstanding the
775 provisions of this subparagraph, the following may not purchase
776 advertising space in a program for a fund-raising affair or on signs at a
777 fund-raising affair sponsored by a party committee or a political
778 committee, other than an exploratory committee: (i) A communicator
779 lobbyist, (ii) a member of the immediate family of a communicator
780 lobbyist, (iii) a state contractor, (iv) a prospective state contractor, or (v)
781 a principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor. As used
782 in this subparagraph, "state contractor", "prospective state contractor"
783 and "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" have
784 the same meanings as provided in subsection (f) of section 9-612;

785 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's
786 candidate committee, provided the committee is for a nonparticipating
787 candidate;

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

792 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a telephone
793 company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications service for
794 a committee or to another utility company, such as an electric
795 distribution company, provided the security deposit is refunded to the
796 individual;

797 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
798 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
799 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
800 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major purpose
801 of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to influence
802 the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such facilities,
803 equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a political party;

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

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

811 (17) The donation of food or beverage by an individual for
812 consumption at a slate, candidate, political committee or party
813 committee meeting, event or activity that is not a fund-raising affair to
814 the extent that the cumulative value of the food or beverages donated
815 by an individual for a single meeting or event does not exceed fifty
816 dollars;

817 (18) The value associated with the de minimis activity on behalf of a
818 party committee, political committee, slate committee or candidate

819 committee, including for activities including, but not limited to, (A) the
820 creation of electronic or written communications or digital photos or
821 video as part of an electronic file created on a voluntary basis without
822 compensation, including, but not limited to, the creation and ongoing
823 content development and delivery of social media on the Internet or
824 telephone, including, but not limited to, the sending or receiving of
825 electronic mail or messages, (B) the posting or display of a candidate's
826 name or group of candidates' names at a town fair, county fair, local
827 festival or similar mass gathering by a party committee, (C) the use of
828 personal property or a service that is customarily attendant to the
829 occupancy of a residential dwelling, or the donation of an item or items
830 of personal property that are customarily used for campaign purposes,
831 by an individual, to a candidate committee, provided the cumulative
832 fair market value of such use of personal property or service or items of
833 personal property does not exceed one hundred dollars in the aggregate
834 for any single election or calendar year, as the case may be;

835 (19) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar equipment
836 provided by a party committee, legislative caucus committee or
837 legislative leadership committee that serve as headquarters for or are
838 used by such party committee, legislative caucus committee or
839 legislative leadership committee;

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

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

843 (22) A communication containing an endorsement on behalf of a
844 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor,
845 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
846 Comptroller, Attorney General, state senator or state representative,
847 from a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
848 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney
849 General, state senator or state representative, provided the candidate
850 (A) making the endorsement is unopposed at the time of the

851 communication, and (B) being endorsed paid for such communication;

852 (23) A communication that is sent by mail to addresses in the district
853 for which a candidate being endorsed by another candidate pursuant to
854 this subdivision is seeking nomination or election to the office of state
855 senator or state representative, containing an endorsement on behalf of
856 such candidate for such nomination or election from a candidate for the
857 office of state senator or state representative, provided the candidate (A)
858 making the endorsement is not seeking election to the office of state
859 senator or state representative for a district that contains any
860 geographical area shared by the district for the office to which the
861 endorsed candidate is seeking nomination or election, and (B) being
862 endorsed paid for such communication; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

880 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
881 their time on behalf of a party committee, political committee, slate
882 committee or candidate committee, including any services provided for
883 the benefit of nonparticipating and participating candidates under the
884 Citizens' Election Program and any unreimbursed travel expenses made
885 by an individual who volunteers the individual's personal services to
886 any such committee. For purposes of this subdivision, an individual is
887 a volunteer if such individual is not receiving compensation for such
888 services regardless of whether such individual received compensation
889 in the past or may receive compensation for similar services that may be
890 performed in the future;

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

895 (6) The use of real or personal property, a portion or all of the cost of
896 invitations and the cost of food or beverages, voluntarily provided by
897 an individual to a candidate, including a nonparticipating or
898 participating candidate under the Citizens' Election Program, or to a
899 party, political or slate committee, in rendering voluntary personal
900 services at the individual's residential premises or a community room
901 in the individual's residence facility, to the extent that the cumulative
902 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual on
903 behalf of any candidate or committee does not exceed ~~[four]~~ five
904 hundred dollars with respect to any single event or does not exceed
905 ~~[eight hundred]~~ one thousand dollars for any such event hosted by two
906 or more individuals, provided at least one such individual owns or
907 resides at the residential premises, and further provided the cumulative
908 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by an individual on
909 behalf of any such candidate or committee does not exceed ~~[eight~~
910 ~~hundred]~~ one thousand dollars with respect to a calendar year or single
911 election, as the case may be;

912 (7) A communication described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of

913 this section that includes speech or expression made (A) prior to the
914 ninety-day period preceding the date of a primary or an election at
915 which the clearly identified candidate or candidates are seeking
916 nomination to public office or position, that is made for the purpose of
917 influencing any legislative or administrative action, as defined in section
918 1-91, or executive action, or (B) during a legislative session for the
919 purpose of influencing legislative action;

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

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

926 (10) A communication containing an endorsement on behalf of a
927 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor,
928 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
929 Comptroller, Attorney General, state senator or state representative,
930 from a candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
931 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, Attorney
932 General, state senator or state representative, shall not be an
933 expenditure attributable to the endorsing candidate, if the candidate
934 making the endorsement is unopposed at the time of the
935 communication;

936 (11) A communication that is sent by mail to addresses in the district
937 for which a candidate being endorsed by another candidate pursuant to
938 the provisions of this subdivision is seeking nomination or election to
939 the office of state senator or state representative, containing an
940 endorsement on behalf of such candidate for such nomination or
941 election, from a candidate for the office of state senator or state
942 representative, shall not be an expenditure attributable to the endorsing
943 candidate, if the candidate making the endorsement is not seeking
944 election to the office of state senator or state representative for a district

945 that contains any geographical area shared by the district for the office
946 to which the endorsed candidate is seeking nomination or election;

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

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

955 (14) The use of offices, telephones, computers and similar equipment
956 provided by a party committee, legislative caucus committee or
957 legislative leadership committee that serve as headquarters for or are
958 used by such party committee, legislative caucus committee or
959 legislative leadership committee; or

960 (15) An expense or expenses incurred by a human being acting alone
961 in an amount that is two hundred dollars or less, in the aggregate, that
962 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>	9-621(h)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-7b(a)(14)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-704(b) to (e)
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2028</i>	9-706(a)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-706(b) to (d)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-7a(b) to (d)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-601a(b)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-601b(b)