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TITUS, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on  
Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to judicial campaign  
financing reform; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to  
establishing the New York state judicial election campaign fund

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2     the "Judicial Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2009".

3     S 2. Legislative intent. An independent, impartial judiciary is funda-  
4     mental to a democratic system of governance. The legislature finds and  
5     declares that the independence and indicia of impartiality of our judi-  
6     ciary are advanced by creating a system of partial public financing of  
7     judicial campaigns. A system of partial public financing for judicial  
8     elections, coupled with other changes in the judicial selection process,  
9     is necessary to buttress the state's commitment to barring undue influ-  
10    ence from judicial campaign financing and to better ensure a level  
11    campaign environment in which all candidates are able to meaningfully  
12    communicate their qualifications and ideas to the electorate.

13    S 3. The election law is amended by adding a new article 18 to read as  
14    follows:

15                                    ARTICLE 18

16                                    JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN FINANCING

17    TITLE I.    PUBLIC FINANCING FOR JUDICIAL ELECTIONS.

18            II. LOCAL OPTION PUBLIC FINANCING FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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## TITLE I

## PUBLIC FINANCING FOR JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

SECTION 18-100. DEFINITIONS.  
18-102. ELIGIBILITY.  
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18-106. OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING.  
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18-110. EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS.  
18-112. EXAMINATIONS AND AUDITS; REPAYMENTS.  
18-114. PENALTIES.  
18-116. CIVIL PENALTIES.

S 18-100. DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS TITLE, UNLESS ANOTHER MEANING IS CLEARLY INDICATED:

1. THE TERM "STATE BOARD" SHALL MEAN THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

2. THE TERM "ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE" SHALL MEAN A CANDIDATE, FOR NOMINATION AT A PRIMARY ELECTION OR CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AT A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION, TO THE OFFICE OF JUDGE OR JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, FAMILY COURT, SURROGATE COURT, COUNTY COURT, CIVIL COURT OR DISTRICT COURT.

3. THE TERM "MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS" SHALL MEAN THAT PORTION OF THE AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS TITLE BY NATURAL PERSONS RESIDENT IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO A PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE WHICH DO NOT EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN FULL BY THE CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE TO THE STATE BOARD, INCLUDING THE CONTRIBUTOR'S FULL NAME AND RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND, WITH RESPECT TO CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN FIFTY DOLLARS, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONTRIBUTOR'S EMPLOYER. "MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS" SHALL BE THE NET AMOUNT OF ANY MONETARY CONTRIBUTION REALIZED BY A CANDIDATE OR DESIGNATED COMMITTEE AFTER DEDUCTING THE REASONABLE VALUE OF ANY GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED THE CONTRIBUTOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTRIBUTION, EXCEPT THAT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ANY PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED A PAYMENT OR ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM SUCH COMMITTEE OR FROM A PERSON WHO IS AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR EMPLOYEE OF, OR A PERSON WHO HAS A TEN PERCENT OR GREATER OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN ANY ENTITY WHICH HAS RECEIVED SUCH A PAYMENT OR THING OF VALUE SHALL NOT BE MATCHABLE. A LOAN SHALL NOT BE TREATED AS A MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, A "CONTRIBUTOR" SHALL BE DEEMED TO INCLUDE THE SPOUSE AND UNEMANCIPATED CHILDREN OF ANY INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR.

4. THE TERM "QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE" SHALL MEAN AN EXPENDITURE FOR WHICH PUBLIC FUNDS MAY BE USED.

5. THE TERM "FUND" SHALL MEAN THE NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND.

6. THE TERM "THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY" SHALL MEAN THE AMOUNT OF TOTAL MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF AN OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO OFFICE MUST RECEIVE IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE.

S 18-102. ELIGIBILITY. 1. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING UNDER THIS TITLE, A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION MUST:

(A) MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW TO HAVE HIS OR HER NAME ON THE BALLOT;

(B) BE AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE AND MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION;

(C) ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC FUNDING PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY TO FILE DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE SUCH CANDIDATE IS SEEKING OR, IN THE CASE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION, NOT LATER THAN THE LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATING

PETITIONS FOR SUCH OFFICE, OR FOR A CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME COURT, NOT LATER THAN THE LAST DAY TO FILE THE MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION AT WHICH SUCH CANDIDATE WAS NOMINATED;

(D) AGREE TO OBTAIN AND FURNISH TO THE STATE BOARD ANY EVIDENCE IT MAY REASONABLY REQUEST RELATING TO HIS OR HER CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES OR CONTRIBUTIONS AND FURNISH SUCH OTHER PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS TITLE AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE STATE BOARD;

(E) HAVE A SINGLE AUTHORIZED POLITICAL COMMITTEE WHICH HE OR SHE CERTIFIES AS THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE;

(F) AGREE TO IDENTIFY ACCURATELY IN ALL CAMPAIGN MATERIALS THE PERSON OR ENTITY THAT PAID FOR SUCH CAMPAIGN MATERIAL; AND

(G) ACKNOWLEDGE HAVING READ AND UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY, ALL OF THE RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF CAMPAIGNS FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE AS PRESCRIBED IN THE CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT.

2. THE THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC FUNDING FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES IN A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDING AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN DOLLARS OR MORE.

3. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS IN AN ELECTION A CANDIDATE MUST AGREE, THAT IN THE EVENT SUCH CANDIDATE IS A CANDIDATE FOR SUCH OFFICE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION IN SUCH YEAR, THAT SUCH CANDIDATE WILL BE BOUND BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE LIMITS OF THIS TITLE.

4. CANDIDATES WHO ARE OPPOSED IN A PRIMARY ELECTION AND WHO DO NOT SEEK PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION IN THAT YEAR.

5. CANDIDATES WHO ARE UNOPPOSED IN A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS.

6. NO CANDIDATE WHO HAS QUALIFIED FOR PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL RECEIVE SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS UNLESS AT LEAST ONE OTHER CANDIDATE FOR SUCH OFFICE IN SUCH ELECTION ALSO QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS OR AT LEAST ONE OTHER CANDIDATE FOR SUCH OFFICE IN SUCH ELECTION AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE HAVE SPENT, OR CONTRACTED OR OBLIGATED TO SPEND, OR HAVE RECEIVED IN LOANS OR CONTRIBUTIONS AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING TEN PERCENT OF THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE IN SUCH ELECTION WHICH IS FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS. IF A CANDIDATE AND THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF SUCH CANDIDATE REACHES THE THRESHOLD TO QUALIFY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS, OR SPENDS OR CONTRACTS OR OBLIGATES TO SPEND, OR RECEIVES IN LOANS OR CONTRIBUTIONS, AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING TEN PERCENT OF THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT IN SUCH ELECTION AT ANY TIME AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE FOR THE LAST REPORT REQUIRED TO BE FILED BEFORE THE FIRST DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR SUCH ELECTION, SUCH CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE MUST NOTIFY THE STATE BOARD OF THAT FACT WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS THROUGH THE ELECTRONIC CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING SYSTEM OR, FOR A CANDIDATE WHO DOES NOT FILE USING SUCH BOARD'S ELECTRONIC CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING SYSTEM, BY EXPRESS MAIL.

S 18-104. QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES. 1. PUBLIC FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE MAY ONLY BE USED FOR EXPENDITURES BY ANY ONE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED BY THE CANDIDATE TO MAKE EXPENDITURES ON SUCH CANDIDATE'S BEHALF, TO FURTHER THE CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION OR ELECTION DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE SEEKING NOMINATION OR ELECTION IS HELD, FOR SERVICES, MATERIALS, FACILITIES OR OTHER THINGS OF VALUE USED DURING THAT YEAR OR IN THE CASE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD COMMENCING THREE MONTHS BEFORE AND ENDING ONE MONTH AFTER SUCH SPECIAL ELECTION. THE TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURES MADE BY THE CANDI-

DATE AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE INCLUDING ALL PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE FUND SHALL NOT EXCEED THE EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 18-110 OF THIS TITLE, EXCEPT INsofar AS SUCH PAYMENTS ARE MADE TO REPAY LOANS USED TO PAY CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

2. SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED FOR:

(A) AN EXPENDITURE IN VIOLATION OF ANY LAW OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF THIS STATE;

(B) PAYMENTS OR ANYTHING OF VALUE GIVEN OR MADE TO THE CANDIDATE, A RELATIVE OF THE CANDIDATE, OR TO A BUSINESS ENTITY IN WHICH ANY SUCH PERSON HAS A TEN PERCENT OR GREATER OWNERSHIP INTEREST OR OF WHICH ANY SUCH PERSON IS AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR EMPLOYEE;

(C) PAYMENT IN EXCESS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF SERVICES, MATERIALS, FACILITIES OR OTHER THINGS OF VALUE RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE;

(D) ANY EXPENDITURE MADE AFTER THE CANDIDATE, OR THE ONLY REMAINING OPPONENT OF THE CANDIDATE, HAS BEEN DISQUALIFIED OR HAD SUCH CANDIDATE'S PETITIONS DECLARED INVALID BY A BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION UNTIL AND UNLESS SUCH FINDING IS REVERSED BY A HIGHER AUTHORITY. THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT APPLY TO A CANDIDATE ENTITLED TO EXPEND PUBLIC FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION 18-106 OF THIS TITLE;

(E) ANY EXPENDITURE MADE TO CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF ANY PETITION OF DESIGNATION OR NOMINATION OR ANY CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION, ACCEPTANCE, AUTHORIZATION, DECLINATION OR SUBSTITUTION;

(F) EXPENDITURE FOR NONCAMPAIGN RELATED FOOD, DRINK OR ENTERTAINMENT; AND

(G) GIFTS, EXCEPT BROCHURES, BUTTONS, SIGNS AND OTHER CAMPAIGN MATERIAL.

S 18-106. OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING. 1. ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION IN GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS MAY OBTAIN PAYMENT TO AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES FROM PUBLIC FUNDS FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES. NO SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL BE PAID TO AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE UNTIL THE CANDIDATE HAS QUALIFIED AS AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE AND FILED A SWORN STATEMENT WITH THE STATE BOARD ELECTING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS AND AGREEING TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE. PAYMENTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN THIS TITLE, AND SHALL BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE. SUCH PAYMENTS MAY ONLY BE MADE TO AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE. NO PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL BE USED EXCEPT AS REIMBURSEMENT OR PAYMENT FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES ACTUALLY AND LAWFULLY INCURRED OR TO REPAY LOANS USED TO PAY QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

2. (A) THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF EACH ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO PAYMENT FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED TWO DOLLARS FOR EACH ONE DOLLAR OF MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OBTAINED AND REPORTED TO THE STATE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE.

(B) HOWEVER, IF ANY CANDIDATE ELECTS NOT TO ACCEPT SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS AND EITHER, SUCH CANDIDATE SPENDS, OR CONTRACTS OR OBLIGATES TO SPEND, OR CONTRIBUTES TO SUCH CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OF SUCH CANDIDATE'S PERSONAL FUNDS, OR IF SUCH CANDIDATE AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE SPEND OR CONTRACT OR OBLIGATE TO SPEND, OR RECEIVE IN LOANS OR CONTRIBUTIONS, AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING ONE-THIRD THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS, THEN THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF EACH ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE FOR SUCH OFFICE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO PAYMENT FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED FOUR DOLLARS FOR EACH SUCH DOLLAR OF MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS. IF

1 A CANDIDATE WHO ELECTS NOT TO ACCEPT SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS, SPENDS, OR  
2 CONTRACTS OR OBLIGATES TO SPEND, OR CONTRIBUTES TO SUCH CANDIDATE'S  
3 AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OF  
4 SUCH CANDIDATE'S PERSONAL FUNDS, OR IF SUCH A CANDIDATE AND THE COMMIT-  
5 TEE OF SUCH A CANDIDATE, SPENDS OR CONTRACTS OR OBLIGATES TO SPEND, OR  
6 RECEIVES IN LOANS OR CONTRIBUTIONS, AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING ONE-THIRD THE  
7 EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE, SUCH CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE MUST  
8 NOTIFY THE STATE BOARD OF THE FACT WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS VIA THE  
9 ELECTRONIC REPORTING SYSTEM, OR IF SUCH CANDIDATE DOES NOT FILE USING  
10 SUCH REPORTING SYSTEM, BY EXPRESS MAIL.

11 3. NO CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION FOR AN OFFICE WHO IS UNOPPOSED IN A  
12 PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO PAYMENT FROM THE FUND FOR QUALI-  
13 FIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES, UNLESS THERE IS A CONTEST IN SUCH PRIMARY  
14 FOR THE NOMINATION OF AT LEAST ONE OTHER PARTY FOR SUCH OFFICE. WHERE  
15 THERE IS SUCH A CONTEST, THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF AN UNOPPOSED CANDI-  
16 DATE FOR NOMINATION MAY RECEIVE ONE-HALF THE PAYMENT PROVIDED IN SUBDI-  
17 VISION TWO OF THIS SECTION, PROVIDED THAT SUCH CANDIDATE OTHERWISE QUAL-  
18 IFIES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE. SUCH PAYMENT CAN ONLY BE  
19 EXPENDED FOR PROPERTY, SERVICES OR FACILITIES USED ON OR BEFORE THE DATE  
20 OF SUCH PRIMARY.

21 4. THE TOTAL PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND RECEIVED BY THE AUTHORIZED COMMIT-  
22 TEE OF ANY CANDIDATE, WHEN ADDED TO THE TOTAL OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED  
23 BY SUCH CANDIDATE AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE, SHALL NOT  
24 EXCEED THE AMOUNT WHICH MAY BE EXPENDED BY SUCH CANDIDATE PURSUANT TO  
25 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE.

26 5. THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMPTLY EXAMINE ALL REPORTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
27 TO DETERMINE THAT, ON THEIR FACE, THEY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MATCHA-  
28 BLE CONTRIBUTIONS, AND SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS.

29 6. THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR THE CERTIFICATION,  
30 FOR APPROVAL OF PAYMENT BY THE NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN  
31 FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW, OF THE  
32 SUM OF PUBLIC FUNDS THAT SUCH CANDIDATE HAS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE FROM  
33 THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND. THESE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE THE PROMUL-  
34 GATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FORMS ON WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
35 ARE TO BE REPORTED, THE PERIODS DURING WHICH SUCH REPORTS MUST BE FILED  
36 AND THE VERIFICATION REQUIRED. THE STATE BOARD SHALL ENDEAVOR TO INSTI-  
37 TUTE PROCEDURES WHICH WILL MAKE POSSIBLE PAYMENT BY THE ELECTION  
38 CAMPAIGN FUND WITHIN FOUR BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED  
39 FORMS AND VERIFICATIONS.

40 S 18-108. CONTRIBUTION AND RECEIPT LIMITATIONS. 1. (A) NOTWITHSTAND-  
41 ING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IN ANY ELECTION FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE, NO  
42 CONTRIBUTOR MAY MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO ANY CANDIDATE OR AUTHORIZED  
43 COMMITTEE, AND NO CANDIDATE OR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT ANY  
44 CONTRIBUTION FROM ANY CONTRIBUTOR, WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT, IS  
45 GREATER THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS EXCEPT THAT A CANDIDATE WHO HAS  
46 ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING OR SUCH CANDI-  
47 DATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT FROM SUCH PARTY OR CONSTITUTED  
48 COMMITTEES AN AMOUNT WHICH IN THE AGGREGATE DOES NOT EXCEED FIVE THOU-  
49 SAND DOLLARS. A CANDIDATE WHO HAS ELECTED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH  
50 OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING MAY ACCEPT FROM SUCH PARTY OR CONSTITUTED  
51 COMMITTEES AN AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE, DOES NOT EXCEED TWO THOU-  
52 SAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

53 (B) HOWEVER, IF ANY CANDIDATE IN ANY ELECTION FOR WHICH PUBLIC FUNDS  
54 ARE AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, ELECTS NOT TO  
55 ACCEPT SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS AND EITHER, SUCH CANDIDATE SPENDS, OR CONTRACTS  
56 OR OBLIGATES TO SPEND, OR CONTRIBUTES TO SUCH CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE AN

1 AMOUNT EXCEEDING TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OF SUCH CANDIDATE'S  
2 PERSONAL FUNDS, OR IF SUCH CANDIDATE AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE  
3 SPEND OR CONTRACT OR OBLIGATE TO SPEND, OR RECEIVE IN LOANS OR CONTRIB-  
4 UTIONS, AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING ONE-THIRD THE EXPENDITURE FIXED BY THIS  
5 TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS,  
6 CONTRIBUTORS TO THOSE CANDIDATES FOR SUCH OFFICE WHO HAVE ELECTED TO  
7 RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO CONTRIBUTE AND SUCH CANDIDATES  
8 OR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM  
9 ANY CONTRIBUTOR, WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE, ARE TWICE THE AMOUNT WHICH  
10 WOULD OTHERWISE BE ALLOWED BY PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION. IF A  
11 CANDIDATE WHO ELECTS NOT TO ACCEPT SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS, SPENDS, OR  
12 CONTRACTS OR OBLIGATES TO SPEND, OR CONTRIBUTES TO SUCH CANDIDATE'S  
13 COMMITTEE AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OF SUCH  
14 CANDIDATE'S PERSONAL FUNDS, OR IF SUCH CANDIDATE AND THE COMMITTEE OF  
15 SUCH CANDIDATE SPENDS OR CONTRACTS OR OBLIGATES TO SPEND, OR RECEIVES IN  
16 LOANS OR CONTRIBUTIONS, AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING ONE-THIRD THE EXPENDITURE  
17 LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE, SUCH CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE MUST NOTIFY THE STATE  
18 BOARD OF THE FACT WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS VIA THE ELECTRONIC REPORTING  
19 SYSTEM, OR IF SUCH CANDIDATE DOES NOT FILE USING SUCH REPORTING SYSTEM,  
20 BY EXPRESS MAIL.

21 (C) AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CALENDAR YEAR TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN AND  
22 EACH FOURTH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER, THE STATE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE  
23 THE PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE MONTHLY  
24 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED  
25 STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND SUCH CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
26 PUBLISHED FOR THE SAME MONTH FOUR YEARS PREVIOUSLY. THE AMOUNT OF EACH  
27 CONTRIBUTION LIMIT FIXED IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE ADJUSTED BY THE  
28 AMOUNT OF SUCH PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE TO THE CLOSEST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS  
29 BY THE STATE BOARD WHICH, NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY IN  
30 EACH SUCH YEAR, SHALL ISSUE A REGULATION SETTING FORTH THE AMOUNT OF  
31 EACH SUCH CONTRIBUTION LIMIT. EACH CONTRIBUTION LIMIT AS SO ADJUSTED  
32 SHALL BE THE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT IN EFFECT FOR ANY ELECTION HELD BEFORE  
33 THE NEXT SUCH ADJUSTMENT.

34 2. (A) CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS TITLE  
35 MAY BE EXPENDED ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY DO NOT EXCEED THE CONTRIB-  
36 UTION LIMITS IMPOSED BY THIS SECTION. INTEREST EARNED ON ANY SUCH  
37 CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE EXPENDED ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH INTEREST WAS  
38 EARNED ON CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH MAY BE EXPENDED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS  
39 OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

40 (B) HOWEVER, IF ANY CANDIDATE IN ANY ELECTION FOR WHICH PUBLIC FUNDS  
41 ARE AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, ELECTS NOT TO  
42 ACCEPT SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS AND SUCH CANDIDATE SPENDS, OR CONTRACTS OR  
43 OBLIGATES TO SPEND, OR CONTRIBUTES TO SUCH CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE AN  
44 AMOUNT EXCEEDING TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OF SUCH CANDIDATE'S  
45 PERSONAL FUNDS, OR SUCH CANDIDATE AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE SPEND  
46 OR CONTRACT OR OBLIGATE TO SPEND, OR RECEIVE IN LOANS OR CONTRIBUTIONS,  
47 AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING ONE-THIRD THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE  
48 FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT SUCH  
49 PUBLIC FUNDS, CANDIDATES FOR SUCH OFFICE WHO HAVE ELECTED TO RECEIVE  
50 PUBLIC FUNDS AND THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES OF SUCH CANDIDATES SHALL BE  
51 ALLOWED TO EXPEND ALL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE  
52 OF THIS TITLE.

53 3. (A) A CANDIDATE OR THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF SUCH A CANDIDATE WHO  
54 HAS NOT ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH PUBLIC FUNDING PROVISIONS OF THIS  
55 TITLE, SHALL NOT ACCEPT ANY CONTRIBUTIONS ANY EARLIER THAN ONE YEAR  
56 BEFORE THE FIRST DAY TO CIRCULATE DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE

1 WHICH SUCH CANDIDATE IS SEEKING, OR ANY LATER THAN THE END OF THE CALEN-  
2 DAR YEAR IN WHICH THE ELECTION OCCURS, EXCEPT THAT A CANDIDATE OR  
3 AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE WHICH HAS A DEFICIT AT THE END OF SUCH CALENDAR  
4 YEAR MAY, AFTER SUCH CALENDAR YEAR, ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH DO NOT  
5 EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF SUCH DEFICIT AND THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN RAISING  
6 SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS. CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUCH A CANDIDATE OR AUTHORIZED  
7 COMMITTEE WHICH WERE RECEIVED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS TITLE  
8 MAY NOT BE EXPENDED IN ANY ELECTION FOR ANY SUCH OFFICE.

9 (B) A CANDIDATE FOR SUCH AN OFFICE TO BE FILLED AT A SPECIAL ELECTION,  
10 OR THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF SUCH A CANDIDATE WHO HAS NOT ELECTED TO  
11 PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC FUNDING PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, SHALL NOT  
12 ACCEPT ANY CONTRIBUTIONS ANY EARLIER THAN THE DATE SUCH OFFICE BECOMES  
13 VACANT OR FOUR MONTHS BEFORE SUCH SPECIAL ELECTION, WHICHEVER IS EARLI-  
14 ER, OR ANY LATER THAN TWO MONTHS AFTER SUCH ELECTION EXCEPT THAT A  
15 CANDIDATE OR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE WHICH HAS A DEFICIT TWO MONTHS AFTER  
16 SUCH ELECTION MAY, AFTER SUCH DATE, ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH DO NOT  
17 EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF SUCH DEFICIT AND THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN RAISING  
18 SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS.

19 S 18-110. EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS. 1. THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS APPLY  
20 TO ALL EXPENDITURES BY ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES AND THEIR COMMITTEES RECEIV-  
21 ING PUBLIC FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE.

22 2. (A) IN ANY PRIMARY ELECTION, EXPENDITURES BY ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES  
23 FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE AND BY THEIR COMMITTEES SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SUM OF  
24 ONE DOLLAR AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS FOR EACH VOTER ENROLLED IN THE CANDI-  
25 DATE'S PARTY IN THE DISTRICT FOR WHICH SUCH CANDIDATE IS A CANDIDATE, AS  
26 DETERMINED BY THE RECORDS OF THE APPROPRIATE BOARD OR BOARDS OF ELECTION  
27 AS OF THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION PRECEDING THE PRIMARY ELECTION; PROVIDED  
28 HOWEVER, SUCH EXPENDITURES SHALL NOT EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND  
29 DOLLARS IN A PRIMARY ELECTION.

30 (B) IN ANY GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION, EXPENDITURES BY ELIGIBLE  
31 CANDIDATES AND BY THEIR COMMITTEES SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SUM OF ONE  
32 DOLLAR AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS FOR EACH VOTER REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT  
33 FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS A CANDIDATE, AS DETERMINED BY THE RECORDS OF  
34 THE APPROPRIATE BOARD OR BOARDS OF ELECTIONS AS OF THE LAST GENERAL  
35 ELECTION; PROVIDED HOWEVER, SUCH EXPENDITURES SHALL NOT EXCEED SEVENTY-  
36 FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION.

37 (C) HOWEVER, IF ANY CANDIDATE IN ANY ELECTION FOR WHICH PUBLIC FUNDS  
38 ARE AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, ELECTS NOT TO  
39 ACCEPT SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS AND EITHER, SUCH CANDIDATE SPENDS, OR CONTRACTS  
40 OR OBLIGATES TO SPEND, OR CONTRIBUTES TO SUCH CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE AN  
41 AMOUNT EXCEEDING TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OF SUCH CANDIDATE'S  
42 PERSONAL FUNDS, OR IF SUCH CANDIDATE AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED  
43 COMMITTEE SPEND OR CONTRACT OR OBLIGATE TO SPEND, OR RECEIVE IN LOANS OR  
44 CONTRIBUTIONS, AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING ONE-THIRD OF THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT  
45 FOR SUCH OFFICE FIXED BY PARAGRAPH (A) OR (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION,  
46 WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT SUCH  
47 PUBLIC FUNDS, THERE SHALL BE NO EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR THOSE CANDIDATES  
48 FOR SUCH OFFICE WHO HAVE ELECTED TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS. IF A CANDIDATE  
49 WHO ELECTS NOT TO ACCEPT SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS, SPENDS OR CONTRACTS OR OBLI-  
50 GATES TO SPEND, OR CONTRIBUTES TO SUCH CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE AN AMOUNT  
51 EXCEEDING TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OF SUCH CANDIDATE'S PERSONAL  
52 FUNDS, OR IF SUCH A CANDIDATE AND THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF SUCH A  
53 CANDIDATE SPENDS OR CONTRACTS OR OBLIGATES TO SPEND, OR RECEIVES IN  
54 LOANS OR CONTRIBUTIONS, AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING ONE-THIRD OF THE EXPENDITURE  
55 LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE, SUCH CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE MUST NOTIFY THE STATE  
56 BOARD OF THAT FACT WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS VIA THE ELECTRONIC REPORTING

1 SYSTEM, OR IF SUCH CANDIDATE DOES NOT FILE USING SUCH REPORTING SYSTEM,  
2 BY EXPRESS MAIL.

3 (D) CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE WHO ARE UNOPPOSED IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION  
4 MAY EXPEND BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION, FOR SERVICES, MATERIALS OR  
5 FACILITIES USED ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF SUCH PRIMARY ELECTION, AN  
6 AMOUNT EQUAL TO HALF THE SUM SUCH CANDIDATES WOULD BE ENTITLED TO SPEND  
7 IF THEIR NOMINATION WAS CONTESTED IN SUCH PRIMARY ELECTION PROVIDED THAT  
8 THERE IS A CONTEST IN SUCH PRIMARY FOR THE NOMINATION OF AT LEAST ONE  
9 OTHER PARTY FOR SUCH OFFICE.

10 (E) EXPENDITURES FOR LEGAL FEES AND EXPENSES TO DEFEND THE VALIDITY OF  
11 PETITIONS OF DESIGNATION OR NOMINATION OR CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION,  
12 ACCEPTANCE, AUTHORIZATION, DECLINATION OR SUBSTITUTION, OR TO CHALLENGE  
13 SUCCESSFULLY, ANY SUCH PETITION OR CERTIFICATE ON GROUNDS OF FRAUD AND  
14 FOR EXPENSES INCURRED TO COMPLY WITH THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING  
15 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE AND ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL  
16 NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE EXPENDITURE LIMITS OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

17 (F) AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CALENDAR YEAR TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN AND  
18 EACH FOURTH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER, THE STATE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE  
19 THE PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE MONTHLY  
20 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED  
21 STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND SUCH CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
22 PUBLISHED FOUR YEARS PREVIOUSLY. THE AMOUNT OF EACH EXPENDITURE LIMIT  
23 FIXED IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE ADJUSTED BY THE AMOUNT OF SUCH  
24 PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE TO THE CLOSEST ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS BY THE STATE  
25 BOARD WHICH, NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY IN EACH SUCH YEAR,  
26 SHALL ISSUE A REGULATION SETTING FORTH THE AMOUNT OF EACH SUCH CONTRIB-  
27 UTION LIMIT. EACH CONTRIBUTION LIMIT AS SO ADJUSTED SHALL BE THE  
28 CONTRIBUTION LIMIT IN EFFECT FOR ANY ELECTION HELD BEFORE THE NEXT SUCH  
29 ADJUSTMENT.

30 3. IN COMPUTING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF THIS  
31 SECTION, EXPENDITURES MADE BY A COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF MORE THAN ONE  
32 CANDIDATE SHALL BE ALLOCATED AMONG SUCH CANDIDATES SUPPORTED BY THE  
33 COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORMULAS PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD OR,  
34 IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH OFFICIAL FORMULAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY FORMULA  
35 BASED UPON REASONABLE STANDARDS. THE STATEMENTS FILED BY SUCH COMMITTEE  
36 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER SHALL SET FORTH, IN ADDITION TO THE  
37 OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED, THE TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED BY THE COMMITTEE  
38 ON BEHALF OF ALL SUCH CANDIDATES AND THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO EACH CANDI-  
39 DATE BY DOLLAR AMOUNT AND PERCENTAGE. EXPENDITURES BY A STATE OR OTHER  
40 COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY FOR ACTIVITIES WHICH DO NOT SUPPORT OR  
41 OPPOSE THE ELECTION OF ANY CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES BY NAME OR BY CLEAR  
42 INFERENCE SHALL NOT BE REGARDED AS EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF OR IN OPPO-  
43 SITION TO A CANDIDATE.

44 S 18-112. EXAMINATIONS AND AUDITS; REPAYMENTS. 1. THE STATE BOARD  
45 SHALL CONDUCT A THOROUGH EXAMINATION AND AUDIT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND  
46 QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENSES OF THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF EVERY ELIGI-  
47 BLE CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVED PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-106 OF THIS  
48 TITLE.

49 2. (A) IF THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES THAT ANY PORTION OF THE PAYMENT  
50 MADE TO SUCH AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE FROM THE NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL  
51 ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND WAS IN EXCESS OF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS  
52 TO WHICH SUCH ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE WAS ENTITLED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-106  
53 OF THIS TITLE, IT SHALL NOTIFY SUCH COMMITTEE AND SUCH COMMITTEE SHALL  
54 PAY TO THE STATE BOARD AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF EXCESS PAYMENTS.

55 (B) IF THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES THAT ANY AMOUNT OF PAYMENT MADE TO  
56 AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE FROM THE NEW YORK STATE



JUDICIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND WAS USED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN TO DEFRAUD QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENSES, IT SHALL NOTIFY THE SAID AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF THE AMOUNT DISQUALIFIED AND THE SAID AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE SHALL PAY TO THE STATE BOARD AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO SUCH DISQUALIFIED AMOUNT.

(C) IF THE TOTAL OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND RECEIVED BY ANY CANDIDATE AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE, EXCEEDS THE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES OF SUCH CANDIDATE AND COMMITTEE, SUCH CANDIDATE AND COMMITTEE SHALL USE SUCH EXCESS FUNDS TO REIMBURSE THE FUND FOR PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY SUCH COMMITTEE FROM THE FUND NOT LATER THAN TEN DAYS AFTER ALL LIABILITIES HAVE BEEN PAID AND IN ANY EVENT, NOT LATER THAN MARCH THIRTY-FIRST OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE YEAR OF THE ELECTION FOR WHICH SUCH PAYMENTS WERE INTENDED. NO SUCH EXCESS FUNDS SHALL BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, UNLESS THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE THE NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND FROM SUCH CANDIDATE AND COMMITTEE HAS BEEN REPAID.

3. IF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION DISQUALIFIES A CANDIDATE WHOSE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED PUBLIC FUNDS ON THE GROUNDS THAT SUCH CANDIDATE COMMITTED FRAUDULENT ACTS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A PLACE ON THE BALLOT AND SUCH DECISION IS NOT REVERSED BY A HIGHER COURT, SUCH CANDIDATE AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE SHALL PAY TO THE STATE BOARD AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE TOTAL OF PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIVED BY SUCH AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE.

4. ALL PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THE STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

S 18-114. PENALTIES. 1. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY FAILS TO FILE A STATEMENT REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THIS TITLE OR THE RULES OR REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD IN IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE DATE PROVIDED FOR FILING SUCH STATEMENT, OR ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY VIOLATES ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR, UNLESS A GREATER PENALTY IS SPECIFICALLY PRESCRIBED IN ANOTHER APPLICABLE STATUTE.

2. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY CONTRIBUTES OR EXPENDS OR AIDS OR PARTICIPATES IN THE CONTRIBUTION OR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING AN APPLICABLE MAXIMUM SPECIFIED IN THIS TITLE, OR WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY ACCEPTS OR AIDS OR PARTICIPATES IN THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTRIBUTION IN AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING AN APPLICABLE MAXIMUM SPECIFIED IN THIS TITLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

3. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY NEGLECTS OR REFUSES TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED BY THIS TITLE, OR TO EXHIBIT RECORDS, PAPERS OR DOCUMENTS AUTHORIZED BY THIS TITLE TO BE INSPECTED OR WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO BE EXHIBITED, SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

4. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY EXPENDS OR AIDS OR PARTICIPATES IN THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR A PURPOSE OR IN A MANNER WHICH VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

5. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY FAILS TO RETURN OR AIDS OR PARTICIPATES IN THE FAILURE TO RETURN TO THE STATE BOARD ANY FUNDS REQUIRED TO BE RETURNED TO SUCH BOARD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

6. ANY PERSON WHO FURNISHES ANY FALSE, FICTITIOUS OR FRAUDULENT EVIDENCE, BOOKS OR INFORMATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS UNDER THIS TITLE OR INCLUDES IN ANY EVIDENCE, BOOKS, OR INFORMATION SO FURNISHED ANY MISREPRESENTATION OF A MATERIAL FACT, OR FALSIFIES OR

1 CONCEALS ANY EVIDENCE, BOOKS, OR INFORMATION RELEVANT TO ANY AUDIT BY  
2 THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY VIOLATES ANY  
3 OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

4 7. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTITUTING  
5 AND CONDUCTING PROSECUTIONS UNDER THIS SECTION. IN SUCH CASES THE ATTOR-  
6 NEY GENERAL OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPUTY SHALL EXERCISE ALL THE  
7 POWERS AND PERFORM ALL THE DUTIES WHICH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WOULD  
8 OTHERWISE BE AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED TO EXERCISE OR PERFORM; WHENEVER ANY  
9 SUCH PROSECUTION IS INSTITUTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE DISTRICT  
10 ATTORNEY SHALL ONLY EXERCISE SUCH POWERS AND PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS ARE  
11 REQUIRED OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE DEPUTY  
12 ATTORNEY GENERAL. UNTIL AND UNLESS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL EXERCISES  
13 AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SECTION AN OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
14 MAY INSTITUTE AND CONDUCT A PROSECUTION UNDER THIS SECTION.

15 8. WHENEVER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS CHAPTER TO  
16 PROSECUTE A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING ON BEHALF OF THE STATE BOARD, THE ATTOR-  
17 NEY GENERAL SHALL HAVE THE DISCRETION TO DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO  
18 INITIATE OR CONDUCT ANY SUCH PROSECUTION TO THE STATE BOARD OF  
19 ELECTIONS.

20 S 18-116. CIVIL PENALTIES. 1. ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO FILE A STATEMENT  
21 OR RECORD REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THIS TITLE OR THE RULES OR REGULATIONS  
22 OF THE STATE BOARD IN IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL  
23 PENALTY, NOT IN EXCESS OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO BE RECOVERABLE IN A  
24 CIVIL PROCEEDING BROUGHT BY THE STATE BOARD.

25 2. IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES BY A CANDIDATE AND SUCH  
26 CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE EXCEEDS THE EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS  
27 CONTAINED IN THIS TITLE SUCH CANDIDATE SHALL BE LIABLE FOR A CIVIL  
28 PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THREE TIMES THE SUM BY WHICH SUCH EXPENDI-  
29 TURES EXCEED THE PERMITTED AMOUNT.

## 30 TITLE II

31 LOCAL OPTION PUBLIC FINANCING FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES  
32 SECTION 18-200. PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING IN COUNTIES, CITIES OR TOWNS  
33 BY LOCAL OPTION.

34 S 18-200. PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING IN COUNTIES, CITIES OR TOWNS BY  
35 LOCAL OPTION. 1. UPON PASSAGE OF A LOCAL LAW BY ANY COUNTY, CITY, TOWN  
36 OR VILLAGE, SUCH MUNICIPALITY MAY ESTABLISH A LOCAL CAMPAIGN FINANCING  
37 LAW FOR ELECTIONS FOR JUDICIAL OFFICES IN SUCH COUNTY, CITY, TOWN OR  
38 VILLAGE.

39 2. SUCH LOCAL PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE  
40 LIMITED TO: WHICH OFFICES SHALL BE INCLUDED IN PUBLIC FINANCING; THE  
41 AMOUNT OF PUBLIC FINANCING FOR EACH OFFICE; CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENDITURE  
42 LIMITS; AND THE METHOD OF FUNDING PUBLIC FINANCING.

43 3. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO DIMINISH ANY EXISTING  
44 AUTHORITY OF A COUNTY, CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE.

45 S 4. Subdivision 3 of section 14-114 of the election law, as amended  
46 by chapter 517 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

47 3. As used in this section the term "contributor" shall not include a  
48 party committee supporting [the candidate] CANDIDATES of such party FOR  
49 NON-JUDICIAL OFFICES or a constituted committee supporting [the candi-  
50 date] CANDIDATES of such party FOR NON-JUDICIAL OFFICES.

51 S 5. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 92-t to  
52 read as follows:

53 S 92-T. NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND. 1. THERE IS  
54 HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE JOINT CUSTODY OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND THE  
55 COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE NEW YORK  
56 STATE JUDICIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND.

1 2. SUCH FUND SHALL CONSIST OF MONEYS CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED THERETO  
2 FROM ANY OTHER FUND OR SOURCE PURSUANT TO LAW.

3 3. MONEYS OF THE FUND, FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE, MAY  
4 BE EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAKING PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES PURSUANT  
5 TO TITLE ONE OF ARTICLE EIGHTEEN OF THE ELECTION LAW. MONEYS SHALL BE  
6 PAID OUT OF THE FUND ON THE AUDIT AND WARRANT OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER  
7 ON VOUCHERS CERTIFIED OR APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, OR  
8 ITS DULY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT  
9 MORE THAN FOUR WORKING DAYS AFTER SUCH VOUCHER IS RECEIVED BY THE STATE  
10 COMPTROLLER.

11 4. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, IF, IN ANY  
12 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE STATE JUDICIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND LACKS THE  
13 AMOUNT OF MONEY TO PAY ALL CLAIMS VOUCHERED BY ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES AND  
14 CERTIFIED OR APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, ANY SUCH DEFICI-  
15 CIENCY SHALL BE PAID, UPON AUDIT AND WARRANT OF THE COMPTROLLER, FROM  
16 FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE NOT MORE THAN FOUR  
17 WORKING DAYS AFTER SUCH VOUCHER IS RECEIVED BY THE COMPTROLLER.

18 5. COMMENCING IN TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN, IF THE SURPLUS IN THE FUND ON  
19 APRIL FIRST OF THE YEAR AFTER A YEAR IN WHICH A GOVERNOR IS ELECTED  
20 EXCEEDS TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE FUND OVER THE  
21 PREVIOUS FOUR YEARS, THE EXCESS SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE  
22 STATE.

23 6. NO MONEYS SHALL BE PAID TO CANDIDATES IN A PRIMARY ELECTION ANY  
24 EARLIER THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE LAST DAY TO FILE DESIGNATING PETITIONS  
25 FOR SUCH PRIMARY ELECTION.

26 7. NO MONEYS SHALL BE PAID TO CANDIDATES IN A GENERAL ELECTION ANY  
27 EARLIER THAN THE DAY AFTER THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD TO NOMI-  
28 NATE CANDIDATES FOR SUCH ELECTION.

29 8. NO MONEYS SHALL BE PAID TO CANDIDATES IN A SPECIAL ELECTION ANY  
30 EARLIER THAN THE DAY AFTER THE LAST DAY TO FILE CERTIFICATES OF PARTY  
31 NOMINATION FOR SUCH SPECIAL ELECTION.

32 9. NO MONEYS SHALL BE PAID TO ANY CANDIDATE WHO HAS BEEN DISQUALIFIED  
33 OR WHOSE DESIGNATING PETITIONS HAVE BEEN DECLARED INVALID BY THE APPRO-  
34 PRIATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION UNTIL AND  
35 UNLESS SUCH FINDING IS REVERSED BY A HIGHER AUTHORITY. NO PAYMENT FROM  
36 THE FUND IN THE POSSESSION OF SUCH A CANDIDATE OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S  
37 AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE ON THE DATE OF SUCH DISQUALIFICATION OR INVALIDI-  
38 DATION MAY THEREAFTER BE EXPENDED FOR ANY PURPOSE EXCEPT THE PAYMENT OF  
39 LIABILITIES INCURRED BEFORE SUCH DATE. ALL SUCH MONEYS SHALL BE REPAYED  
40 TO THE FUND.

41 S 6. This act shall take effect immediately, except that the  
42 provisions of title I of article 18 of the election law, as added by  
43 section three of this act shall first apply in elections held in 2010.