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Committee Bill No. 5312

LCO No. 5389



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS TO
PARTICIPATING STATE-WIDE OFFICE CANDIDATES UNDER THE
CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-704 of
2 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

4 (1) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
5 of Governor, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount of
6 two hundred fifty thousand dollars, of which two hundred twenty-five
7 thousand dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in the
8 state, except that in the case of a primary or election held in 2022, or
9 thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted
10 under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded
11 to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars
12 rounded upward. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to
13 the following: (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this
14 subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) [before January 1,

15 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any
16 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
17 candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii)] on and after January
18 1, [2019] 2024, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any
19 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
20 candidate, that exceeds [two hundred fifty] one thousand dollars, and
21 [(iii)] (ii) any such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating
22 the aggregate contribution amounts under this subdivision, (B) all
23 contributions received by (i) an exploratory committee established by
24 said candidate, or (ii) an exploratory committee or candidate committee
25 of a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor who is deemed to
26 be jointly campaigning with a candidate for nomination or election to
27 the office of Governor under subsection (a) of section 9-709, which meet
28 the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under
29 this section shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution
30 amounts, and (C) in the case of a primary or election held in [2022] 2026,
31 or thereafter, the [two-hundred-fifty-dollar] one-thousand-dollar
32 maximum individual contribution amount provided in subparagraph
33 (A) of this subdivision shall be first adjusted under subdivision (1) of
34 subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple
35 of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded upward, provided such
36 adjusted and rounded amount shall not exceed the applicable
37 contribution limit set forth in subsection (a) of section 9-611.

38 (2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
39 of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
40 Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in the
41 aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which sixty-
42 seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by
43 individuals residing in the state, except that in the case of a primary or
44 election for Lieutenant Governor held in 2022, or thereafter, the
45 aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted under
46 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the
47 nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars
48 rounded upward and in the case of a primary or election for Attorney

49 General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held
50 in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be first
51 adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section and then
52 rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty
53 dollars rounded upward. The provisions of this subdivision shall be
54 subject to the following: (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of
55 this subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) [before January
56 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any
57 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
58 candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii)] on and after January
59 1, [2019] 2024, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any
60 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
61 candidate, that exceeds [two hundred fifty] one thousand dollars, and
62 [(iii)] (ii) any such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating
63 the aggregate contribution amounts under this subdivision, (B) all
64 contributions received by an exploratory committee established by said
65 candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate
66 committees under this section shall be considered in calculating the
67 aggregate contribution amounts, and (C) in the case of a primary or
68 election held in [2022] 2026, or thereafter, the [two-hundred-fifty-dollar]
69 one-thousand-dollar maximum individual contribution amount
70 provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be first adjusted
71 under subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded
72 to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded
73 upward, provided such adjusted and rounded amount shall not exceed
74 the applicable contribution limit set forth in subsection (a) of section 9-
75 611.

76 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-704 of the general
77 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
78 (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

79 (c) (1) For elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
80 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the
81 State held in [2022] 2026, and thereafter, the [two-hundred-fifty-dollar]

82 one-thousand-dollar maximum individual contribution amount in
83 subdivision (1) or (2), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this section shall
84 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
85 than January 15, [2022] 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, in
86 accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban
87 consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor,
88 Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1,
89 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year
90 in which said adjustment is to be made.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	9-704(a)(1) and (2)
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	9-704(c)(1)

Statement of Purpose:

To increase to one thousand dollars the individual qualifying contribution amount for state-wide office candidates under the Citizens' Election Program.

[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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