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"AN ACT CONCERNING SLATE COMMITTEES."

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

3 "Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 9-604 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (c) The chairman of a political committee formed to support a single
7 candidate for public office shall, not later than seven days after filing a
8 statement of organization with the proper authority under section 9-
9 603, send the candidate a notice, by certified mail, of such filing. If a
10 candidate (1) does not [, within fourteen days after receiving such
11 notice,] disavow such committee, in writing, to the proper authority
12 under section 9-603, not later than fourteen days after receiving such
13 notice, or (2) disavows such committee within such [period] fourteen-
14 day period following receipt of such notice, but, at any time before

15 such disavowal, accepts funds from the committee for [his] such
16 candidate's campaign, such committee shall be deemed to have been
17 authorized by such candidate and shall constitute a candidate
18 committee for the purposes of this chapter. No candidate shall
19 establish, agree to or assist in establishing, or give his or her consent or
20 authorization to establishing a committee other than a single candidate
21 committee or a slate committee to promote [his] such candidate's
22 candidacy for any public office except that a candidate may establish
23 an exploratory committee. The candidate shall designate on the
24 statement of organization for the exploratory committee the type of
25 office to which the candidate is determining whether to seek
26 nomination or election, as follows: (A) The General Assembly, (B) a
27 state office, or (C) any other public office. The candidate may also
28 certify on the statement of organization that the candidate will not be a
29 candidate for the office of state representative. Not later than fifteen
30 days after a public declaration by the candidate of the candidate's
31 intention to seek nomination or election to a particular public office,
32 the candidate shall form a single candidate committee or form or join a
33 slate committee if otherwise eligible to do so, except that in the case of
34 a candidate establishing an exploratory committee for purposes
35 including aiding or promoting the candidate's candidacy for
36 nomination or election to the General Assembly or a state office, the
37 candidate shall form a single candidate committee not later than fifteen
38 days after the date that the treasurer of such exploratory committee is
39 required to file a notice of intent to dissolve the committee under
40 subsection (f) of section 9-608, as amended by this act. As used in this
41 subsection, "state office" has the same meaning as provided in
42 subsection (e) of section 9-610.

43 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 9-608 of the 2014 supplement to the
44 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
45 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

46 (f) If an exploratory committee has been established by a candidate
47 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-604, as amended by this act, the

48 treasurer of the committee shall file a notice of intent to dissolve it with
49 the appropriate authority not later than fifteen days after the
50 candidate's declaration of intent to seek nomination or election to a
51 particular public office, except that in the case of an exploratory
52 committee established by a candidate for purposes that include aiding
53 or promoting the candidate's candidacy for nomination or election to
54 the General Assembly or a state office, the treasurer of the committee
55 shall file such notice of intent to dissolve the committee not later than
56 fifteen days after the earlier of: (1) The candidate's declaration of intent
57 to seek nomination or election to a particular public office, (2) the
58 candidate's endorsement at a convention, caucus or town committee
59 meeting, or (3) the candidate's filing of a candidacy for nomination
60 under section 9-400 or 9-405. The treasurer shall also file a statement
61 identifying all contributions received or expenditures made by the
62 exploratory committee since the previous statement and the balance on
63 hand or deficit, as the case may be. In the event of a surplus, the
64 treasurer shall, not later than the filing of the statement, distribute the
65 surplus to the candidate committee or slate committee established
66 pursuant to [said] section 9-604, as amended by this act, except that (A)
67 in the case of a surplus of an exploratory committee established by a
68 candidate who intends to be a participating candidate, as defined in
69 section 9-703, in the Citizens' Election Program, the treasurer may
70 distribute to the candidate committee only that portion of such surplus
71 that is attributable to contributions that meet the criteria for qualifying
72 contributions for the candidate committee under section 9-704 and
73 shall distribute the remainder of such surplus to the Citizens' Election
74 Fund established in section 9-701, and (B) in the case of a surplus of an
75 exploratory committee established for nomination or election to an
76 office other than the General Assembly or a state office (i) the treasurer
77 may only distribute to the candidate committee for nomination or
78 election to the General Assembly or state office of such candidate that
79 portion of such surplus which is in excess of the total contributions
80 which the exploratory committee received from lobbyists or political
81 committees established by lobbyists, during any period in which the
82 prohibitions in subsection (e) of section 9-610 apply, and (ii) any

83 remaining amount shall be returned to all such lobbyists and political
84 committees established by or on behalf of lobbyists, on a prorated basis
85 of contribution, or distributed to any charitable organization which is a
86 tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
87 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
88 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended. If the
89 candidate decides not to seek nomination or election to any office, the
90 treasurer shall, within fifteen days after such decision, comply with the
91 provisions of this subsection and distribute any surplus in the manner
92 provided by this section for political committees other than those
93 formed for ongoing political activities, except that if the surplus is
94 from an exploratory committee established by the State Treasurer, any
95 portion of the surplus that is received from a principal of an
96 investment services firm or a political committee established by such
97 firm shall be returned to such principal or committee on a prorated
98 basis of contribution. In the event of a deficit, the treasurer shall file a
99 statement thirty days after the decision or declaration with the proper
100 authority and, thereafter, on the seventh day of each month following
101 if on the last day of the previous month there was an increase or
102 decrease in such deficit in excess of five hundred dollars from that
103 reported on the last statement filed. The treasurer shall file
104 supplemental statements until the deficit is eliminated. If the
105 exploratory committee does not have a surplus or deficit, the statement
106 filed after the candidate's declaration or decision shall be the last
107 required statement. If a candidate certifies on the statement of
108 organization for the exploratory committee pursuant to subsection (c)
109 of section 9-604, as amended by this act, that the candidate will not be
110 a candidate for the office of state representative and subsequently
111 establishes a candidate committee for the office of state representative,
112 the treasurer of the candidate committee shall pay to the State
113 Treasurer, for deposit in the General Fund, an amount equal to the
114 portion of any contribution received by said exploratory committee
115 that exceeded two hundred fifty dollars. As used in this subsection,
116 "principal of an investment services firm" has the meaning set forth in
117 subsection (e) of section 9-612 and "state office" has the same meaning

118 set forth in subsection (e) of section 9-610."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-604(c)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-608(f)