



Senate Bill No. 1502

June Special Session, Public Act No. 17-2

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM
ENDING JUNE 30, 2019, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR,
AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE AND
IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET.**

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

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Sec. 268. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-705 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of Governor who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of six million dollars, provided (A) any such committee shall receive seventy-five per cent of said amount if such committee applies for such grant, in accordance with section 9-706, on or after the seventieth day but before the fifty-sixth day preceding the election, (B) any such committee shall receive sixty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-second day preceding the election, (C) any such committee shall receive fifty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the forty-second day but before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, (D) any such committee shall receive forty per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, and (E) in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter except for in 2018, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

Sec. 269. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 9-705 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of

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part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided (A) any such committee shall receive seventy-five per cent of said amount if such committee applies for such grant, in accordance with section 9-706, on or after the seventieth day but before the fifty-sixth day preceding the election, (B) any such committee shall receive sixty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-second day preceding the election, (C) any such committee shall receive fifty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the forty-second day but before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, (D) any such committee shall receive forty per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, and (E) in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter except for in 2018, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

Sec. 270. Subsection (d) of section 9-705 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(d) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter except for in 2018, the amount of the grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2014, and quadrennially thereafter except for in 2018, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

Sec. 271. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 9-705 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state senator who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of eighty-five thousand dollars, provided (A) any such committee shall receive seventy-five per cent of said amount if such committee applies for such grant, in accordance with section 9-706, on or after the seventieth day but before the fifty-sixth day preceding the election, (B) any such committee shall receive sixty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-second day preceding the election, (C) any such committee shall receive fifty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the forty-second day but before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, (D) any such committee shall receive forty per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, and (E) in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter except for in 2018, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

Sec. 272. Subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 9-705 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state representative who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, provided (A) any such committee shall receive seventy-five per cent of said amount if such committee applies for such grant, in accordance with section 9-706, on or after the seventieth day but before the fifty-sixth day preceding the election, (B) any such committee shall

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receive sixty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-second day preceding the election, (C) any such committee shall receive fifty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the forty-second day but before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, (D) any such committee shall receive forty per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, and (E) in the case of an election held in 2010, or thereafter except for in 2018, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

Sec. 273. Subsection (h) of section 9-705 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(h) For elections held in 2010, and thereafter except for in 2018, the amount of the grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2010, and biennially thereafter except for in 2018, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2008, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

Sec. 274. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 9-7a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(g) (1) [Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, in] In the case of a written complaint filed with the commission pursuant to section 9-7b₂ [on or after January 1, 1988, if] commission staff shall conduct and complete a preliminary examination of such complaint by the fourteenth day following its receipt, at which time such staff shall,

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at its discretion, (A) dismiss the complaint for failure to allege any substantial violation of state election law supported by evidence, (B) engage the respondent in discussions in an effort to speedily resolve any matter pertaining to a de minimis violation, or (C) investigate and docket the complaint for a determination by the commission that probable cause or no probable cause exists for any such violation. If commission staff dismisses a complaint pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, such staff shall provide a brief written statement concisely setting forth the reasons for such dismissal. If commission staff engages a respondent pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision but is unable to speedily resolve any such matter described in said subparagraph by the forty-fifth day following receipt of the complaint, such staff shall docket such complaint for a determination by the commission that probable cause or no probable cause exists for any violation of state election law. If the commission does not, by the sixtieth day following receipt of the complaint, either issue a decision or render its determination that probable cause or no probable cause exists for [one or more violations] any violation of state election laws, the complainant or respondent may apply to the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford for an order to show cause why the commission has not acted upon the complaint and to provide evidence that the commission has unreasonably delayed action. For any complaint received on or after January 1, 2018, if the commission does not, by one year following receipt of such complaint, issue a decision thereon, the commission shall dismiss such complaint, provided the length of time of any delay caused by (i) the commission or commission staff granting any extension or continuance to a respondent prior to the issuance of any such decision, (ii) any subpoena issued in connection with such complaint, (iii) any litigation in state or federal court related to such complaint, or (iv) any investigation by, or consultation of the commission or commission staff with, the Chief State's Attorney, the Attorney General, the United States Department of Justice or the United States Attorney for

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Connecticut related to such complaint, shall be added to such one year.

Sec. 275. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(5) (A) To inspect or audit at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice the accounts or records of any treasurer or principal treasurer, except as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as required by chapter 155 or 157 and to audit any such election, primary or referendum held within the state; provided, (i) (I) not later than two months preceding the day of an election at which a candidate is seeking election, the commission shall complete any audit it has initiated in the absence of a complaint that involves a committee of the same candidate from a previous election, and (II) during the two-month period preceding the day of an election at which a candidate is seeking election, the commission shall not initiate an audit in the absence of a complaint that involves a committee of the same candidate from a previous election, and (ii) the commission shall not audit any caucus, as defined in subdivision (1) of section 9-372.

(B) When conducting an audit after an election or primary, the commission shall randomly audit not more than fifty per cent of candidate committees, which shall be selected through the process of a weighted lottery conducted by the commission that takes into account the selection frequency of a district served by the office of state senator or state representative, as applicable, for the immediately preceding three regular elections for such office and increases or decreases the likelihood that such district will be selected for audit based on such selection frequency, except that the commissioner shall audit all candidate committees for candidates for a state-wide office.

(C) The commission shall notify, in writing, any committee of a candidate for an office in the general election, or of any candidate who

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had a primary for nomination to any such office not later than May thirty-first of the year immediately following such election. In no case shall the commission audit any such candidate committee that the commission fails to provide notice to in accordance with this subparagraph;

Sec. 276. Section 9-704 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The amount of qualifying contributions that the candidate committee of a candidate shall be required to receive in order to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be:

(1) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, of which two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in the state, except that in the case of a primary or election held in 2022, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) before January 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii) on and after January 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and (iii) any such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating [such] the aggregate contribution amounts under this subdivision, [and] (B) all contributions received by (i) an exploratory committee established by said candidate, or (ii) an exploratory committee or candidate

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committee of a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor who is deemed to be jointly campaigning with a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor under subsection (a) of section 9-709, which meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be considered in calculating [such] the aggregate contribution amounts, [;] and (C) in the case of a primary or election held in 2022, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be first adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded upward.

(2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in the state, except that in the case of a primary or election for Lieutenant Governor held in 2022, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward and in the case of a primary or election for Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) [The] Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) before January 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars,

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(ii) on and after January 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and (iii) any such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating [such] the aggregate contribution amounts under this subdivision, [and] (B) all contributions received by an exploratory committee established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be considered in calculating [such amounts] the aggregate contribution amounts, and (C) in the case of a primary or election held in 2022, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be first adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded upward.

(3) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of state senator for a district, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount of fifteen thousand dollars, including contributions from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in said district, except that in the case of a primary or election held in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amount shall be first adjusted under subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) [The] Except as provided in subparagraph (D) of this subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) before December 1, 2017, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii) on and after December 1, 2017, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that

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exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and (iii) any such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes of the requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or more, and (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision and all such exploratory committee contributions that also meet the requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be counted for the purposes of said requirement, and (D) in the case of a primary or election held in 2020, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded upward.

(4) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of state representative for a district, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount of five thousand dollars, including contributions from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in said district, except that in the case of a primary or election held in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amount shall be first adjusted under subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) [The] Except as provided in subparagraph (D) of this subdivision and

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subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) before December 1, 2017, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii) on and after December 1, 2017, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and (iii) any such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes of the requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or more, [and] (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision and all such exploratory committee contributions that also meet the requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be counted for the purposes of said requirement, and (D) in the case of a primary or election held in 2020, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded upward.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection, in the case of a special election for the office of state senator or state representative for a district, (A) the aggregate amount of qualifying contributions that the candidate committee of a candidate for such office shall be required to receive in order to be eligible for a

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grant from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be seventy-five per cent or more of the corresponding amount required under the applicable said subdivision (3) or (4), as adjusted and rounded pursuant to the applicable provisions of subsection (b) of this section, and (B) the number of contributions required from individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in said district shall be seventy-five per cent or more of the corresponding number required under the applicable said subdivision (3) or (4).

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

(2) For elections for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in 2018, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2018, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

(3) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative held in 2018, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in

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subdivision (3) or (4), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2018, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

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

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

[(b)] (d) Each individual who makes a contribution of more than

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fifty dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or promote the success of a participating candidate for nomination or election shall include with the contribution a certification that contains the same information described in subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 9-608 and shall follow the same procedure prescribed in said subsection.

[(c)] (e) The following shall not be deemed to be qualifying contributions under subsection (a) of this section and shall be returned by the treasurer of the candidate committee to the contributor or transmitted to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund:

(1) A contribution from a principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor;

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

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

(4) A contribution made by a youth who is less than twelve years of age.

[(d)] (f) After a candidate committee receives the applicable aggregate amount of qualifying contributions under subsection (a) of this section, the candidate committee shall transmit any additional contributions that it receives to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund.

[(e)] (g) As used in this section, "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" has the same meaning as provided in

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subsection (g) of section 9-612, and "individual" shall include sole proprietorships.

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