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on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to enacting the "2012 Campaign Finance Reform Act"; to amend the election law, the state finance law and the tax law, in relation to providing for optional partial public financing of certain election campaigns in this state; and to amend the general business law, in relation to additional surcharges

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

1     Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2     the "2012 Campaign Finance Reform Act".

3     S 2. Legislative findings and declaration. The legislature declares  
4     that it is in the public interest to create and ensure a truly democrat-  
5     ic political system in which citizens, irrespective of their income,  
6     status, or financial connections, are enabled and encouraged to compete  
7     for public office. Therefore, the legislature finds it necessary to  
8     establish a system of public financing for all qualified candidates for  
9     state elective offices and constitutional convention delegates.

10    S 2-a. Sections 14-100, 14-102, 14-104, 14-106, 14-108, 14-110,  
11    14-112, 14-114, 14-116, 14-118, 14-120, 14-122, 14-124, 14-126, 14-127,  
12    14-128 and 14-130 of the election law are designated title 1 and a new  
13    title heading is added to read as follows:

14                                RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES; GENERAL

15    S 3. Article 14 of the election law is amended by adding a new title 2  
16    to read as follows:

17                                TITLE II

18                                PUBLIC FINANCING

19    SECTION 14-200. DEFINITIONS.

20                14-202. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

21                14-203. ELIGIBILITY.

22                14-204. QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

23                14-206. OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING.

24                14-208. CONTRIBUTION AND RECEIPT LIMITATIONS.

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

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14-210. LIMITATIONS ON THE RECEIPT OF PUBLIC FUNDS.  
14-212. CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD; GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES.  
14-214. EXAMINATIONS AND AUDITS.  
14-216. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT.  
14-218. CRIMINAL PENALTIES.  
14-220. REPORTS.  
14-222. DEBATES.  
14-224. DISTRIBUTIONS FROM CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND.

S 14-200. DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS TITLE, UNLESS ANOTHER MEANING IS CLEARLY INDICATED:

1. THE TERM "BOARD" OR "CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD CREATED BY SECTION 14-212 OF THIS TITLE TO ADMINISTER THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND.

2. THE TERM "ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE" SHALL MEAN A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO ANY OF THE OFFICES OF GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, COMPTROLLER, ATTORNEY GENERAL, MEMBER OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE, AT-LARGE DELEGATE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OR DISTRICT DELEGATE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

3. THE TERM "PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE" SHALL MEAN A SINGLE AUTHORIZED POLITICAL COMMITTEE WHICH A CANDIDATE CERTIFIES IS THE COMMITTEE THAT WILL SOLELY BE USED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC FINANCING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY THIS TITLE AFTER JANUARY FIRST OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION IS HELD FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE SOUGHT. A MULTI-CANDIDATE COMMITTEE MAY NOT BE A PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE.

4. THE TERM "PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE" SHALL MEAN A CANDIDATE WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY THIS TITLE, HAS MET THE THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY AND HAS ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC FINANCING SYSTEM.

5. THE TERM "NONPARTICIPATING CANDIDATE" SHALL MEAN A CANDIDATE FOR ANY OFFICE ELIGIBLE FOR OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING UNDER THIS TITLE FOR A COVERED ELECTION WHO FAILS TO FILE A STATEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN AFFIDAVIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-206 OF THIS TITLE.

6. THE TERM "MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS" SHALL MEAN THAT PORTION OF THE AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE (A) IN THE CASE OF A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION, AFTER JANUARY FIRST OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION IS HELD FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE SOUGHT OR (B) IN THE CASE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION, WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF SUCH ELECTION BY NATURAL PERSONS RESIDENT IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO ANY OF THE OFFICES COVERED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE WHICH DO NOT EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS, WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN FULL BY THE CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD, INCLUDING THE CONTRIBUTOR'S FULL NAME AND RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS. "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 MAY NOT BE TREATED AS A MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTION.

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

8. THE TERM "FUND" SHALL MEAN THE NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND CREATED BY SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

1 9. THE TERM "THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY" SHALL MEAN THE AMOUNT OF TOTAL  
2 MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THE PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE OF AN OTHERWISE  
3 ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 14-203 OF THIS  
4 TITLE, IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING PURSUANT TO  
5 THIS TITLE.

6 10. THE TERM "CONTRIBUTION" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS IN SUBDIVI-  
7 SION NINE OF SECTION 14-100 OF THIS ARTICLE.

8 S 14-202. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. 1. EVERY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE  
9 SHALL NOT DESIGNATE MORE THAN ONE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE. BEFORE RECEIVING  
10 ANY CONTRIBUTION OR MAKING ANY EXPENDITURE FOR A COVERED ELECTION, EACH  
11 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND  
12 THE BOARD AS TO THE EXISTENCE OF HIS OR HER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE THAT  
13 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AND APPROVED BY SUCH CANDIDATE. EACH SUCH AUTHORIZED  
14 COMMITTEE SHALL, BEFORE OPENING A COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT, RECEIVING ANY  
15 CONTRIBUTION OR MAKING ANY EXPENDITURE FOR A COVERED ELECTION:

16 (A) DESIGNATE A TREASURER; AND

17 (B) OBTAIN A TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE  
18 SERVICE.

19 2. DISCLOSURE. (A) EVERY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL SUBMIT SUCH  
20 REPORTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AS REQUIRED BY TITLE ONE OF THIS  
21 ARTICLE. COPIES OF SUCH REPORTS SHALL ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CAMPAIGN  
22 FINANCE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE AT THE SAME TIME SUCH  
23 REPORTS ARE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

24 (B) THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL REVIEW EACH DISCLOSURE REPORT  
25 FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PURSUANT TO TITLE ONE OF THIS  
26 ARTICLE AND SHALL INFORM PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMIT-  
27 TEES INCLUDING THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE, OF RELEVANT QUESTIONS THE  
28 CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD HAS CONCERNING: (I) COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS  
29 OF THIS TITLE AND OF THE RULES ISSUED BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD; AND  
30 (II) QUALIFICATION FOR RECEIVING PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS PURSUANT TO THIS  
31 TITLE. IN THE COURSE OF SUCH REVIEW, THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL  
32 GIVE CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES INCLUDING THE AUTHORIZED  
33 COMMITTEE, AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO AND CORRECT POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS  
34 AND GIVE CANDIDATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS THE BOARD HAS  
35 CONCERNING THEIR MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTION CLAIMS OR OTHER ISSUES CONCERN-  
36 ING ELIGIBILITY FOR RECEIVING PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS PURSUANT TO THIS  
37 TITLE. NOTHING IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL PRECLUDE THE BOARD FROM SUBSE-  
38 QUENTLY REVIEWING SUCH A DISCLOSURE REPORT AND TAKING ANY ACTION OTHER-  
39 WISE AUTHORIZED BY THIS TITLE.

40 (C) ONLY ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS CONTAINED IN REPORTS FILED WITH THE  
41 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MATCHING FUNDS PURSUANT  
42 TO THIS TITLE.

43 S 14-203. ELIGIBILITY. 1. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING  
44 UNDER THIS TITLE, A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION MUST:

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

47 (B) BE A CANDIDATE FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE, THE STATE LEGISLATURE OR  
48 DELEGATE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AT A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL  
49 ELECTION AND MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION  
50 TWO OF THIS SECTION;

51 (C) ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC FINANCING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY  
52 THIS TITLE NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY TO FILE DESIG-  
53 NATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE SUCH CANDIDATE IS SEEKING OR, IN THE  
54 CASE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION, NOT LATER THAN THE LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINAT-  
55 ING CERTIFICATES FOR SUCH OFFICE;

(D) AGREE TO OBTAIN AND FURNISH TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE 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 BOARD;

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

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

2. THE THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC FUNDING FOR CANDIDATES IN A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES SHALL BE:

(A) GOVERNOR IN A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION. NOT LESS THAN SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AT LEAST SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE UP OF SUMS OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR WHO RESIDES IN NEW YORK STATE.

(B) LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN A PRIMARY ELECTION AND COMPTROLLER OR ATTORNEY GENERAL IN A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION. NOT LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AT LEAST TWO THOUSAND MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE UP OF SUMS OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR WHO RESIDES IN NEW YORK STATE.

(C) MEMBERS OF THE STATE SENATE IN A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION. NOT LESS THAN TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE UP OF SUMS OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR WHO RESIDES IN NEW YORK STATE INCLUDING AT LEAST TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS WHO RESIDE IN THE SENATE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SEAT IS TO BE FILLED.

(D) MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY IN A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION. NOT LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE UP OF SUMS OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR WHO RESIDES IN NEW YORK STATE INCLUDING AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AT LEAST FIFTY INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE IN THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SEAT IS TO BE FILLED.

(E) AT-LARGE DELEGATE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION. NOT LESS THAN TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE UP OF SUMS OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR WHO RESIDES IN NEW YORK STATE.

(F) DISTRICT DELEGATE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION. NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AT LEAST FIFTY MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE UP OF SUMS OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SEAT IS TO BE FILLED.

3. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS IN A PRIMARY 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 PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMITS OF THIS TITLE.

4. CANDIDATES WHO ARE CONTESTED 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. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

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

6. NO CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO AN OFFICE IN A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION WHO HAS ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC FINANCING

1 SYSTEM SHALL BE DEEMED OPPOSED AND RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS UNLESS THERE IS  
2 AT LEAST ONE OTHER CANDIDATE FOR SUCH OFFICE IN SUCH ELECTION AND SUCH  
3 OTHER CANDIDATE RAISES AT LEAST TEN PERCENT OF THE PARTICIPATING CANDI-  
4 DATE'S PRIMARY RECEIPT LIMIT.

5 S 14-204. QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES. 1. PUBLIC FUNDS PROVIDED  
6 UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE MAY ONLY BE USED FOR EXPENDITURES BY  
7 THE PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED BY THE CANDIDATE TO MAKE EXPENDI-  
8 TURES ON SUCH CANDIDATE'S BEHALF, TO FURTHER THE CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION  
9 OR ELECTION AFTER JANUARY FIRST OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRIMARY OR  
10 GENERAL ELECTION IS HELD FOR THE OFFICE SOUGHT, FOR SERVICES, MATERIALS,  
11 FACILITIES OR OTHER THINGS OF VALUE USED DURING THAT CAMPAIGN CYCLE OR,  
12 IN THE CASE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION, FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD  
13 COMMENCING THREE MONTHS BEFORE AND ENDING ONE MONTH AFTER SUCH SPECIAL  
14 ELECTION.

15 2. SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED FOR:

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

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

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

24 (D) ANY EXPENDITURE MADE AFTER THE PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE, OR THE  
25 ONLY REMAINING OPPONENT OF SUCH CANDIDATE, HAS BEEN DISQUALIFIED OR HAD  
26 SUCH CANDIDATE'S PETITIONS DECLARED INVALID BY A BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR A  
27 COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION UNTIL AND UNLESS SUCH FINDING IS  
28 REVERSED BY A HIGHER AUTHORITY.

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

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

34 (G) GIFTS, EXCEPT BROCHURES, BUTTONS, SIGNS AND OTHER CAMPAIGN MATERI-  
35 AL.

36 S 14-206. OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING. 1. PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES FOR  
37 NOMINATION OR ELECTION IN PRIMARY, GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS MAY  
38 OBTAIN PAYMENT TO A PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE FROM PUBLIC FUNDS FOR QUALI-  
39 FIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES. NO SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL BE PAID TO A  
40 PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE UNTIL THE CANDIDATE HAS QUALIFIED TO APPEAR ON  
41 THE BALLOT AND FILED A SWORN STATEMENT WITH THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD  
42 ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING SYSTEM AND  
43 AGREEING TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE. PAYMENTS SHALL NOT  
44 EXCEED THE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN THIS TITLE, AND SHALL BE MADE ONLY IN  
45 ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE. SUCH PAYMENTS MAY ONLY BE  
46 MADE TO A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE. NO PUBLIC  
47 FUNDS SHALL BE USED EXCEPT AS REIMBURSEMENT OR PAYMENT FOR QUALIFIED  
48 CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES ACTUALLY AND LAWFULLY INCURRED OR TO REPAY LOANS  
49 USED TO PAY QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

50 2. THE PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE OF EACH PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL  
51 BE ENTITLED TO SIX DOLLARS IN PUBLIC FUNDS FOR EACH ONE DOLLAR OF MATCH-  
52 ABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OBTAINED AND REPORTED TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD  
53 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, SUCH  
54 PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL ONLY BE USED FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

1 3. (A) NO PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION FOR AN OFFICE WHO IS  
2 UNOPPOSED IN A PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO PAYMENT FROM THE  
3 FUND FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

4 (B) WHERE THERE IS A CONTEST IN SUCH PRIMARY FOR THE NOMINATION OF AT  
5 LEAST ONE OTHER PARTY FOR SUCH OFFICE, THE PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE OF AN  
6 UNOPPOSED PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION MAY RAISE AND SPEND AN  
7 AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE-HALF THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE,  
8 AS FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC  
9 FUNDS, WITH CONTRIBUTIONS OF UP TO TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS PER CONTRIBUTOR.  
10 SUCH PAYMENT CAN ONLY BE EXPENDED FOR PROPERTY, SERVICES OR FACILITIES  
11 USED ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF SUCH PRIMARY ELECTION.

12 4. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL PROMPTLY EXAMINE ALL REPORTS OF  
13 CONTRIBUTIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER, ON THEIR FACE, THEY MEET THE  
14 REQUIREMENTS FOR MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, AND SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF  
15 SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS.

16 5. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR THE  
17 CERTIFICATION OF THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS PAYABLE BY THE COMPTROLLER, FROM  
18 THE FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE  
19 FINANCE LAW, TO A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE THAT HAS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE  
20 SUCH PAYMENT. THESE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE THE PROMULGATION AND  
21 DISTRIBUTION OF FORMS ON WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES ARE TO BE  
22 REPORTED, THE PERIODS DURING WHICH SUCH REPORTS MUST BE FILED AND THE  
23 VERIFICATION REQUIRED. THE BOARD SHALL INSTITUTE PROCEDURES WHICH WILL  
24 MAKE POSSIBLE PAYMENT BY THE FUND WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT  
25 OF THE REQUIRED FORMS AND VERIFICATIONS.

26 S 14-208. CONTRIBUTION AND RECEIPT LIMITATIONS. 1. IN ANY PRIMARY,  
27 SPECIAL OR GENERAL ELECTION FOR ANY STATEWIDE OFFICE, STATE LEGISLATIVE  
28 OFFICE OR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE NO CONTRIBUTOR MAY MAKE A  
29 CONTRIBUTION TO ANY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTIC-  
30 IPATING COMMITTEE, AND NO PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE OR PARTICIPATING  
31 COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT ANY CONTRIBUTION FROM ANY CONTRIBUTOR WHICH, IN THE  
32 AGGREGATE AMOUNT, IS GREATER THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

33 2. (A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE  
34 AS FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC  
35 FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN  
36 A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMIT-  
37 TEE MAY ACCEPT FROM A STATE PARTY COMMITTEE WHICH HAS NOMINATED SUCH  
38 CANDIDATE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE, DOES NOT EXCEED  
39 TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT TWEN-  
40 TY-FIVE PERCENT OF SUCH AMOUNT MAY BE ACCEPTED IN THE FORM OF A TRANS-  
41 FER.

42 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE AS  
43 FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC  
44 FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL OR COMPTROLLER IN  
45 A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMIT-  
46 TEE MAY ACCEPT FROM A STATE PARTY COMMITTEE WHICH HAS NOMINATED SUCH  
47 CANDIDATE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE, DOES NOT EXCEED  
48 ONE MILLION DOLLARS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF SUCH  
49 AMOUNT MAY BE ACCEPTED IN THE FORM OF A TRANSFER.

50 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE AS  
51 FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC  
52 FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR IN A PRIMARY, GENERAL  
53 OR SPECIAL ELECTION OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE MAY  
54 ACCEPT FROM A STATE PARTY COMMITTEE WHICH HAS NOMINATED SUCH CANDIDATE  
55 SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE, DOES NOT EXCEED ONE

1 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF  
2 SUCH AMOUNT MAY BE ACCEPTED IN THE FORM OF A TRANSFER.

3 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE AS  
4 FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC  
5 FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY IN A PRIMA-  
6 RY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING  
7 COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT FROM A STATE PARTY COMMITTEE WHICH HAS NOMINATED  
8 SUCH CANDIDATE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE, DOES NOT  
9 EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT TWENTY-FIVE  
10 PERCENT OF SUCH AMOUNT MAY BE ACCEPTED IN THE FORM OF A TRANSFER.

11 (E) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE AS  
12 FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC  
13 FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE AT-LARGE TO A CONSTITU-  
14 TIONAL CONVENTION IN A GENERAL ELECTION OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPAT-  
15 ING COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT FROM A STATE PARTY COMMITTEE WHICH HAS NOMI-  
16 NATED SUCH CANDIDATE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE, DOES  
17 NOT EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT TWENTY-FIVE  
18 PERCENT OF SUCH AMOUNT MAY BE ACCEPTED IN THE FORM OF A TRANSFER.

19 (F) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE AS  
20 FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC  
21 FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT DELEGATE TO A CONSTITU-  
22 TIONAL CONVENTION IN A GENERAL ELECTION OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPAT-  
23 ING COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT FROM A STATE PARTY COMMITTEE WHICH HAS NOMI-  
24 NATED SUCH CANDIDATE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE, DOES  
25 NOT EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT TWENTY-FIVE  
26 PERCENT OF SUCH AMOUNT MAY BE ACCEPTED IN THE FORM OF A TRANSFER.

27 (G) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE TERM STATE PARTY COMMITTEE  
28 INCLUDES ANY OF ITS SUBCOMMITTEES.

29 3. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT IN THIS SUBDIVISION,  
30 EACH COUNTY COMMITTEE OF ANY PARTY WHICH NOMINATES A CANDIDATE FOR  
31 STATEWIDE OFFICE OR STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE, INCLUDING WITHIN THE TERM  
32 COUNTY COMMITTEE ANY OF ITS SUBCOMMITTEES, MAY EXPEND IN SUPPORT OF SUCH  
33 PARTY'S CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE OR STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE WHO  
34 HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC FINANCING, AN AMOUNT WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED  
35 THE SUM OF TWO CENTS FOR EACH VOTER REGISTERED IN SUCH COUNTY AS DETER-  
36 MINED BY THE RECORDS OF THE APPROPRIATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AS OF THE  
37 PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION.

38 4. IN COMPUTING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF THIS  
39 SECTION, EXPENDITURES MADE BY A STATE PARTY COMMITTEE OR A COUNTY  
40 COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE SHALL BE ALLOCATED AMONG  
41 SUCH CANDIDATES SUPPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORMULAS  
42 PROMULGATED BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD OR, IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH  
43 OFFICIAL FORMULAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A FORMULA BASED UPON REASONABLE  
44 STANDARDS. THE STATEMENTS FILED BY SUCH PARTY COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE  
45 WITH THIS CHAPTER SHALL SET FORTH, IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER INFORMATION  
46 REQUIRED, THE TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED BY THE PARTY COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF  
47 ALL SUCH CANDIDATES AND THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO EACH CANDIDATE BY DOLLAR  
48 AMOUNT AND PERCENTAGE. EXPENDITURES BY A PARTY FOR ACTIVITIES WHICH DO  
49 NOT SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE ELECTION OF ANY CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES BY  
50 NAME OR BY CLEAR INFERENCE SHALL NOT BE REGARDED AS EXPENDITURES ON  
51 BEHALF OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO A CANDIDATE.

52 5. A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE FOR WHICH PUBLIC  
53 FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE SHALL NOT ACCEPT ANY CONTRIB-  
54 UTIONS ANY EARLIER THAN ONE DAY AFTER THE PREVIOUS GENERAL ELECTION FOR  
55 THE OFFICE WHICH SUCH CANDIDATE IS SEEKING, OR ANY LATER THAN THE DAY OF  
56 THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE SOUGHT, EXCEPT THAT A PARTICIPATING

CANDIDATE OR PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE WHICH HAS A DEFICIT ON THE DAY OF THE GENERAL ELECTION MAY, AFTER SUCH DATE, ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH DO NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF SUCH DEFICIT AND THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN RAISING SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS OR THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE AS FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC FUNDS. CONTRIBUTIONS TO A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE OR PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE WHICH WERE RECEIVED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS TITLE MAY NOT BE EXPENDED IN ANY ELECTION FOR ANY SUCH OFFICE.

6. EXCEPT FOR THE LIMITATIONS SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION, PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

S 14-210. LIMITATIONS ON THE RECEIPT OF PUBLIC FUNDS. THE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS APPLY TO THE RECEIPT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES AND THEIR PARTICIPATING COMMITTEES RECEIVING SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE:

1. (A) IN ANY PRIMARY ELECTION, RECEIPT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES AND BY THEIR PARTICIPATING COMMITTEES SHALL NOT EXCEED:

(I) FOR GOVERNOR, THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR AND TEN CENTS FOR EACH VOTER ENROLLED IN THE CANDIDATE'S PARTY IN THE STATE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, SUCH SUM SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN NINE MILLION DOLLARS;

(II) FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, COMPTROLLER OR ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR AND TEN CENTS FOR EACH VOTER ENROLLED IN THE CANDIDATE'S PARTY IN THE STATE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, SUCH SUM SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN SIX MILLION DOLLARS;

(III) FOR SENATOR, THE SUM OF TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS FOR EACH VOTER ENROLLED IN THE CANDIDATE'S PARTY IN THE SENATE DISTRICT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, SUCH SUM SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS;

(IV) FOR MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE SUM OF TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS FOR EACH VOTER ENROLLED IN THE CANDIDATE'S PARTY IN THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, SUCH SUM SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS;

(V) FOR AT-LARGE DELEGATE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, THE SUM OF FIFTEEN CENTS FOR EACH VOTER ENROLLED IN THE CANDIDATE'S PARTY IN THE STATE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, SUCH SUM SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS;

(VI) FOR DISTRICT DELEGATES TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR AND TEN CENTS FOR EACH VOTER ENROLLED IN THE CANDIDATE'S PARTY IN THE DISTRICT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, SUCH SUM SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS;

(B) THE ENROLLMENT NUMBERS USED TO CALCULATE THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMITS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE THE ENROLLMENTS DULY REPORTED BY THE APPROPRIATE BOARD OR BOARDS OF ELECTION AS OF THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION PRECEDING THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

2. IN ANY GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION, RECEIPT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES AND BY THEIR PARTICIPATING COMMITTEES SHALL NOT EXCEED THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF:

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (COMBINED)	\$12,000,000
ATTORNEY GENERAL	\$8,000,000
COMPTROLLER	\$8,000,000
MEMBER OF SENATE	\$350,000
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY	\$150,000
DELEGATE AT-LARGE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION	\$350,000



DISTRICT DELEGATE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION \$75,000

3. PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE WHO ARE UNOPPOSED IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION MAY RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION, FOR SERVICES, MATERIALS OR FACILITIES USED ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF SUCH PRIMARY ELECTION, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO HALF THE SUM SUCH CANDIDATES WOULD BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE IF THEIR NOMINATION WAS CONTESTED IN SUCH PRIMARY ELECTION PROVIDED THERE IS A PRIMARY CONTEST FOR THE NOMINATION OF AT LEAST ONE OTHER PARTY FOR SUCH OFFICE.

4. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF PRIVATE FUNDS A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY RECEIVE SUBJECT TO THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS CONTAINED IN SECTION 14-208 OF THIS TITLE.

S 14-212. CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD; GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. 1. THERE SHALL BE A BOARD WITHIN THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS KNOWN AS THE "CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD" COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS, OF WHICH ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY EACH LEGISLATIVE LEADER OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY. NO MEMBER OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL HOLD ELECTIVE OFFICE, NOR SHALL ANY MEMBER BE A LOBBYIST AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ONE-C OF THE LEGISLATIVE LAW. THE CHAIR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD. THE MEMBERS SHALL EACH SERVE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

2. EACH MEMBER'S TERM SHALL COMMENCE ON JUNE FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN. IN CASE OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF A MEMBER, A MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL MANNER OF APPOINTMENT. EACH MEMBER SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND REGISTERED TO VOTE THEREIN. EACH MEMBER SHALL AGREE NOT TO MAKE AND SHALL NOT MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANY CANDIDATE OR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE FOR NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OR FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF STATE COMPTROLLER. NO MEMBER SHALL SERVE AS AN OFFICER OF A POLITICAL PARTY OR COMMITTEE OR BE A CANDIDATE OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY CAPACITY IN A CAMPAIGN BY A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION FOR ELECTION, OR FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF STATE COMPTROLLER. AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE OR ANY STATE AGENCY SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD.

3. THE MEMBERS OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES AS MEMBERS OF SUCH BOARD.

4. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD MAY EMPLOY OR SHALL UTILIZE EXISTING STAFF OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY, INCLUDING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND A COUNSEL, AND MAKE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL RETAIN AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO PERFORM ONGOING AUDITS OF EACH COVERED ELECTION BY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

5. A MEMBER OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD MAY BE REMOVED FOR CAUSE BY THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY UPON NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING.

6. IN ADDITION TO THE ENFORCEMENT POWERS, AND ANY OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED BY LAW, THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL:

(A)(I) RENDER ADVISORY OPINIONS WITH RESPECT TO QUESTIONS ARISING UNDER THIS TITLE UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF A CANDIDATE, AN OFFICER OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, OR UPON ITS OWN INITIATIVE; (II) PROMULGATE RULES REGARDING REASONABLE TIMES TO RESPOND TO SUCH REQUESTS; AND (III) MAKE PUBLIC THE QUESTIONS OF INTERPRETATION FOR WHICH ADVISORY OPINIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD AND ITS ADVISORY OPINIONS, INCLUDING BY PUBLICATION ON ITS WEBSITE;

1 (B) DEVELOP A PROGRAM FOR INFORMING AND TRAINING CANDIDATES AND THE  
2 PUBLIC AS TO THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE,  
3 INCLUDING BY MEANS OF A WEBSITE;

4 (C) HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AND  
5 PRESCRIBE SUCH FORMS AS THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD DEEMS NECESSARY FOR  
6 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS TITLE; AND

7 (D) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS DEVELOP AN INTER-  
8 ACTIVE, SEARCHABLE COMPUTER DATABASE THAT SHALL CONTAIN ALL INFORMATION  
9 NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THIS TITLE INCLUDING INFORMA-  
10 TION ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO AND EXPENDITURES BY CANDIDATES AND THEIR  
11 AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES AND DISTRIBUTIONS OF MONEYS FROM THE FUND AND  
12 SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS'  
13 WEBSITE.

14 7. CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW AND SUBDI-  
15 VISION SEVENTEEN OF SECTION SEVENTY-THREE OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW,  
16 AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, ALL  
17 POSITIONS ON THE STAFF OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL BE CLASSIFIED  
18 IN THE EXEMPT CLASS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND SUCH POSITIONS SHALL BE  
19 FILLED, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WITH AN EQUAL NUMBER OF PERSONS FROM  
20 EACH OF THE TWO POLITICAL PARTIES FOR WHICH THE HIGHEST AND THE NEXT  
21 HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES WERE CAST FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE COMPTROLLER AT  
22 THE LAST PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION FOR SUCH OFFICE.

23 8. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND SHALL BE  
24 GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE AND SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE  
25 STATE FINANCE LAW.

26 9. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD AND ITS PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY  
27 THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT AND SUBJECT TO ARTICLES SIX AND  
28 SEVEN OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW.

29 10. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD MAY TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS ARE  
30 NECESSARY AND PROPER TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE.

31 S 14-214. EXAMINATIONS AND AUDITS. 1. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL  
32 CONDUCT A THOROUGH EXAMINATION AND AUDIT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUALI-  
33 FIED CAMPAIGN EXPENSES OF THE PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE OF EVERY PARTIC-  
34 IPATING CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVED PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-206 OF  
35 THIS TITLE. SUCH AUDITS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AS FREQUENTLY AS THE  
36 CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD DEEMS NECESSARY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS  
37 TITLE. EVERY CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVES PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THIS  
38 TITLE SHALL ALSO BE AUDITED BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD POST-ELECTION.  
39 THE COST OF COMPLYING WITH A POST-ELECTION AUDIT SHALL BE BORNE BY THE  
40 CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE. A CANDIDATE WHO HAS RECEIVED PUBLIC  
41 MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THIS TITLE MUST MAINTAIN A RESERVE OF AT LEAST ONE  
42 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MATCHING FUNDS RECEIVED BY SUCH CANDIDATE  
43 IN HIS OR HER CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT TO COMPLY WITH THE POST-ELECTION AUDIT. A  
44 CANDIDATE WHO RUNS IN BOTH A PRIMARY AND A GENERAL ELECTION, MUST MAIN-  
45 TAIN A RESERVE OF ONE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PUBLIC MATCHING  
46 FUNDS RECEIVED BY SUCH CANDIDATE FOR BOTH HIS OR HER PRIMARY AND GENERAL  
47 ELECTION. A CANDIDATE MAY USE PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS, PRIVATE FUNDS OR A  
48 COMBINATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDS TO COMPLY WITH A POST-ELECTION  
49 AUDIT. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL ISSUE TO EACH CAMPAIGN AUDITED  
50 THE FINAL POST-ELECTION AUDIT REPORT THAT DETAILS ITS FINDINGS AND SHALL  
51 PROVIDE SUCH AUDIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS AND MAKE SUCH  
52 AUDIT REPORT AVAILABLE ON THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS' WEBSITE.

53 2. (A) IF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD DETERMINES THAT ANY PORTION OF  
54 THE PAYMENT MADE TO A PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE FROM THE FUND WAS IN  
55 EXCESS OF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO WHICH SUCH ELIGIBLE CANDI-  
56 DATE WAS ENTITLED PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-206 OF THIS TITLE, IT SHALL

1 NOTIFY SUCH COMMITTEE OF THE EXCESS AMOUNT AND SUCH COMMITTEE SHALL PAY  
2 TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF EXCESS  
3 PAYMENTS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE ERRONEOUS PAYMENT WAS DUE TO AN  
4 ERROR MADE BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD, THEN THE ERRONEOUS PAYMENT  
5 WILL BE OFFSET AGAINST ANY FUTURE PAYMENT, IF ANY. THE PARTICIPATING  
6 CANDIDATE AND HIS OR HER PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE SHALL BE JOINTLY AND  
7 SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR ANY REPAYMENTS DUE TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD  
8 FOR DEPOSIT BY SUCH BOARD INTO THE NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FUND.

9 (B) IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT ANY AMOUNT OF PAYMENT MADE TO A  
10 PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE FROM THE FUND WAS USED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN  
11 TO DEFRAY QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENSES, IT SHALL NOTIFY SUCH PARTICIPAT-  
12 ING COMMITTEE OF THE AMOUNT DISQUALIFIED AND SUCH PARTICIPATING COMMIT-  
13 TEE SHALL PAY TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO SUCH  
14 DISQUALIFIED AMOUNT. SUCH MONIES SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE NEW YORK  
15 STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF  
16 THE STATE FINANCE LAW. THE CANDIDATE AND THE CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED  
17 COMMITTEE SHALL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR ANY REPAYMENTS DUE  
18 TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD.

19 (C) IF THE TOTAL OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND RECEIVED  
20 BY ANY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING  
21 COMMITTEE, EXCEEDS THE PUBLIC FUNDING RECEIPT LIMITATION OF SUCH CANDI-  
22 DATE AND COMMITTEE, SUCH CANDIDATE AND COMMITTEE SHALL USE SUCH EXCESS  
23 FUNDS TO REIMBURSE THE FUND FOR PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY SUCH COMMITTEE FROM  
24 THE FUND NOT LATER THAN TEN DAYS AFTER ALL PERMISSIBLE LIABILITIES HAVE  
25 BEEN PAID AND IN ANY EVENT, NOT LATER THAN TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON  
26 WHICH THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD ISSUES ITS FINAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE  
27 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL UNSPENT  
28 MATCHING FUNDS FOR A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY DUE  
29 AND PAYABLE TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE NEW YORK  
30 STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND UPON ITS DETERMINATION THAT THE PARTICIPANT  
31 WILLFULLY DELAYED THE POST-ELECTION AUDIT PROCESS. A PARTICIPATING  
32 CANDIDATE MAY MAKE POST-ELECTION EXPENDITURES ONLY FOR ROUTINE ACTIV-  
33 ITIES INVOLVING NOMINAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ENDING A CAMPAIGN AND  
34 RESPONDING TO THE POST-ELECTION AUDIT.

35 3. IF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION DISQUALIFIES A CANDIDATE WHOSE  
36 PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED PUBLIC FUNDS ON THE GROUNDS THAT  
37 SUCH CANDIDATE COMMITTED FRAUDULENT ACTS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A PLACE ON  
38 THE BALLOT AND SUCH DECISION IS NOT REVERSED BY A HIGHER COURT, SUCH  
39 CANDIDATE AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE SHALL PAY TO THE  
40 CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE TOTAL OF PUBLIC FUNDS  
41 RECEIVED BY SUCH PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE.

42 4. THE BOARD MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF ALL PAYMENTS DUE FROM A  
43 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD AND  
44 PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE TO REBUT, IN WHOLE  
45 OR IN PART, THE ALLEGED AMOUNT DUE. UPON A FINAL WRITTEN DETERMINATION  
46 BY THE BOARD, THE AMOUNT DUE SHALL BE PAID TO THE BOARD WITHIN THIRTY  
47 DAYS OF SUCH DETERMINATION.

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

51 S 14-216. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT. 1. ANY PERSON OR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE WHO  
52 KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY FAILS TO MAKE A FILING REQUIRED BY THE  
53 PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO  
54 EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

55 2. ANY PERSON OR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE WHO KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY  
56 VIOLATES ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY RULE PROMULGATED HERE-

1 UNDER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF  
2 TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

3 3. FINES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION WILL BE IMPOSED BY THE CAMPAIGN  
4 FINANCE BOARD AFTER A HEARING AT WHICH THE SUBJECT PERSON OR AUTHORIZED  
5 COMMITTEE SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. SUCH HEARING SHALL  
6 BE HELD IN SUCH MANNER AND UPON SUCH NOTICE AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE  
7 RULES OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD. FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING SUCH  
8 HEARINGS, THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE AN AGENCY  
9 WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE THREE OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCE-  
10 DURE ACT AND SHALL ADOPT RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF ADJUDICATORY  
11 PROCEEDINGS AND APPEALS TAKEN PURSUANT TO A PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER  
12 ARTICLE SEVENTY-EIGHT OF THE CIVIL PRACTICE LAW AND RULES RELATING TO  
13 THE ASSESSMENT OF THE CIVIL PENALTIES HEREIN AUTHORIZED.

14 4. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL PUBLISH ON THE STATE BOARD OF  
15 ELECTIONS' WEBSITE THE FINAL ORDER ADJUDICATING ANY MATTER BROUGHT  
16 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

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

20 S 14-218. CRIMINAL PENALTIES. 1. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFUL-  
21 LY FAILS TO MAKE A FILING REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE WITH-  
22 IN TEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE PROVIDED FOR SUCH, OR ANYONE THAT KNOWINGLY  
23 AND WILLFULLY VIOLATES ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE GUILTY  
24 OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, IN ADDITION TO SUCH OTHER PENALTIES AS MAY BE  
25 PROVIDED BY LAW, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF  
26 TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

27 2. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY CONTRIBUTES, ACCEPTS OR AIDS  
28 OR PARTICIPATES IN THE CONTRIBUTION OR ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTRIBUTION IN  
29 AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING AN APPLICABLE MAXIMUM SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE  
30 SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT TO  
31 EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

32 3. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT OR KNOWINGLY OMITTS  
33 A MATERIAL FACT TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD OR AN AUDITOR DESIGNATED  
34 BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD DURING ANY AUDIT CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO  
35 SECTION 14-214 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS E FELONY.

36 4. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER SENTENCE LAWFULLY IMPOSED UPON A FINDING  
37 OF GUILT IN A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION COMMENCED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS  
38 OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT MAY ORDER A DEFENDANT TO REPAY TO THE  
39 CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD ANY PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF  
40 ANY CRIMINAL CONDUCT.

41 5. ALL SUCH PROSECUTIONS FOR CRIMINAL ACTS UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE  
42 PROSECUTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

43 6. ANY AND ALL FINES IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE  
44 PAYABLE TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE NEW YORK  
45 STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND.

46 S 14-220. REPORTS. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO  
47 THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY FIRST, TWO  
48 THOUSAND SIXTEEN, AND EVERY FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE:

49 1. A LIST OF THE PARTICIPATING AND NONPARTICIPATING CANDIDATES IN  
50 COVERED ELECTIONS AND THE VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH CANDIDATE IN THOSE  
51 ELECTIONS;

52 2. THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND LOANS RECEIVED, AND EXPENDITURES  
53 MADE, ON BEHALF OF PARTICIPATING AND NONPARTICIPATING CANDIDATES;

54 3. THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS EACH PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE  
55 RECEIVED, SPENT, AND REPAYED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE;

1 4. ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECT OF THIS TITLE ON THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN FOR  
2 THE OFFICE OF STATE COMPTROLLER AND THE UTILITY OF APPLYING THE PROGRAM  
3 TO OTHER CAMPAIGNS FOR STATEWIDE ELECTIVE OFFICE, INCLUDING ITS EFFECT  
4 ON THE SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF PRIVATE FINANCING, THE LEVEL OF CAMPAIGN  
5 EXPENDITURES, VOTER PARTICIPATION, THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES, THE CANDI-  
6 DATES' ABILITIES TO CAMPAIGN EFFECTIVELY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, AND THE  
7 DIVERSITY OF CANDIDATES SEEKING AND ELECTED TO OFFICE;

8 5. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS TO THIS TITLE, INCLUDING  
9 CHARGES IN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS, THRESHOLDS FOR ELIGIBILITY AND LIMITS ON  
10 TOTAL MATCHING FUNDS AS WELL AS INSTITUTING A PROGRAM OF FULL PUBLIC  
11 CAMPAIGN FINANCING FOR ELECTION FOR ALL STATEWIDE OFFICES; AND

12 6. ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD DEEMS RELE-  
13 VANT.

14 S 14-222. DEBATES. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE REGU-  
15 LATIONS TO FACILITATE DEBATES AMONG PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES. PARTIC-  
16 IPATING CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE DEBATE  
17 BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND IN AT LEAST ONE DEBATE BEFORE THE GENER-  
18 AL ELECTION FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE RECEIVES PUBLIC FUNDS, UNLESS THE  
19 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE IS RUNNING UNOPPOSED. A NONPARTICIPATING CANDI-  
20 DATE MAY BE A PARTY TO SUCH DEBATES.

21 S 14-224. DISTRIBUTIONS FROM CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND. 1. THIS SECTION  
22 GOVERNS THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD'S DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE  
23 CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND CREATED BY SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE  
24 FINANCE LAW, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE.

25 2. NO MONEYS SHALL BE PAID TO PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES IN A PRIMARY  
26 ELECTION ANY EARLIER THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE LAST DAY TO FILE DESIGNAT-  
27 ING PETITIONS FOR SUCH PRIMARY ELECTION.

28 3. NO MONEYS SHALL BE PAID TO PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES IN A GENERAL  
29 ELECTION ANY EARLIER THAN A WEEK AFTER THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD TO  
30 NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR SUCH ELECTION.

31 4. NO MONEYS SHALL BE PAID TO ANY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE WHO HAS BEEN  
32 DISQUALIFIED BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD OR WHOSE DESIGNATING  
33 PETITIONS HAVE BEEN DECLARED INVALID BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR  
34 A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION UNTIL AND UNLESS SUCH FINDING IS  
35 REVERSED BY AN APPELLATE COURT.

36 5. NO PAYMENT FROM THE FUND IN THE POSSESSION OF SUCH A CANDIDATE OR  
37 SUCH A CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE ON THE DATE OF SUCH DISQUALI-  
38 FICATION OR INVALIDATION MAY THEREAFTER BE EXPENDED FOR ANY PURPOSE  
39 EXCEPT THE PAYMENT OF LIABILITIES INCURRED BEFORE THAT DATE. ALL EXCESS  
40 PUBLIC MONEYS PAID TO A DISQUALIFIED CANDIDATE SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE  
41 FUND NOT LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THOSE  
42 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVED PUBLIC MONEYS FOR THE GENERAL  
43 ELECTION, AND OTHERWISE, NOT LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE PRIMARY  
44 ELECTION FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVED PUBLIC MONEYS  
45 SOLELY FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

46 6. (A) PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES SHALL PAY TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
47 BOARD UNSPENT PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUNDS FROM AN ELECTION NOT LATER THAN  
48 THIRTY DAYS AFTER ALL LIABILITIES FOR THE ELECTION HAVE BEEN PAID AND,  
49 IN ANY EVENT, NOT LESS THAN TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE UPON WHICH THE  
50 CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD ISSUES ITS FINAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE PARTICIPAT-  
51 ING CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL UNSPENT PUBLIC  
52 CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY DUE  
53 AND PAYABLE TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD UPON ITS DETERMINATION THAT  
54 THE PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE HAS, WITHOUT JUST CAUSE, DELAYED THE POST-E-  
55 LECTION AUDIT PROCESS. UNSPENT CAMPAIGN FUNDS DETERMINATIONS MADE BY THE  
56 CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL BE BASED ON THE PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE

1 COMMITTEE'S RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD MAY  
2 ALSO CONSIDER ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION REVEALED IN THE COURSE OF  
3 ITS AUDITS OR INVESTIGATIONS OR THE INVESTIGATIONS BY ANY OTHER AGENCY.

4 (B)(I) A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY NOT USE RECEIPTS FOR ANY PURPOSE  
5 OTHER THAN DISBURSEMENTS IN THE PRECEDING ELECTION UNTIL ALL UNSPENT  
6 PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUNDS HAVE BEEN REPAID. A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL  
7 HAVE THE BURDEN OF DEMONSTRATING THAT A POST-ELECTION EXPENDITURE IS FOR  
8 THE PRECEDING ELECTION.

9 (II) BEFORE REPAYING UNSPENT PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING  
10 CANDIDATE MAY MAKE POST-ELECTION EXPENDITURES ONLY FOR ROUTINE ACTIV-  
11 ITIES INVOLVING NOMINAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH WINDING UP A CAMPAIGN AND  
12 RESPONDING TO THE POST-ELECTION AUDIT. SUCH EXPENDITURES MAY INCLUDE:  
13 PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS AND RENT; REASONABLE STAFF SALARIES AND  
14 CONSULTANT FEES FOR RESPONDING TO A POST-ELECTION AUDIT; REASONABLE  
15 MOVING EXPENSES RELATED TO CLOSING A CAMPAIGN OFFICE; A HOLIDAY CARD  
16 MAILING TO CONTRIBUTORS, CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF MEMBERS; THANK  
17 YOU NOTES FOR CONTRIBUTORS, CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF MEMBERS;  
18 PAYMENT OF TAXES AND OTHER REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH  
19 APPLICABLE TAX LAWS; AND INTEREST EXPENSES. ROUTINE POST-ELECTION  
20 EXPENDITURES THAT MAY BE PAID FOR WITH UNSPENT CAMPAIGN FUNDS DO NOT  
21 INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS POST-ELECTION MAILINGS OTHER THAN AS SPECIFICALLY  
22 PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH; MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS; MAKING BONUS  
23 PAYMENTS OR GIFTS TO STAFF MEMBERS OR VOLUNTEERS; OR HOLDING ANY POST-E-  
24 LECTION DAY EVENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY MEAL OR ANY PARTY.  
25 UNSPENT CAMPAIGN FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED FOR TRANSITION OR INAUGURATION  
26 ACTIVITIES.

27 7. ALL MONIES RECEIVED BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS  
28 SECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND  
29 PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

30 S 4. The election law is amended by adding a new section 16-103 to  
31 read as follows:

32 S 16-103. PROCEEDINGS AS TO PUBLIC FINANCING. 1. THE DETERMINATION OF  
33 ELIGIBILITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-203 OF THIS CHAPTER AND ANY QUESTION  
34 OR ISSUE RELATING TO PAYMENTS FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES PURSU-  
35 ANT TO SECTION 14-206 OF THIS CHAPTER MAY BE CONTESTED IN A PROCEEDING  
36 INSTITUTED IN THE SUPREME COURT, ALBANY COUNTY, BY ANY AGGRIEVED CANDI-  
37 DATE.

38 2. A PROCEEDING WITH RESPECT TO SUCH A DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY OR  
39 PAYMENT FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-206  
40 OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE INSTITUTED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER SUCH DETER-  
41 MINATION WAS MADE. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL BE MADE A PARTY TO  
42 ANY SUCH PROCEEDING.

43 3. UPON THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD'S FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE AMOUNT DUE  
44 FROM A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE AFTER THE  
45 ISSUANCE OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF SUCH AMOUNT DUE, AS REQUIRED BY SUBDIVI-  
46 SION FOUR OF SECTION 14-214 OF THIS CHAPTER, SUCH BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO  
47 INSTITUTE A SPECIAL PROCEEDING OR CIVIL ACTION IN SUPREME COURT, ALBANY  
48 COUNTY, TO OBTAIN A JUDGMENT FOR ANY AMOUNTS DETERMINED TO BE PAYABLE TO  
49 THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD AS A RESULT OF AN EXAMINATION AND AUDIT MADE  
50 PURSUANT TO TITLE II OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER.

51 4. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO INSTITUTE A SPECIAL  
52 PROCEEDING OR CIVIL ACTION IN SUPREME COURT, ALBANY COUNTY, TO OBTAIN A  
53 JUDGMENT FOR CIVIL PENALTIES DETERMINED TO BE PAYABLE TO THE CAMPAIGN  
54 FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-214 OF THIS CHAPTER.

55 S 5. The election law is amended by adding a new section 4-115 to read  
56 as follows:

1 S 4-115. NOTICE TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE  
2 LEGISLATURE. 1. EACH BOARD OF ELECTIONS WITH WHICH PETITIONS ARE FILED  
3 FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE SHALL, NOT LATER THAN ONE WEEK AFTER  
4 THE LAST DAY TO FILE SUCH PETITIONS, SEND NOTICE TO THE STATE BOARD OF  
5 ELECTIONS OF SUCH INFORMATION ABOUT EACH SUCH PETITION AS THE STATE  
6 BOARD SHALL REQUIRE.

7 2. EACH SUCH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL, NOT LATER THAN THE DAY  
8 AFTER THE LAST DAY TO FILE A PETITION OR CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION FOR A  
9 GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION OR A CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE, DECLINATION  
10 OR SUBSTITUTION FOR A GENERAL, PRIMARY OR SPECIAL ELECTION FOR ANY SUCH  
11 OFFICE, SEND TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SUCH INFORMATION ABOUT EACH  
12 SUCH PETITION OR CERTIFICATE AS THE STATE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE.

13 3. IF ANY SUCH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHOULD DISQUALIFY ANY SUCH  
14 CANDIDATE OR RULE THE PETITION OR CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING OR NOMINATING  
15 ANY SUCH CANDIDATE INVALID, IT SHALL FORTHWITH NOTIFY THE STATE BOARD OF  
16 ELECTIONS OF SUCH DECISION.

17 4. IF ANY SUCH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL BE NOTIFIED OF A DECI-  
18 SION OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION DISQUALIFYING ANY SUCH CANDI-  
19 DATE OR DECLARING ANY SUCH PETITION INVALID OR REVERSING ANY SUCH DECI-  
20 SION BY SUCH BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR ANOTHER COURT, SUCH BOARD OF  
21 ELECTIONS SHALL FORTHWITH NOTIFY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF SUCH  
22 DECISION.

23 5. THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY PRESCRIBE FORMS FOR THE NOTICES  
24 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION AND SHALL PRESCRIBE THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH  
25 NOTICES SHALL BE GIVEN.

26 S 6. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 359-  
27 gg to read as follows:

28 S 359-GG. ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE. IN ADDITION TO ANY PENALTY AUTHORIZED  
29 BY SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE-G OF THIS ARTICLE OR ANY DAMAGES OR  
30 OTHER COMPENSATION RECOVERABLE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY  
31 SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZED BY SECTION SIXTY-THREE OR SIXTY-THREE-C OF THE  
32 EXECUTIVE LAW, THERE SHALL BE ASSESSED THEREON AN ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE  
33 IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUCH PENALTY,  
34 DAMAGES OR SETTLEMENT. SUCH SURCHARGE SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE NEW YORK  
35 STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE  
36 STATE FINANCE LAW.

37 S 7. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 92-t to  
38 read as follows:

39 S 92-T. NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND. 1. THERE IS HEREBY  
40 ESTABLISHED IN THE CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE A  
41 SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND.

42 2. SUCH FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL REVENUES RECEIVED FROM THE SURCHARGE  
43 IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE-GG OF THE GENERAL  
44 BUSINESS LAW, REVENUES RECEIVED FROM CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND CHECK-OFF  
45 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF SECTION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT OF THE TAX  
46 LAW AND ALL OTHER MONEYS CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED THERETO FROM ANY OTHER  
47 FUND OR SOURCE PURSUANT TO LAW. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL  
48 PREVENT THE STATE FROM RECEIVING GRANTS, GIFTS, BEQUESTS OR VOLUNTARY  
49 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE FUND AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION  
50 AND DEPOSITING THEM INTO THE FUND ACCORDING TO LAW. MONIES IN THE FUND  
51 SHALL BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM AND NOT COMMINGLED WITH OTHER FUNDS HELD IN  
52 THE CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE.

53 3. MONEYS OF THE FUND, FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE, MAY  
54 BE EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAKING PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES PURSUANT  
55 TO TITLE TWO OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THE ELECTION LAW. MONEYS SHALL BE  
56 PAID OUT OF THE FUND BY THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE ON

VOUCHERS CERTIFIED OR APPROVED BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO TITLE TWO OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THE ELECTION LAW, OR THE DULY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH BOARD, IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT MORE THAN ONE WORKING DAY AFTER A VOUCHER DULY CERTIFIED, APPROVED AND EXECUTED BY SUCH BOARD OR ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE IS RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE.

4. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, IF, IN ANY STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND LACKS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO PAY ALL CLAIMS VOUCHERED BY ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES AND CERTIFIED OR APPROVED BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD, ANY SUCH DEFICIENCY SHALL BE PAID, UPON AUDIT AND WARRANT OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER, FROM FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE NOT MORE THAN ONE WORKING DAY AFTER SUCH VOUCHER IS RECEIVED BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER.

5. COMMENCING IN TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, IF THE SURPLUS IN THE FUND ON APRIL FIRST OF THE YEAR AFTER AN ELECTION CYCLE EXCEEDS TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE FUND OVER THE PREVIOUS FOUR YEARS, THE EXCESS SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

6. NO PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL BE PAID TO ANY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES IN A PRIMARY ELECTION ANY EARLIER THAN THE DAY THAT SUCH CANDIDATE IS CERTIFIED AS BEING ON THE BALLOT FOR SUCH PRIMARY ELECTION.

7. NO PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL BE PAID TO ANY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES IN A GENERAL ELECTION ANY EARLIER THAN THE DAY AFTER THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR SUCH ELECTION.

8. NO PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL BE PAID TO ANY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE WHO HAS BEEN DISQUALIFIED OR WHOSE DESIGNATING PETITIONS HAVE BEEN DECLARED INVALID BY THE APPROPRIATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION UNTIL AND UNLESS SUCH FINDING IS REVERSED BY A HIGHER AUTHORITY. NO PAYMENT FROM THE FUND IN THE POSSESSION OF SUCH A CANDIDATE OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE ON THE DATE OF SUCH DISQUALIFICATION OR INVALIDATION MAY THEREAFTER BE EXPENDED FOR ANY PURPOSE EXCEPT THE PAYMENT OF LIABILITIES INCURRED BEFORE SUCH DATE. ALL SUCH MONEYS SHALL BE REPAID TO THE FUND.

S 8. Section 658 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

(F) NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND CHECK-OFF. (1) FOR EACH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING ON AND AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, EVERY INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NEW YORK STATE INCOME TAX LIABILITY FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR FOR WHICH THE RETURN IS FILED IS FIVE DOLLARS OR MORE MAY DESIGNATE ON SUCH RETURN THAT FIVE DOLLARS BE PAID INTO THE NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW. WHERE A HUSBAND AND WIFE FILE A JOINT RETURN AND HAVE A NEW YORK STATE INCOME TAX LIABILITY FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR FOR WHICH THE RETURN IS FILED OF TEN DOLLARS OR MORE, OR FILE SEPARATE RETURNS ON A SINGLE FORM, EACH SUCH TAXPAYER MAY MAKE SEPARATE DESIGNATIONS ON SUCH RETURN OF FIVE DOLLARS TO BE PAID INTO THE NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND.

(2) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL TRANSFER TO THE NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO FIVE DOLLARS MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF DESIGNATIONS.

(3) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE INCOME TAX LIABILITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR IS THE AMOUNT OF TAX IMPOSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE REDUCED BY THE SUM OF THE CREDITS (AS SHOWN IN HIS OR HER RETURN) ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS ARTICLE.



1 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE A PLACE ON EVERY PERSONAL INCOME TAX  
2 RETURN FORM TO BE FILED BY AN INDIVIDUAL FOR A TAX YEAR BEGINNING ON OR  
3 AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, IMMEDIATELY ABOVE THE CERTIF-  
4 ICATION UNDER WHICH THE TAXPAYER IS REQUIRED TO SIGN SUCH FORM, FOR SUCH  
5 TAXPAYER TO MAKE THE DESIGNATIONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH ONE OF THIS  
6 SUBSECTION. SUCH RETURN FORM SHALL CONTAIN A CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE  
7 PURPOSE OF SUCH OPTIONAL DESIGNATIONS.

8 S 9. Severability. If any clause, sentence, subdivision, paragraph,  
9 section or part of title II of article 14 of the election law, as added  
10 by section seven of this act be adjudged by any court of competent  
11 jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or  
12 invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation  
13 to the clause, sentence, subdivision, paragraph, section or part thereof  
14 directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have  
15 been rendered.

16 S 10. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however,  
17 candidates for state comptroller will be eligible to participate in the  
18 public financing system beginning with the 2014 election, all state  
19 legislature candidates will be eligible to participate in the public  
20 financing system beginning with the 2016 election and all state candi-  
21 dates and constitutional convention delegates will be eligible to  
22 participate in the public financing system beginning with the 2018  
23 election.