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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (25) of section 9-601 of the 2014 supplement to
4 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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. As used in this subparagraph, "party candidate
11 listing" means any communication that meets the following criteria: (i)
12 The communication lists the name or names of candidates for election

13 to public office, (ii) the communication is distributed through public
14 advertising such as broadcast stations, cable television, newspapers or
15 similar media, or through direct mail, telephone, electronic mail,
16 publicly accessible sites on the Internet or personal delivery, [and (iii)
17 the communication is made to promote the success or defeat of any
18 candidate or slate of candidates seeking the nomination for election, or
19 election or for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat
20 of any referendum question or the success or defeat of any political
21 party, provided such communication is not a solicitation for or on
22 behalf of a candidate committee] (iii) the treatment of all candidates in
23 the communication is substantially similar, and (iv) the content of the
24 communication is limited to (I) each such candidate, identifying
25 information, including photographs, the office sought, the office
26 currently held by the candidate, if any, the party enrollment of the
27 candidate, a brief statement concerning the candidate's positions,
28 philosophy, goals, accomplishments or biography and the positions,
29 philosophy, goals or accomplishments of the candidate's party, (II)
30 encouragement to vote for each such candidate, and (III) information
31 concerning voting, including voting hours and locations;

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

45 (C) A campaign event at which a candidate or candidates are
46 present; or

47 (D) The retention of the services of an advisor to provide assistance
48 relating to campaign organization, financing, accounting, strategy, law
49 or media.

50 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 9-612 of the 2014 supplement to
51 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
52 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

53 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any
54 one calendar year in excess of [ten] five thousand dollars to the state
55 central committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee
56 pursuant to its authorization or request; or [two] one thousand dollars
57 to a town committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such
58 committee pursuant to its authorization or request; or [two] one
59 thousand dollars to a legislative caucus committee or legislative
60 leadership committee, or [one thousand] seven hundred fifty dollars to
61 any other political committee other than (1) a political committee
62 formed solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum
63 question, (2) an exploratory committee, (3) a political committee
64 established by an organization, or for the benefit of such committee
65 pursuant to its authorization or request, or (4) a political committee
66 formed by a slate of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of
67 the peace of the same town.

68 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) No state contractor,
69 prospective state contractor, principal of a state contractor or principal
70 of a prospective state contractor, as defined in section 9-612 of the
71 general statutes, as amended by this act, with regard to a state contract
72 or a state contract solicitation or a holder, or principal of a holder, of a
73 valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to a federal
74 account, as defined in section 9-601 of the general statutes, as amended
75 by this act, of a state party, in any one calendar year in excess of one
76 hundred dollars."

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

Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-601(25)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-612(a)
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	New section