



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5405

LCO No. 2036



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE
CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 9-704 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2020*):

4 (e) (1) The following shall not be deemed to be qualifying
5 contributions under subsection (a) of this section and shall be returned
6 by the treasurer of the candidate committee to the contributor; [or
7 transmitted to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for deposit
8 in the Citizens' Election Fund:]

9 ~~[(1)]~~ (A) A contribution from a principal of a state contractor or
10 prospective state contractor;

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

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

18 ~~[(4)]~~ (D) A contribution made by a youth who is less than twelve years
19 of age.

20 (2) If the treasurer of the candidate committee submits a contribution
21 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection to the State Elections
22 Enforcement Commission as part of an application for a grant under the
23 Citizens' Election Program and the commission accordingly deems such
24 contribution not to be a qualifying contribution, the commission shall
25 return such contribution to the committee and the treasurer shall in turn
26 refund such contribution to the contributor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2020	9-704(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To require that the State Elections Enforcement Commission return to a campaign treasurer any contribution that does not qualify toward receiving a grant under the Citizens' Election Program so that such treasurer may return such contribution to the contributor.

[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.]