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"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORMS."

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

3 "Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 9-621 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
5 *2024*):

6 (d) The provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section do not
7 apply to (1) any editorial, news story, or commentary published in any
8 newspaper, magazine or journal on its own behalf and upon its own
9 responsibility and for which it does not charge or receive any
10 compensation whatsoever, (2) any banner, (3) political paraphernalia
11 including pins, buttons, badges, emblems, hats, bumper stickers or
12 other similar materials, [or] (4) signs with a surface area of not more than
13 thirty-two square feet, or (5) any text or media message, as defined in
14 section 42-284, for which a legislative caucus or legislative leadership
15 committee made or incurred an expenditure, that (A) does not solicit

16 funds, (B) clearly identifies one or more candidates or political parties,
17 and (C) states the name of each such committee that made or incurred
18 such expenditure.

19 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 9-618 of the 2024 supplement to the
20 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
21 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

22 (d) (1) (A) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
23 committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit
24 of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a
25 committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for
26 nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to
27 the office of: [(A)] (i) State senator, in excess of ten thousand dollars; or
28 [(B)] (ii) state representative, in excess of five thousand dollars. The
29 limits imposed by this subdivision shall apply separately to primaries
30 and elections. No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
31 committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit
32 of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a
33 committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for
34 nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to
35 any office not included in this subdivision.

36 (B) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision:
37 [a]

38 (i) A legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee
39 may pay or reimburse another legislative caucus committee or
40 legislative leadership committee for its pro rata share of certain
41 expenses in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section
42 9-610; and

43 (ii) A legislative caucus committee and a legislative leadership
44 committee, or a legislative leadership committee and another legislative
45 leadership committee, for the same political party in the same house of
46 the General Assembly may transfer funds between themselves,
47 provided the treasurers of both such committees authorize such transfer

48 in writing.

49 (2) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
50 committee shall make a contribution or contributions in any calendar
51 year to, or for the benefit of, the state central committee of a political
52 party, in excess of ten thousand dollars.

53 (3) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
54 committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the
55 benefit of, any committee except as provided in this subsection.

56 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 9-619 of the 2024 supplement to the
57 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
58 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

59 (d) (1) (A) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
60 committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit
61 of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a
62 committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for
63 nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to
64 the office of: ~~[(A)]~~ (i) State senator, in excess of ten thousand dollars; or
65 ~~[(B)]~~ (ii) state representative, in excess of five thousand dollars. The
66 limits imposed by this subdivision shall apply separately to primaries
67 and elections. No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
68 committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit
69 of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a
70 committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for
71 nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to
72 any office not included in this subdivision.

73 (B) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision:
74 [a]

75 (i) A legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee
76 may pay or reimburse another legislative caucus committee or
77 legislative leadership committee for its pro rata share of certain
78 expenses in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section

79 9-610; and

80 (ii) A legislative caucus committee and a legislative leadership
81 committee, or a legislative leadership committee and another legislative
82 leadership committee, for the same political party in the same house of
83 the General Assembly may transfer funds between themselves,
84 provided the treasurers of both such committees authorize such transfer
85 in writing.

86 (2) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
87 committee shall make a contribution or contributions in any calendar
88 year to, or for the benefit of, the state central committee of a political
89 party, in excess of ten thousand dollars.

90 (3) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
91 committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the
92 benefit of, any committee except as provided in this subsection.

93 Sec. 4. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-704 of the 2024 supplement
94 to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in
95 lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2025*):

96 (b) (1) For elections for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor
97 held in [2022] 2026, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts
98 in subdivision (1) or (2) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section,
99 as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
100 Commission not later than [January 15, 2022] January 1, 2026, and
101 quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
102 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
103 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
104 the period beginning on [January 1, 2017] November 1, 2016, and ending
105 on [December thirty-first] October thirty-first in the year preceding the
106 year in which said adjustment is to be made.

107 (2) For elections for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller,
108 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in [2018] 2026, and
109 thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (2) of

110 subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
111 Enforcement Commission not later than [January 15, 2018] January 1,
112 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
113 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
114 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
115 the period beginning on [January 1, 2017] November 1, 2016, and ending
116 on [December thirty-first] October thirty-first in the year preceding the
117 year in which said adjustment is to be made.

118 (3) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision: [,
119 for]

120 (i) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
121 held in 2018, and thereafter until December 31, 2025, the aggregate
122 contribution amounts in subdivision (3) or (4) [, as applicable,] of
123 subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State
124 Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2018, and
125 biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer
126 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
127 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
128 beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the
129 year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

130 (ii) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
131 held in 2026, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in
132 subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall
133 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
134 than January 1, 2026, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any
135 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
136 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
137 Statistics, during the period beginning on November 1, 2016, and ending
138 on October thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said
139 adjustment is to be made.

140 (B) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
141 held in 2024, the aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (3) or

142 (4) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall
143 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
144 than January 15, 2024, in accordance with any change in the consumer
145 price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States
146 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period
147 beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December 31, 2021.

148 (c) (1) For elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
149 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the
150 State held in [2022] 2026, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar
151 maximum individual contribution amount in subdivision (1) or (2) [, as
152 applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be
153 adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than
154 [January 15, 2022] January 1, 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, in
155 accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban
156 consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor,
157 Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on [January 1,
158 2017] November 1, 2016, and ending on [December thirty-first] October
159 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to
160 be made.

161 (2) (A) For elections for the office of state senator or state
162 representative held in 2020, and thereafter until December 31, 2025, the
163 two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount in
164 subdivision (3) or (4) [, as applicable,] of subsection (a) of this section, as
165 applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
166 Commission not later than January 15, 2020, and biennially thereafter,
167 in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban
168 consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor,
169 Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1,
170 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year
171 in which said adjustment is to be made.

172 (B) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
173 held in 2026, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum
174 individual contribution amount in subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection

175 (a) of this section, as applicable, shall be adjusted by the State Elections
176 Enforcement Commission not later than January 1, 2026, and biennially
177 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
178 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
179 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
180 November 1, 2016, and ending on October thirty-first in the year
181 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

182 Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 9-705 of the 2024 supplement to the
183 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
184 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2025*):

185 (d) (1) For elections held in 2026, and thereafter, the amount of the
186 grants in subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State
187 Elections Enforcement Commission not later than [January 15] January
188 1, 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
189 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
190 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
191 the period beginning on [January 1, 2022] November 1, 2021, and ending
192 on [December thirty-first] October thirty-first in the year preceding the
193 year in which said adjustment is to be made.

194 (2) For elections held in [2014] 2026, and thereafter, the amount of the
195 grants in subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by the
196 State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than [January 15,
197 2014] January 1, 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with
198 any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
199 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
200 Statistics, during the period beginning on [January 1, 2010] November
201 1, 2009, and ending on [December thirty-first] October thirty-first in the
202 year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

203 Sec. 6. Subsection (h) of section 9-705 of the 2024 supplement to the
204 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
205 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2025*):

206 (h) (1) [Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for]

207 For elections held in 2010, and thereafter until December 31, 2025, the
208 amount of the grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall
209 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
210 than January 15, 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any
211 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
212 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
213 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending
214 on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said
215 adjustment is to be made.

216 (2) For elections held in ~~[2018]~~ 2026, and thereafter, the amount of the
217 grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted by
218 the State Elections Enforcement Commission ~~[immediately]~~ not later
219 than January 1, 2026, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any
220 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
221 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
222 Statistics, during the period beginning on ~~[January 1, 2008]~~ November
223 1, 2007, and ending on ~~[December 31, 2015]~~ October thirty-first in the
224 year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

225 Sec. 7. Subsection (e) of section 9-718 of the 2024 supplement to the
226 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
227 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2025*):

228 (e) ~~(1)~~ For any election held in 2014, and thereafter until December 31,
229 2025, the amount of the limitations on organization expenditures
230 provided in subsections (a) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by
231 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
232 2014, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
233 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
234 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
235 the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December
236 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to
237 be made.

238 (2) For any election held in 2026, and thereafter, the amount of the

239 limitations on organization expenditures provided in subsections (a)
240 and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
241 Enforcement Commission not later than January 1, 2026, and biennially
242 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
243 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
244 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
245 November 1, 2009, and ending on October thirty-first in the year
246 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

247 Sec. 8. Subsection (j) of section 9-610 of the 2024 supplement to the
248 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
249 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

250 (j) (1) The provisions of subsections (g), (h) and (i) of this [subsection]
251 section shall not apply to the campaign of a communicator lobbyist,
252 immediate family member of a communicator lobbyist or agent of a
253 communicator lobbyist who is a candidate for public office or to an
254 immediate family member of a communicator lobbyist who is an elected
255 public official.

256 (2) The provisions of subsection (g) of this section shall not apply to
257 any contribution that is made to a party committee, legislative caucus
258 committee or legislative leadership committee by a political committee
259 established or controlled by an immediate family member of a
260 communicator lobbyist who is an elected public official, provided such
261 communicator lobbyist does not solicit on behalf of such political
262 committee.

263 Sec. 9. Subdivision (25) of section 9-601 of the 2024 supplement to the
264 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
265 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

266 (25) "Organization expenditure" means an expenditure by a party
267 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
268 committee for the benefit of a candidate or candidate committee for:

269 (A) The preparation, display or mailing or other distribution of a

270 party candidate listing. As used in this subparagraph, "party candidate
271 listing" means any communication that meets the following criteria: (i)
272 The communication lists the name or names of candidates for election
273 to public office, (ii) the communication is distributed through public
274 advertising such as broadcast stations, cable television, newspapers or
275 similar media, or through direct mail, telephone, electronic mail,
276 publicly accessible sites on the Internet or personal delivery, and (iii) the
277 communication is made to promote the success or defeat of any
278 candidate or slate of candidates seeking the nomination for election, or
279 election or for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat
280 of any referendum question or the success or defeat of any political
281 party, provided such communication is not a solicitation for or on behalf
282 of a candidate committee;

283 (B) A document in printed or electronic form, including a party
284 platform, an electronic page providing merchant account services to be
285 used by a candidate for the collection of on-line contributions, a copy of
286 an issue paper, information pertaining to the requirements of this title,
287 a list of registered voters and voter identification information, which
288 document is created or maintained by a party committee, legislative
289 caucus committee or legislative leadership committee for the general
290 purposes of party or caucus building and is provided (i) to a candidate
291 who is a member of the party that has established such party committee,
292 or (ii) to a candidate who is a member of the party of the caucus or leader
293 who has established such legislative caucus committee or legislative
294 leadership committee, whichever is applicable;

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	9-621(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	9-618(d)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	9-619(d)
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	9-704(b) and (c)
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	9-705(d)
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	9-705(h)
Sec. 7	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	9-718(e)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	9-610(j)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	9-601(25)