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Raised Bill No. **625**

LCO No. 2909



Referred to Committee on

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION & ELECTIONS

Introduced by:

(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A QUALIFIED
CANDIDATE COMMITTEE OF AN ELIGIBLE MINOR PARTY
CANDIDATE OR A PETITIONING PARTY CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE
PUBLIC FINANCING FROM THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-705 of the 2006 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said*
4 *date*):

5 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
6 for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said
7 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election
8 Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of one million two
9 hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held
10 in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
11 (d) of this section.

12 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
13 the office of Governor who has been nominated shall be eligible to
14 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the

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15 amount of three million dollars, provided in the case of an election
 16 held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under
 17 subsection (d) of this section.

18 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
 19 for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
 20 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a
 21 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant
 22 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three
 23 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a
 24 primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
 25 under subsection (d) of this section.

26 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
 27 the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
 28 or State Treasurer who has been nominated shall be eligible to receive
 29 a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount
 30 of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided in the case of an
 31 election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
 32 under subsection (d) of this section.

33 (c) (1) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party
 34 candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
 35 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer
 36 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
 37 election campaign if [the candidate of the same minor party for the
 38 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten
 39 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said
 40 office at said election] as of January first of the election year for such
 41 office such party has a number of enrolled members on the active
 42 registry list equal to at least five per cent of the total number of
 43 enrolled members of all political parties on the active registry list in the
 44 state. The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of] the amount of the
 45 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
 46 section for a major party candidate for the same office, [provided (A)

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47 if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
 48 preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the
 49 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
 50 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of
 51 the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
 52 section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if the
 53 candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
 54 preceding regular election received at least twenty per cent of the
 55 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
 56 election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the
 57 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
 58 section for a major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] In
 59 the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said [amounts]
 60 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

61 (2) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
 62 party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
 63 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
 64 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund [for]
 65 following the general election campaign if said [candidate's
 66 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
 67 equal to at least ten per cent of the whole number of votes cast for the
 68 same office at the last preceding regular election] candidate received
 69 five per cent or more of the whole number of votes cast for such office
 70 at the regular election. The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of
 71 the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection
 72 (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office,
 73 provided (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed
 74 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the
 75 whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
 76 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
 77 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
 78 (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if
 79 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
 80 qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number

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81 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
82 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general
83 election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a
84 major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] calculated by
85 first determining the ratio of the percentage of votes cast for the
86 petitioning party candidate for such office at the regular election to the
87 average of the percentage of votes cast for the major party candidates
88 for such office at the regular election. Such ratio shall then be
89 multiplied by the amount of the grant received from the fund by the
90 qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for such
91 office for the regular election. Such product shall be the amount of the
92 grant. In the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said
93 amounts] amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this
94 section.

95 (d) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the
96 grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by
97 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
98 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
99 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
100 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
101 the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December
102 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
103 to be made.

104 (e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
105 for the office of state senator who has a primary for nomination to said
106 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary
107 campaign in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, provided (A)
108 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
109 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
110 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
111 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be seventy-
112 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or
113 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this

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114 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
115 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of
116 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and
117 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State
118 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names
119 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35
120 shall not be counted for such purposes.

121 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
122 the office of state senator who has been nominated shall be eligible to
123 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the
124 amount of eighty-five thousand dollars, provided in the case of an
125 election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
126 under subsection (h) of this section.

127 (f) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
128 for the office of state representative who has a primary for nomination
129 to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
130 primary campaign in the amount of ten thousand dollars, provided (A)
131 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
132 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
133 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
134 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be twenty-
135 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or
136 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
137 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
138 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of
139 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and
140 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State
141 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names
142 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35
143 shall not be counted for such purposes.

144 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
145 the office of state representative who has been nominated shall be

146 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election
 147 campaign in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, provided in
 148 the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be
 149 adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

150 (g) (1) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party
 151 candidate for the office of state senator or state representative shall be
 152 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election
 153 campaign if [the candidate of the same minor party for the same office
 154 at the last preceding regular election received at least ten per cent of
 155 the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
 156 election] as of January first of the election year for such office such
 157 party has a number of enrolled members on the active registry list
 158 equal to at least five per cent of the total number of enrolled members
 159 of all political parties on the active registry list in the state. The amount
 160 of the grant shall be [one-third of] the amount of the general election
 161 campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a major
 162 party candidate for the same office, [, provided (A) if the candidate of
 163 the same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
 164 election received at least fifteen per cent of the whole number of votes
 165 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the
 166 grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the general election
 167 campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a major
 168 party candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the same
 169 minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular election
 170 received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes cast for
 171 all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the grant
 172 shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign grant
 173 under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a major party candidate
 174 for the same office, and (C) in] In the case of an election held in 2010, or
 175 thereafter, said [amounts] amount shall be adjusted under subsection.
 176 (h) of this section.

177 (2) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
 178 party candidate for the office of state senator or state representative

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179 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund [for] following the
180 general election campaign if said [candidate's nominating petition has
181 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per
182 cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last
183 preceding regular election] candidate received five per cent or more of
184 the whole number of votes cast for such office at the regular election.
185 The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of the amount of the
186 general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
187 section for a major party candidate for the same office, provided (A) if
188 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
189 qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the whole number
190 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
191 the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the
192 general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
193 section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if said
194 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
195 qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number
196 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
197 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general
198 election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a
199 major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] calculated by
200 first determining the ratio of the percentage of votes cast for the
201 petitioning party candidate for such office at the regular election to the
202 average of the percentage of votes cast for the major party candidates
203 for such office at the regular election. Such ratio shall then be
204 multiplied by the amount of the grant received from the fund by the
205 qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for such
206 office for the regular election. Such product shall be the amount of the
207 grant. In the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said
208 [amounts] amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
209 section.

210 (h) For elections held in 2010, and thereafter, the amount of the
211 grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted by
212 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,

213 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
 214 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
 215 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
 216 the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on December
 217 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
 218 to be made.

219 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e), (f) and (g) of
 220 this section, in the case of a special election for the office of state
 221 senator or state representative, the amount of the grant for a general
 222 election campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the amount
 223 authorized under the applicable said subsection (e), (f) or (g).

224 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,
 225 of this section:

226 (1) The initial grant that a qualified candidate committee for a
 227 candidate is eligible to receive under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of
 228 this section shall be reduced by the amount of any personal funds that
 229 the candidate provides for the candidate's campaign for nomination or
 230 election pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-710;

231 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
 232 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized
 233 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section or all moneys that
 234 may be received for the primary campaign under section 9-713 or 9-
 235 714, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign shall be
 236 reduced by the total amount of any such unexpended primary
 237 campaign grant and moneys;

238 (3) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election does
 239 not have any opponent in the general election campaign, the amount
 240 of the general election campaign grant for which the qualified
 241 candidate committee for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty
 242 per cent of the applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i),
 243 inclusive; and

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244 (4) If the only opponent or opponents of a participating candidate
 245 who is nominated for election to an office are eligible minor party
 246 candidates or eligible petitioning party candidates and no such eligible
 247 minor party candidate's or eligible petitioning party candidate's
 248 candidate committee has received a total amount of contributions of
 249 any type that is equal to or greater than the amount of the qualifying
 250 contributions that a candidate for such office is required to receive
 251 under section 9-704 to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election
 252 Fund, the amount of the general election campaign grant for such
 253 participating candidate shall be sixty per cent of the applicable amount
 254 set forth in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said date</i>	9-705

Statement of Purpose:

To amend the criteria by which the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party or petitioning party candidate becomes eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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File No. 423

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 625

Senate, April 6, 2006

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE COMMITTEE OF AN ELIGIBLE MINOR PARTY CANDIDATE OR A PETITIONING PARTY CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FINANCING FROM THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

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2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
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6 for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said
7 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election
8 Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of one million two
9 hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held
10 in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
11 (d) of this section.

12 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
13 the office of Governor who has been nominated shall be eligible to
14 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the
15 amount of three million dollars, provided in the case of an election
16 held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under
17 subsection (d) of this section.

18 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
19 for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
20 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a
21 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant
22 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three
23 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a
24 primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
25 under subsection (d) of this section.

26 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
27 the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
28 or State Treasurer who has been nominated shall be eligible to receive
29 a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount
30 of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided in the case of an
31 election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
32 under subsection (d) of this section.

33 (c) (1) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party
34 candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
35 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer
36 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
37 election campaign if [the candidate of the same minor party for the
38 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten
39 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said
40 office at said election] as of January first of the election year for such
41 office such party has a number of enrolled members on the active
42 registry list equal to at least five per cent of the total number of
43 enrolled members of all political parties on the active registry list in the
44 state. The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of] the amount of the

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45 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
 46 section for a major party candidate for the same office, l, provided (A)
 47 if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
 48 preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the
 49 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
 50 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of
 51 the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
 52 section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if the
 53 candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
 54 preceding regular election received at least twenty per cent of the
 55 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
 56 election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the
 57 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
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 59 the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said [amounts]
 60 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

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 62 party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
 63 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
 64 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund [for]
 65 following the general election campaign if said [candidate's
 66 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
 67 equal to at least ten per cent of the whole number of votes cast for the
 68 same office at the last preceding regular election] candidate received
 69 five per cent or more of the whole number of votes cast for such office
 70 at the regular election. The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of
 71 the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection
 72 (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office,
 73 provided (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed
 74 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the
 75 whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
 76 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
 77 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
 78 (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if
 79 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of

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81 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
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86 petitioning party candidate for such office at the regular election to the
87 average of the percentage of votes cast for the major party candidates
88 for such office at the regular election. Such ratio shall then be
89 multiplied by the amount of the general election campaign grant
90 received from the fund by the qualified candidate committee of a
91 major party candidate for such office for the regular election. Such
92 product shall be the amount of the grant. In the case of an election held
93 in 2014, or thereafter, said [amounts] amount shall be adjusted under
94 subsection (d) of this section.

95 (d) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the
96 grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by
97 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
98 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
99 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
100 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
101 the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December
102 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
103 to be made.

104 (e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
105 for the office of state senator who has a primary for nomination to said
106 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary
107 campaign in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, provided (A)
108 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
109 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
110 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
111 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be seventy-
112 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or
113 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this

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114 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
115 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of
116 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and
117 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State
118 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names
119 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35
120 shall not be counted for such purposes.

121 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
122 the office of state senator who has been nominated shall be eligible to
123 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the
124 amount of eighty-five thousand dollars, provided in the case of an
125 election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
126 under subsection (h) of this section.

127 (f) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
128 for the office of state representative who has a primary for nomination
129 to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
130 primary campaign in the amount of ten thousand dollars, provided (A)
131 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
132 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
133 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
134 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be twenty-
135 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or
136 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
137 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
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141 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names
142 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35
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148 the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be
149 adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

150 (g) (1) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party
151 candidate for the office of state senator or state representative shall be
152 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election
153 campaign if [the candidate of the same minor party for the same office
154 at the last preceding regular election received at least ten per cent of
155 the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
156 election] as of January first of the election year for such office such
157 party has a number of enrolled members on the active registry list
158 equal to at least five per cent of the total number of enrolled members
159 of all political parties on the active registry list in the state. The amount
160 of the grant shall be [one-third of] the amount of the general election
161 campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a major
162 party candidate for the same office, [, provided (A) if the candidate of
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169 minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular election
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171 all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the grant
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176 (h) of this section.

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 183 preceding regular election] candidate received five per cent or more of
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 202 average of the percentage of votes cast for the major party candidates
 203 for such office at the regular election. Such ratio shall then be
 204 multiplied by the amount of the general election campaign grant
 205 received from the fund by the qualified candidate committee of a
 206 major party candidate for such office for the regular election. Such
 207 product shall be the amount of the grant. In the case of an election held
 208 in 2010, or thereafter, said [amounts] amount shall be adjusted under
 209 subsection (h) of this section.

210 (h) For elections held in 2010, and thereafter, the amount of the
 211 grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted by
 212 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
 213 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
 214 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
 215 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during

216 the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on December
217 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
218 to be made.

219 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e), (f) and (g) of
220 this section, in the case of a special election for the office of state
221 senator or state representative, the amount of the grant for a general
222 election campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the amount
223 authorized under the applicable said subsection (e), (f) or (g).

224 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,
225 of this section:

226 (1) The initial grant that a qualified candidate committee for a
227 candidate is eligible to receive under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of
228 this section shall be reduced by the amount of any personal funds that
229 the candidate provides for the candidate's campaign for nomination or
230 election pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-710;

231 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
232 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized
233 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section or all moneys that
234 may be received for the primary campaign under section 9-713 or 9-
235 714, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign shall be
236 reduced by the total amount of any such unexpended primary
237 campaign grant and moneys;

238 (3) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election does
239 not have any opponent in the general election campaign, the amount
240 of the general election campaign grant for which the qualified
241 candidate committee for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty
242 per cent of the applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i),
243 inclusive; and

244 (4) If the only opponent or opponents of a participating candidate
245 who is nominated for election to an office are eligible minor party
246 candidates or eligible petitioning party candidates and no such eligible

247 minor party candidate's or eligible petitioning party candidate's
 248 candidate committee has received a total amount of contributions of
 249 any type that is equal to or greater than the amount of the qualifying
 250 contributions that a candidate for such office is required to receive
 251 under section 9-704 to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election
 252 Fund, the amount of the general election campaign grant for such
 253 participating candidate shall be sixty per cent of the applicable amount
 254 set forth in this section.

255 Sec. 2. Section 9-706 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is
 256 amended by adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

257 (NEW) (g) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall adopt
 258 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
 259 implement the post election processing of grants from the Citizens'
 260 Election Fund for petitioning party candidates, as provided for in
 261 section 9-705 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, as
 262 amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on or after said date</i>	9-705
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-706

GAE Joint Favorable Subst.

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Elect. Enforcement Com.(Citizens' Election Fund Account)	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill changes the eligibility requirements for minor and petitioning party candidates to qualify for public funds from the Citizens' Elections Fund account (CEF). Current law states that an eligible minor party candidate can receive a grant from the CEF for the general election only if the candidate for the same office representing the same minor party at the last preceding election received 10%, 15%, or 20% of the whole number of votes cast for that office. An eligible petitioning party candidate can receive a grant for the general election only if his petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to 10%, 15%, or 20% of the number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election. The amount of the grant is 33%, 66%, or 100% of the grant for major party candidates respectively.

The bill states that to be eligible for a grant from the CEF for a minor party, such party has to represent at least 5% of the total number of enrolled members on the minor party's active registry list. The minor party candidate would then be eligible for a grant equal to the amount given to major party candidates.

The bill states that for a petitioning party candidate to be eligible for a grant from the CEF, that candidate must have received at least 5% of the total number of votes cast for such office at the last regular election. The post-election grant would be the percentage of votes cast for the

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petitioning party candidate divided by the average of the percentage of the votes cast for the major party candidates multiplied by the grant amount given to major party candidates.

Utilizing the 2004 legislative races as a model, it is estimated that \$1.2 million in additional grant funds would be allocated to candidates. Of the candidates that ran for state representative that represented a minor party, 20 received over 5% of the total votes cast. Of the candidates that ran for state senator that represented a minor party, 8 received over 5% of the total votes cast. Only 3 petitioning party candidates for state representative, and none for the senate, received over 5% of the vote and would be eligible for grants in the next election. In 2002, no minor party candidates running for statewide office received more than 2% of the total votes cast, therefore no additional grants would be extended.

The Out Years

Beginning in FY 08, the grants and the revenue for the Citizens' Elections Fund account are subject to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The current forecast by the Congressional Budget Office for CPI is 2.2% annually.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 625****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE COMMITTEE OF AN ELIGIBLE MINOR PARTY CANDIDATE OR A PETITIONING PARTY CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FINANCING FROM THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.****SUMMARY:**

This bill changes the criteria minor and petitioning party candidates must meet to qualify for general election grants from the Citizens' Election Fund (CEF) under the Citizens' Election Program. For eligible minor party candidates, it also makes the grant amount equal to the amount major party candidates receive. For eligible petitioning party candidates, it also (1) changes when they may receive a grant from before to after the election and (2) bases the amount on a calculation that incorporates grants received by other candidates and votes cast for that office (see COMMENT). By law, neither minor nor petitioning party candidates are eligible for primary campaign grants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2006 and applicable to elections held on or after that date.

MINOR PARTY CANDIDATES

Under the bill, a minor party candidate is eligible to receive a CEF grant if, as of January 1 of an election year, at least 5% of all affiliated voters in the state are enrolled on his party's active registry list. The amount of the grant is equal to an eligible major party candidate's grant.

Under current law, an eligible minor party candidate can receive a grant for the general election only if the candidate for the same office representing the same minor party at the last regular election received

at least 10% of the votes cast for that office. In that case, the grant is one-third of the general election grant for major party candidates. If the candidate for the same office representing the same minor party at the last regular election received 15% of the number of votes cast, the grant is two-thirds of the grant for major party candidates. If the previous candidate received 20% of the votes, the grant is the same. Table 1 shows the grant amounts under the bill and current law.

TABLE 1: GRANTS AMOUNTS FOR ELIGIBLE MINOR PARTY CANDIDATES

	<i>The Bill</i>	<i>Current Law (Citizens' Election Program)</i>		
	<i>General Election, Minor Party has at Least 5% of Active Affiliated Voters on its Registry</i>	<i>General Election, Previous Minor Party Candidate Received at Least 10% of All Votes Cast for Same Office</i>	<i>General Election, Previous Minor Party Candidate Received at Least 15% of All Votes Cast for Same Office</i>	<i>General Election, Previous Minor Party Candidate Received at Least 20% of All Votes Cast for Same Office</i>
Governor	\$3,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000
Other statewide offices	750,000	250,000	500,000	750,000
State senator	85,000	28,333	56,667	85,000
State senator, special election	63,750	21,250	42,500	63,750
State representative	25,000	8,333	16,667	25,000
State representative, special election	18,750	6,250	12,500	18,750

PETITIONING PARTY CANDIDATES

Under the bill, a petitioning party candidate is eligible to receive a grant after the general election only if he received at least 5% of the total votes cast for the office for which he ran. The amount is

determined by multiplying (1) the ratio of the percentage of votes cast for the petitioning candidate to the votes cast for his major party opponent or opponents by (2) the general election grant amount the major party candidate or candidates received from the CEF.

Current law allows an eligible petitioning party candidate to receive a grant for the general election only if his petition is signed by a number of qualified electors equal to 10% of the number of votes cast for the same office at the last regular election. In that case, the grant is one-third of the grant for major party candidates. If the petition is signed by a number of qualified electors equal to 15% of the number of votes cast for the same office at the last regular election, the grant is two-thirds of the grant for major party candidates. If it is signed by a number of qualified electors equal to 20% of the votes cast, the grant is the same. The grants amount petitioning party candidates receive under current law are equal to those minor party candidates receive (see Table 1).

GRANT REGULATIONS

The bill requires the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) to adopt regulations to implement post-election grant processing for petitioning party candidates.

BACKGROUND

Public Financing Program Eligibility

Beginning in 2008 for legislative offices and in 2010 for statewide elected offices, candidates who receive qualifying contributions, agree to limit their spending, and comply with other requirements are eligible to receive state grants to fund their campaigns. Legislative candidates running in special elections are eligible to receive grants beginning December 31, 2006, the effective date of the program.

Related Bills

sHB 5064, favorably reported by the Government Administration and Elections (GAE) Committee, permits minor or petitioning party candidates who receive grants in an amount less than those their major

party counterparts receive to raise private contributions in addition to the qualifying contributions subject to the same limitations and restrictions that exist for nonparticipating candidates for the same office.

sHB 5610, favorably reported by the GAE Committee, makes it easier for minor and petitioning candidates to receive a grant from the CEF if they meet all of the qualifying conditions, among other things.

sHB 5774, favorably reported by the GAE Committee, makes it easier for minor and petitioning candidates to receive a grant from the CEF if they meet all of the qualifying conditions.

COMMENT

Under the bill, a petitioning party candidate's post-election grant amount is not known during the campaign since it is based, in part, on all candidates' performances in the election. Therefore, a petitioning party candidate's spending limit under § 9-702 (c), of which the general election grant is a component, is uncertain.

The bill does not explicitly authorize a petitioning party candidate to (1) spend funds in addition to the amount of required qualifying contributions ("qualifying amount") or (2) continue raising funds above the qualifying amount. It appears to set the spending limit for petitioning party candidates at the qualifying amount. Therefore, a petitioning party candidate could be eligible to receive a post-election grant greater than the amount he spent on his campaign (i.e., the qualifying amount). (For example, the qualifying amount for gubernatorial candidates is \$250,000. If a petitioning party candidate for governor received 20% of the vote, and the two major party candidates received an average of 40%, he would receive a grant of \$1,500,000 (the ratio of votes, or 1/2, multiplied by \$3,000,000), which is \$1,250,000 more than he would have spent on his campaign.) Though the bill directs the SEEC to adopt regulations for processing post-election grants, it does not include a provision limiting a petitioning party candidate's post-election grant to no more than the amount he

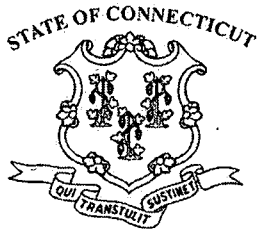
spent on his campaign.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 2 (03/22/2006)



General Assembly

[SENATE] Amendment

February Session, 2006

LCO No. 3876



Offered by:

SEN. RORABACK, 30th Dist.

SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th Dist.

SEN. KISSEL, 7th Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 625

File No. 423

Cal. No. 284

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE COMMITTEE OF AN ELIGIBLE MINOR PARTY CANDIDATE OR A PETITIONING PARTY CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FINANCING FROM THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND."

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

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to*
4 *elections held on or after said date*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of
5 the general statutes, no party committee, legislative caucus committee
6 or legislative leadership committee, as defined in section 9-333a of the
7 2006 supplement to the general statutes, shall make an organization
8 expenditure, as defined in subdivision (25) of section 9-333a of the 2006
9 supplement to the general statutes, for the benefit of the candidate
10 committee of a participating candidate in the Citizens' Election
11 Program for the office of state senator in an amount that exceeds five

12 thousand dollars.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no party
14 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
15 committee, as defined in section 9-333a of the 2006 supplement to the
16 general statutes, shall make an organization expenditure, as defined in
17 subdivision (25) of section 9-333a of the 2006 supplement to the general
18 statutes, for the benefit of the candidate committee of a participating
19 candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of state
20 representative in an amount that exceeds two thousand five hundred
21 dollars.

22 (c) In the event that a statement filed by the campaign treasurer of a
23 party committee, a legislative caucus committee or a legislative
24 leadership committee, in accordance with the provisions of sections 9-
25 333j and 9-333e of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, includes
26 an organization expenditure for the benefit of the candidate committee
27 for a participating candidate for the office of state senator or state
28 representative, the candidate committee for any participating
29 candidate who opposes the candidate that received such benefit shall
30 be eligible for a supplemental grant from the Citizens' Election Fund in
31 the amount of such organization expenditure.

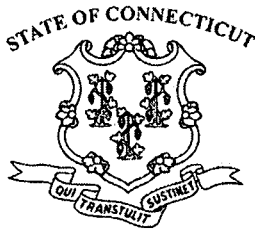
32 (d) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall adopt
33 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
34 general statutes, to implement the provisions of subsection (c) of this
35 section."

SENATE AMENDMENT

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE COMMITTEE OF AN ELIGIBLE MINOR PARTY CANDIDATE OR A PETITIONING PARTY CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FINANCING FROM THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-717 of the 2006 supplement to the general
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective from passage*):

6 If a court of competent jurisdiction [prohibits or limits] holds any
7 provision of sections 9-700 to 9-716 of the 2006 supplement to the
8 general statutes unconstitutional and permanently enjoins the
9 expenditure of funds from the Citizens' Election Fund established in
10 section 9-701 for grants or moneys for candidate committees
11 authorized under sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive, [for a period of

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12 seventy-two hours or more,] (1) sections 1-100b, 9-700 to 9-716,
13 inclusive, 9-750, 9-751 and 9-760 and section 49 of public act 05-5 of the
14 October 25 special session* shall be inoperative and have no effect, and
15 (2) (A) the amendments made to the provisions of the sections of the
16 general statutes pursuant to public act 05-5 of the October 25 special
17 session** shall be inoperative, (B) the provisions of said sections of the
18 general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to December 30, 2006, shall
19 be effective, and (C) the provisions of subsections (g) to (j), inclusive, of
20 section 9-333n shall not be implemented."

SENATE AMENDMENT

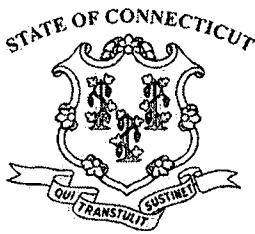
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 625

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Cal. No. 284

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE COMMITTEE OF AN ELIGIBLE MINOR PARTY CANDIDATE OR A PETITIONING PARTY CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FINANCING FROM THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND."

1 Strike lines 1 to 262, inclusive, and insert the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 9-705 of the 2006 supplement to the general
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on and after*
6 *said date*):

7 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
8 for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said
9 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election
10 Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of one million two
11 hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held

12 in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
13 (d) of this section.

14 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
15 the office of Governor who has been nominated shall be eligible to
16 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the
17 amount of three million dollars, provided in the case of an election
18 held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under
19 subsection (d) of this section.

20 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
21 for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
22 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a
23 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant
24 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three
25 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a
26 primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
27 under subsection (d) of this section.

28 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
29 the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
30 or State Treasurer who has been nominated shall be eligible to receive
31 a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount
32 of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided in the case of an
33 election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
34 under subsection (d) of this section.

35 (c) (1) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party
36 candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
37 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer
38 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
39 election campaign. [if the candidate of the same minor party for the
40 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten
41 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said
42 office at said election.] The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of]
43 the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection

44 (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office,
45 [, provided (A) if the candidate of the same minor party for the same
46 office at the last preceding regular election received at least fifteen per
47 cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office
48 at said election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
49 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
50 (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if
51 the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
52 preceding regular election received at least twenty per cent of the
53 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
54 election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the
55 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
56 section for a major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] In
57 the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said [amounts]
58 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

59 (2) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
60 party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
61 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
62 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
63 general election campaign. [if said candidate's nominating petition has
64 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per
65 cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last
66 preceding regular election.] The amount of the grant shall be [one-
67 third of] the amount of the general election campaign grant under
68 subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the
69 same office. [, provided (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has
70 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen
71 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the
72 last preceding regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-
73 thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under
74 subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the
75 same office, (B) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed
76 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of
77 the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding

78 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the
 79 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
 80 (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office, and
 81 (C) in] In the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said
 82 [amounts] amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this
 83 section.

84 (d) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the
 85 grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by
 86 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
 87 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
 88 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
 89 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
 90 the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December
 91 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
 92 to be made.

93 (e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
 94 for the office of state senator who has a primary for nomination to said
 95 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary
 96 campaign in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, provided (A)
 97 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
 98 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
 99 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
 100 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be seventy-
 101 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or
 102 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
 103 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
 104 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of
 105 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and
 106 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State
 107 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names
 108 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35
 109 shall not be counted for such purposes.

110 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for

111 the office of state senator who has been nominated shall be eligible to
 112 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the
 113 amount of eighty-five thousand dollars, provided in the case of an
 114 election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
 115 under subsection (h) of this section.

116 (f) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
 117 for the office of state representative who has a primary for nomination
 118 to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
 119 primary campaign in the amount of ten thousand dollars, provided (A)
 120 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
 121 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
 122 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
 123 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be twenty-
 124 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or
 125 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
 126 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
 127 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of
 128 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and
 129 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State
 130 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names
 131 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35
 132 shall not be counted for such purposes.

133 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
 134 the office of state representative who has been nominated shall be
 135 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election
 136 campaign in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, provided in
 137 the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be
 138 adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

139 (g) (1) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party
 140 candidate for the office of state senator or state representative shall be
 141 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election
 142 campaign, [if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office
 143 at the last preceding regular election received at least ten per cent of

144 the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
145 election.] The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of] the amount of
146 the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
147. section for a major party candidate for the same office, [provided (A)
148 if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
149 preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the
150 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
151 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of
152 the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
153 section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if the
154 candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
155 preceding regular election received at least twenty per cent of the
156 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
157 election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the
158 general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
159 section for a major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] In
160 the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said [amounts]
161 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

162 (2) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
163 party candidate for the office of state senator or state representative
164 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
165 election campaign, [if said candidate's nominating petition has been
166 signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per cent of
167 the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
168 regular election.] The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of] the
169 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or
170 (f) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office, [,
171 provided (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed
172 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the
173 whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
174 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
175 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or
176 (f) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if
177 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of

178 qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number
179 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
180 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general
181 election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a
182 major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] In the case of an
183 election held in 2010, or thereafter, said [amounts] amount shall be
184 adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

185 (h) For elections held in 2010, and thereafter, the amount of the
186 grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted by
187 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
188 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
189 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, 2008, and ending on December
192 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
193 to be made.

194 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e), (f) and (g) of
195 this section, in the case of a special election for the office of state
196 senator or state representative, the amount of the grant for a general
197 election campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the amount
198 authorized under the applicable said subsection (e), (f) or (g).

199 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,
200 of this section:

201 (1) The initial grant that a qualified candidate committee for a
202 candidate is eligible to receive under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of
203 this section shall be reduced by the amount of any personal funds that
204 the candidate provides for the candidate's campaign for nomination or
205 election pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-710;

206 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
207 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized
208 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section or all moneys that
209 may be received for the primary campaign under section 9-713 or 9-

210 714, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign shall be
211 reduced by the total amount of any such unexpended primary
212 campaign grant and moneys;

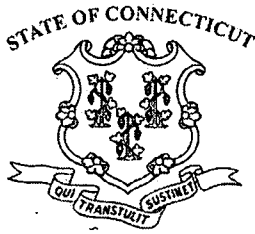
213 (3) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election does
214 not have any opponent in the general election campaign, the amount
215 of the general election campaign grant for which the qualified
216 candidate committee for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty
217 per cent of the applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i),
218 inclusive; and

219 (4) If the only opponent or opponents of a participating candidate
220 who is nominated for election to an office are eligible minor party
221 candidates or eligible petitioning party candidates and no such eligible
222 minor party candidate's or eligible petitioning party candidate's
223 candidate committee has received a total amount of contributions of
224 any type that is equal to or greater than the amount of the qualifying
225 contributions that a candidate for such office is required to receive
226 under section 9-704 to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election
227 Fund, the amount of the general election campaign grant for such
228 participating candidate shall be sixty per cent of the applicable amount
229 set forth in this section."

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE COMMITTEE OF AN ELIGIBLE MINOR PARTY CANDIDATE OR A PETITIONING PARTY CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FINANCING FROM THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND."

1 Strike lines 1 to 262, inclusive, and insert the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 9-717 of the 2006 supplement to the general
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective from passage*):

6 If a court of competent jurisdiction [prohibits or limits] holds any
7 provision of sections 9-700 to 9-716 of the 2006 supplement to the
8 general statutes unconstitutional and permanently enjoins the
9 expenditure of funds from the Citizens' Election Fund established in
10 section 9-701 for grants or moneys for candidate committees
11 authorized under sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive, [for a period of

12 seventy-two hours or more,] (1) sections 1-100b, 9-700 to 9-716,
13 inclusive, 9-750, 9-751 and 9-760 and section 49 of public act 05-5 of the
14 October 25 special session* shall be inoperative and have no effect, and
15 (2) (A) the amendments made to the provisions of the sections of the
16 general statutes pursuant to public act 05-5 of the October 25 special
17 session** shall be inoperative, (B) the provisions of said sections of the
18 general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to December 30, 2006, shall
19 be effective, and (C) the provisions of subsections (g) to (j), inclusive, of
20 section 9-333n shall not be implemented.

21 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections*
22 *held on or after said date*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the
23 general statutes, no party committee, legislative caucus committee or
24 legislative leadership committee, as defined in section 9-333a of the
25 2006 supplement to the general statutes, shall make an organization
26 expenditure, as defined in subdivision (25) of section 9-333a of the 2006
27 supplement to the general statutes, for the benefit of the candidate
28 committee of a participating candidate in the Citizens' Election
29 Program for the office of state senator in an amount that exceeds five
30 thousand dollars.

31 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no party
32 committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership
33 committee, as defined in section 9-333a of the 2006 supplement to the
34 general statutes, shall make an organization expenditure, as defined in
35 subdivision (25) of section 9-333a of the 2006 supplement to the general
36 statutes, for the benefit of the candidate committee of a participating
37 candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of state
38 representative in an amount that exceeds two thousand five hundred
39 dollars.

40 (c) In the event that a statement filed by the campaign treasurer of a
41 party committee, a legislative caucus committee or a legislative
42 leadership committee, in accordance with the provisions of sections 9-
43 333j and 9-333e of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, includes
44 an organization expenditure for the benefit of the candidate committee

45 for a participating candidate for the office of state senator or state
 46 representative, the candidate committee for any participating
 47 candidate who opposes the candidate that received such benefit shall
 48 be eligible for a supplemental grant from the Citizens' Election Fund in
 49 the amount of such organization expenditure.

50 (d) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall adopt
 51 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
 52 general statutes, to implement the provisions of subsection (c) of this
 53 section.

54 Sec. 3. Section 9-705 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is
 55 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 56 *December 31, 2006, and applicable to elections held on and after said date*):

57 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
 58 for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said
 59 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election
 60 Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of one million two
 61 hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held
 62 in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
 63 (d) of this section.

64 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
 65 the office of Governor who has been nominated shall be eligible to
 66 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the
 67 amount of three million dollars, provided in the case of an election
 68 held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under
 69 subsection (d) of this section.

70 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
 71 for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
 72 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a
 73 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant
 74 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three
 75 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a
 76 primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted

77 under subsection (d) of this section.

78 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
79 the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
80 or State Treasurer who has been nominated shall be eligible to receive
81 a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount
82 of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided in the case of an
83 election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
84 under subsection (d) of this section.

85 (c) (1) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party
86 candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
87 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer
88 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
89 election campaign. [if the candidate of the same minor party for the
90 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten
91 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said
92 office at said election.] The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of]
93 the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection
94 (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office.
95 [, provided (A) if the candidate of the same minor party for the same
96 office at the last preceding regular election received at least fifteen per
97 cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office
98 at said election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
99 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
100 (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if
101 the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
102 preceding regular election received at least twenty per cent of the
103 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
104 election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the
105 general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
106 section for a major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] In
107 the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said [amounts]
108 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

109 (2) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning

110 party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
 111 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
 112 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
 113 general election campaign. [if said candidate's nominating petition has
 114 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per
 115 cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last
 116 preceding regular election.] The amount of the grant shall be [one-
 117 third of] the amount of the general election campaign grant under
 118 subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the
 119 same office. [, provided (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has
 120 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen
 121 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the
 122 last preceding regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-
 123 thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under
 124 subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the
 125 same office, (B) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed
 126 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of
 127 the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
 128 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the
 129 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
 130 (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office, and
 131 (C) in] In the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said
 132 [amounts] amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this
 133 section.

134 (d) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the
 135 grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by
 136 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
 137 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
 138 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
 139 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
 140 the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December
 141 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
 142 to be made.

143 (e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate

144 for the office of state senator who has a primary for nomination to said
145 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary
146 campaign in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, provided (A)
147 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
148 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
149 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
150 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be seventy-
151 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or
152 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
153 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
154 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of
155 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and
156 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State
157 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names
158 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35
159 shall not be counted for such purposes.

160 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
161 the office of state senator who has been nominated shall be eligible to
162 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the
163 amount of eighty-five thousand dollars, provided in the case of an
164 election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
165 under subsection (h) of this section.

166 (f) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
167 for the office of state representative who has a primary for nomination
168 to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
169 primary campaign in the amount of ten thousand dollars, provided (A)
170 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
171 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
172 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
173 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be twenty-
174 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in 2010, or
175 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
176 section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
177 number of enrolled members of a major party and the number of

178 electors in a district shall be determined by the latest enrollment and
179 voter registration records in the office of the Secretary of the State
180 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-65. The names
181 of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35
182 shall not be counted for such purposes.

183 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for
184 the office of state representative who has been nominated shall be
185 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election
186 campaign in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, provided in
187 the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said amount shall be
188 adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

189 (g) (1) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party
190 candidate for the office of state senator or state representative shall be
191 eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election
192 campaign. [if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office
193 at the last preceding regular election received at least ten per cent of
194 the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
195 election.] The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of] the amount of
196 the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
197 section for a major party candidate for the same office. [, provided (A)
198 if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
199 preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the
200 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
201 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of
202 the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
203 section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if the
204 candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
205 preceding regular election received at least twenty per cent of the
206 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
207 election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the
208 general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
209 section for a major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] In
210 the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter, said [amounts]
211 amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

212 (2) The qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
213 party candidate for the office of state senator or state representative
214 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
215 election campaign. [if said candidate's nominating petition has been
216 signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per cent of
217 the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
218 regular election.] The amount of the grant shall be [one-third of] the
219 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or
220 (f) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office. [,
221 provided (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed
222 by a number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the
223 whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
224 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
225 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or
226 (f) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office, (B) if
227 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
228 qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number
229 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
230 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general
231 election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a
232 major party candidate for the same office, and (C) in] In the case of an
233 election held in 2010, or thereafter, said [amounts] amount shall be
234 adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

235 (h) For elections held in 2010, and thereafter, the amount of the
236 grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted by
237 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
238 2010, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the
239 consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
240 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
241 the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on December
242 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is
243 to be made.

244 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e), (f) and (g) of
245 this section, in the case of a special election for the office of state

246 senator or state representative, the amount of the grant for a general
247 election campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the amount
248 authorized under the applicable said subsection (e), (f) or (g).

249 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,
250 of this section:

251 (1) The initial grant that a qualified candidate committee for a
252 candidate is eligible to receive under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of
253 this section shall be reduced by the amount of any personal funds that
254 the candidate provides for the candidate's campaign for nomination or
255 election pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-710;

256 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
257 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized
258 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section or all moneys that
259 may be received for the primary campaign under section 9-713 or 9-
260 714, the amount of the grant for the general election campaign shall be
261 reduced by the total amount of any such unexpended primary
262 campaign grant and moneys;

263 (3) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election does
264 not have any opponent in the general election campaign, the amount
265 of the general election campaign grant for which the qualified
266 candidate committee for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty
267 per cent of the applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i),
268 inclusive; and

269 (4) If the only opponent or opponents of a participating candidate
270 who is nominated for election to an office are eligible minor party
271 candidates or eligible petitioning party candidates and no such eligible
272 minor party candidate's or eligible petitioning party candidate's
273 candidate committee has received a total amount of contributions of
274 any type that is equal to or greater than the amount of the qualifying
275 contributions that a candidate for such office is required to receive
276 under section 9-704 to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election
277 Fund, the amount of the general election campaign grant for such

278 participating candidate shall be sixty per cent of the applicable amount
279 set forth in this section."

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