

4980--A

2013-2014 Regular Sessions

I N A S S E M B L Y

February 13, 2013

Introduced by M. of A. SILVER, MILLMAN, WRIGHT, MORELLE, WEINSTEIN, GOTTFRIED, PEOPLES-STOKES, KAVANAGH, WEPRIN, SCARBOROUGH, LUPARDO, MAISEL, SCHIMEL, BRONSON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ABINANTI, BENEDETTO, BRAUNSTEIN, BRENNAN, BRINDISI, BROOK-KRASNY, BUCHWALD, CAHILL, CAMARA, CLARK, COLTON, COOK, DINOWITZ, ENGLEBRIGHT, FAHY, FARRELL, GALEF, GANTT, GLICK, GUNTHER, HEVESI, HOOPER, JACOBS, JAFFEE, KELLNER, KIM, LAVINE, LENTOL, LIFTON, MARKEY, MAYER, McDONALD, MOSLEY, MOYA, NOLAN, O'DONNELL, ORTIZ, OTIS, PAULIN, PERRY, QUART, ROSA, ROSENTHAL, ROZIC, RUSSELL, SEPULVEDA, SIMOTAS, SWEENEY, TITUS, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to enacting the "2013 Fair Elections 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 "2013 Fair Elections Act".
3 S 2. Legislative findings and declarations. The legislature declares
4 that is in the public interest to create and ensure a truly democratic
5 political system in which citizens, irrespective of their income,
6 status, or financial connections, are enabled and encouraged to compete
7 for public office. The legislature further declares that large and
8 unregulated independent expenditures deliberately distort issues and
9 facts thereby giving their financial backers undue influence in
10 elections. Therefore, the legislature finds it necessary to establish a
11 system of public financing for all qualified candidates for state elec-
12 tive offices and constitutional convention delegates. The legislature

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

LBD02247-09-3

1 further finds that a new system of public financing would be best admin-
2 istered by a new "fair elections board" empowered with effective over-
3 sight and enforcement capabilities dedicated to working with and assist-
4 ing candidates excel in the public financing system.

5 S 3. Subdivision 3, paragraph (c) of subdivision 9-A and subdivision
6 17 of section 3-102 of the election law, subdivisions 3 and 17 as
7 amended by chapter 9 of the laws of 1978, paragraph (c) of subdivision
8 9-A as added by chapter 430 of the laws of 1997 and subdivision 17 as
9 renumbered by chapter 23 of the laws of 2005, are amended to read as
10 follows:

11 3. conduct any investigation necessary to carry out the provisions of
12 this chapter PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD ENFORCEMENT
13 COUNSEL, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION 14-216 OF
14 THIS CHAPTER, AS IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY, AFTER THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD
15 HAS CONSIDERED THE MATTER OR MATTERS IN QUESTION; SHALL CONDUCT ANY
16 INVESTIGATION NECESSARY TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF
17 THIS CHAPTER ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

18 (c) establish [a] AN EDUCATIONAL AND training program on ALL REPORTING
19 REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO the electronic reporting proc-
20 ess and make it EASILY AND READILY available to any such candidate or
21 committee AND NOTIFY ANY SUCH CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE OF THE AVAILABILITY
22 OF THE MOST RECENT CAMPAIGN FINANCE HANDBOOK;

23 17. HEAR AND CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD
24 ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE
25 FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER, AS IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY, AFTER THE FAIR
26 ELECTIONS BOARD HAS CONSIDERED THE MATTER OR MATTERS IN QUESTION;

27 18. THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL, AS IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY,
28 ACCEPT, MODIFY OR REJECT ANY ACTION OR ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE FAIR
29 ELECTIONS BOARD PURSUANT TO SUCH FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD'S AUTHORITY UNDER
30 SUBDIVISION FOURTEEN OF SECTION 3-104 AND SECTIONS 3-111 AND 14-216 OF
31 THIS CHAPTER.

32 19. perform such other acts as may be necessary to carry out the
33 purposes of this chapter.

34 S 4. Section 3-104 of the election law, subdivisions 1, 3, 4 and 5 as
35 redesignated and subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 9 of the laws of
36 1978, is amended to read as follows:

37 S 3-104. State board of elections AND THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD
38 ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL; enforcement powers. 1. (A) THERE SHALL BE A UNIT
39 KNOWN AS THE FAIR ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT UNIT ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE FAIR
40 ELECTIONS BOARD. THE HEAD OF SUCH UNIT SHALL BE THE ENFORCEMENT COUN-
41 SEL.

42 (B) The state board of elections shall have jurisdiction of, and be
43 responsible for, the execution and enforcement of the provisions of
44 [article fourteen of this chapter and other] statutes governing
45 campaigns, elections and related procedures; PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT THE
46 ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL SHALL HAVE SOLE AUTHORITY WITHIN THE STATE BOARD OF
47 ELECTIONS TO INVESTIGATE ON HIS OR HER OWN INITIATIVE OR UPON COMPLAINT,
48 ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER AND ALL
49 COMPLAINTS ALLEGING ARTICLE FOURTEEN VIOLATIONS SHALL BE FORWARDED TO
50 THE ENFORCEMENT UNIT. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO
51 DIMINISH OR ALTER THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS' JURISDICTION PURSUANT TO
52 THIS CHAPTER.

53 2. (A) Whenever [the state board of elections or other] A LOCAL board
54 of elections shall determine, on its own initiative or upon complaint,
55 or otherwise, that there is substantial reason to believe a violation of
56 this chapter or any code or regulation promulgated thereunder has

1 [occurred] BEEN COMMITTED BY A CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT
2 FILES STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER SOLELY
3 WITH SUCH LOCAL BOARD, it shall expeditiously make an investigation
4 which shall also include investigation of reports and statements made or
5 failed to be made by the complainant and any political committee
6 supporting his OR HER candidacy if the complainant is a candidate or, if
7 the complaint was made by an officer or member of a political committee,
8 of reports and statements made or failed to be made by such political
9 committee and any candidates supported by it. [The state board of
10 elections, in lieu of making such an investigation, may direct the
11 appropriate board of elections to make an investigation.]

12 (B) The state board of elections AND THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD may
13 request, and shall receive, the assistance of the state police in any
14 investigation it shall conduct.

15 [3. If, after an investigation, the state or other board of elections
16 finds reasonable cause to believe that a violation warranting criminal
17 prosecution has taken place, it shall forthwith refer the matter to the
18 district attorney of the appropriate county and shall make available to
19 such district attorney all relevant papers, documents, testimony and
20 findings relevant to its investigation.

21 4. The state or other board of elections may, where appropriate,
22 commence a judicial proceeding with respect to the filing or failure to
23 file any statement of receipts, expenditures, or contributions, under
24 the provisions of this chapter, and the state board of elections may
25 direct the appropriate other board of elections to commence such
26 proceeding.

27 5.] 3. IF THE ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL DETERMINES THAT A VIOLATION OF
28 SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 14-126 OR SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 14-220
29 OF THIS CHAPTER HAS OCCURRED WHICH COULD WARRANT A CIVIL PENALTY, THE
30 ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL SHALL, UPON HIS OR HER DISCRETION, SEEK TO RESOLVE
31 THE MATTER EXTRA-JUDICIALLY OR COMMENCE A SPECIAL PROCEEDING IN THE
32 SUPREME COURT PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-114 OF THIS CHAPTER.

33 4. UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLAINT AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION ALLEGING
34 ANY OTHER VIOLATION OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER, THE ENFORCEMENT
35 COUNSEL SHALL ANALYZE THE COMPLAINT TO DETERMINE IF AN INVESTIGATION
36 SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN. THE ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL SHALL, IF NECESSARY,
37 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE COMPLAINANT TO ASSIST SUCH COUN-
38 SEL IN MAKING THIS DETERMINATION. SUCH ANALYSIS SHALL INCLUDE THE
39 FOLLOWING: FIRST, WHETHER THE ALLEGATIONS, IF TRUE, WOULD CONSTITUTE A
40 VIOLATION OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER AND, SECOND, WHETHER THE
41 ALLEGATIONS ARE SUPPORTED BY CREDIBLE EVIDENCE.

42 5. IF THE ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL DETERMINES THAT THE ALLEGATIONS, IF
43 TRUE, WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAP-
44 TER OR THAT THE ALLEGATIONS ARE NOT SUPPORTED BY CREDIBLE EVIDENCE, HE
45 OR SHE SHALL ISSUE A LETTER TO THE COMPLAINANT DISMISSING THE COMPLAINT.

46 6. IF THE ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL DETERMINES THAT THE ALLEGATIONS, IF
47 TRUE, WOULD CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER
48 AND THAT THE ALLEGATIONS APPEAR TO BE SUPPORTED BY CREDIBLE EVIDENCE, HE
49 OR SHE SHALL NOTIFY THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD OF (A) HIS OR HER INTENT TO
50 RESOLVE THE MATTER EXTRA-JUDICIALLY DUE TO THE DE MINIMUS NATURE OF THE
51 VIOLATION; OR (B) HIS OR HER INTENT TO COMMENCE AN INVESTIGATION, NO
52 LATER THAN THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD'S NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.
53 NOTIFICATION SHALL SUMMARIZE THE RELEVANT FACTS AND THE APPLICABLE LAW
54 AND SHALL, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, PROTECT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE THE
55 IDENTITY OF THE COMPLAINANT AND THE INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT TO THE COMPLAINT.

1 7. IF, UPON CONSIDERING THE ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO
2 COMMENCE AN INVESTIGATION, THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD BELIEVES THAT THE
3 ALLEGATIONS, IF TRUE, WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE FOUR-
4 TEEN OF THIS CHAPTER, OR THE ALLEGATIONS ARE NOT SUPPORTED BY CREDIBLE
5 EVIDENCE OR, THAT ON BALANCE, THE EQUITIES FAVOR A DISMISSAL OF THE
6 COMPLAINT, THE BOARD SHALL PUBLICLY DIRECT THAT AN INVESTIGATION NOT BE
7 UNDERTAKEN NO LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION
8 FROM THE ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL OF HIS OR HER INTENT TO COMMENCE AN INVE-
9 TIGATION. IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE EQUITIES FAVOR A DISMISSAL OF THE
10 COMPLAINT, THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING
11 FACTORS: (A) WHETHER THE COMPLAINT ALLEGES A DE MINIMUS VIOLATION OF
12 ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER; (B) WHETHER THE SUBJECT OF THE
13 COMPLAINT HAS MADE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO CORRECT THE VIOLATION; AND (C)
14 WHETHER THE SUBJECT OF THE COMPLAINT HAS A HISTORY OF SIMILAR
15 VIOLATIONS. DETERMINATIONS OF THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD TO DISMISS A
16 COMPLAINT AND NOT PROCEED WITH A FORMAL INVESTIGATION SHALL BE VOTED
17 UPON AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION TEN OF SECTION 14-216 OF THIS TITLE AT
18 AN OPEN MEETING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW,
19 AND SHALL BE MADE ON A FAIR AND EQUITABLE BASIS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO
20 THE STATUS OF THE SUBJECT OF THE COMPLAINT.

21 8. ABSENT A TIMELY DETERMINATION BY THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD THAT AN
22 INVESTIGATION SHALL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN, THE ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL SHALL
23 COMMENCE AN INVESTIGATION ON A TIMELY BASIS. IF THE ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL
24 DETERMINES THAT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIVE POWERS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN
25 SUBDIVISIONS FOUR, FIVE AND SIX OF SECTION 3-102 OF THIS TITLE, ARE
26 NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE COUNSEL'S INVESTIGATION, HE OR SHE SHALL REQUEST,
27 UPON APPROVAL OF THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD, SUCH ADDITIONAL POWERS FROM
28 THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. SUCH POWERS SHALL BE GRANTED BY THE BOARD
29 IN PUBLIC, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION 3-100 OF THIS
30 TITLE, ONLY WHEN THE BOARD FINDS THAT FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS WARRANTED
31 AND JUSTIFIED.

32 9. AT THE CONCLUSION OF ITS INVESTIGATION, THE ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL
33 SHALL PROVIDE THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD WITH A WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION AS
34 TO: (A) WHETHER SUBSTANTIAL REASON EXISTS TO BELIEVE A VIOLATION OF
35 ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER HAS OCCURRED AND, IF SO, THE NATURE OF
36 THE VIOLATION AND ANY APPLICABLE PENALTY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 14-126,
37 14-220 OR 14-222 OF THIS CHAPTER, BASED ON THE NATURE OF THE VIOLATION;
38 (B) WHETHER THE MATTER SHOULD BE RESOLVED EXTRA-JUDICIALLY; (C) WHETHER
39 A SPECIAL PROCEEDING SHOULD BE COMMENCED IN THE SUPREME COURT TO RECOVER
40 A CIVIL PENALTY; AND (D) WHETHER A REFERRAL SHOULD BE MADE TO A DISTRICT
41 ATTORNEY OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ELEVEN OF THIS
42 SECTION BECAUSE REASONABLE CAUSE EXISTS TO BELIEVE A VIOLATION WARRANT-
43 ING CRIMINAL PROSECUTION HAS TAKEN PLACE.

44 10. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL ACCEPT, MODIFY OR REJECT THE
45 ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION NO LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER
46 RECEIPT OF SUCH RECOMMENDATION. IN MAKING ITS DETERMINATION, THE BOARD
47 SHALL AGAIN CONSIDER: (A) WHETHER THE COMPLAINT ALLEGES A DE MINIMUS
48 VIOLATION OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER; (B) WHETHER THE SUBJECT
49 OF THE COMPLAINT HAS MADE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO CORRECT THE VIOLATION;
50 AND (C) WHETHER THE SUBJECT OF THE COMPLAINT HAS A HISTORY OF SIMILAR
51 VIOLATIONS. ALL SUCH DETERMINATIONS SHALL BE VOTED UPON AS PROVIDED IN
52 SUBDIVISION TEN OF SECTION 14-216 OF THIS TITLE AT AN OPEN MEETING
53 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW, AND SHALL BE MADE
54 ON A FAIR AND EQUITABLE BASIS, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE STATUS OF THE
55 SUBJECT OF THE COMPLAINT.

1 11. (A) IF THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD DETERMINES, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDI-
2 VISION TEN OF THIS SECTION, THAT SUBSTANTIAL REASON EXISTS TO BELIEVE
3 THAT A PERSON, ACTING AS OR ON BEHALF OF A CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL
4 COMMITTEE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES EVINCING AN INTENT TO VIOLATE SUCH LAW,
5 HAS UNLAWFULLY ACCEPTED A CONTRIBUTION IN EXCESS OF A CONTRIBUTION LIM-
6 TATION ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER, WHICH COULD
7 WARRANT A CIVIL PENALTY AS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION
8 14-126 OR SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 14-222 OF THIS CHAPTER, THE BOARD
9 SHALL DIRECT THE COMMENCEMENT OF A SPECIAL PROCEEDING IN THE SUPREME
10 COURT PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-122 OF THIS CHAPTER.

11 (B) IF THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD DETERMINES, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION
12 TEN OF THIS SECTION THAT REASONABLE CAUSE EXISTS TO BELIEVE A VIOLATION
13 OF TITLE ONE OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER WARRANTING CRIMINAL
14 PROSECUTION HAS TAKEN PLACE, THE BOARD SHALL REFER THE MATTER TO A
15 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO SUCH DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALL
16 PAPERS, DOCUMENTS, TESTIMONY AND FINDINGS RELEVANT TO ITS INVESTIGATION.
17 WHERE REASONABLE CAUSE EXISTS TO BELIEVE THAT A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE
18 OF ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS VIOLATED TITLE TWO OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS
19 CHAPTER, THE BOARD SHALL REFER THE MATTER TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF
20 THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY.

21 (C) IF THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD DETERMINES, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION
22 TEN OF THIS SECTION THAT REASONABLE CAUSE EXISTS TO BELIEVE A VIOLATION
23 OF TITLE TWO OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER, WARRANTING CRIMINAL
24 PROSECUTION HAS TAKEN PLACE, THE BOARD SHALL, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
25 PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, REFER THE MATTER TO THE ATTORNEY
26 GENERAL AND SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE SAME ALL PAPERS, DOCUMENTS,
27 TESTIMONY AND FINDINGS RELEVANT TO ITS INVESTIGATION.

28 12. UPON NOTIFICATION THAT A SPECIAL PROCEEDING HAS BEEN COMMENCED BY
29 A PARTY OTHER THAN THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD, PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-114
30 OF THIS CHAPTER, THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL DIRECT THE ENFORCEMENT
31 COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED
32 BY THE COURT.

33 13. THE ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL SHALL PREPARE A REPORT, TO BE INCLUDED IN
34 THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE, SUMMARIZING THE
35 ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIT DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR. SUCH REPORT SHALL
36 INCLUDE: (I) THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED; (II) THE NUMBER OF
37 COMPLAINTS THAT WERE FOUND TO NEED INVESTIGATION AND THE NATURE OF EACH
38 COMPLAINT; AND (III) THE NUMBER OF MATTERS THAT HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. THE
39 REPORT SHALL NOT CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION FOR WHICH DISCLOSURE IS NOT
40 PERMITTED.

41 14. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS
42 CONSISTENT WITH LAW TO EFFECTUATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

43 S 5. The state of New York shall appropriate during each fiscal year
44 to the New York state fair elections board enforcement unit, not less
45 than thirty-five percent of the appropriation available from the general
46 fund for the state board of elections to pay for the expenses of such
47 enforcement unit. Notwithstanding section fifty-one of the state
48 finance law, such funding shall not be decreased by interchange with any
49 other appropriation.

50 S 6. The election law is amended by adding a new section 3-111 to read
51 as follows:

52 S 3-111. PERSONAL USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS. UPON WRITTEN REQUEST FROM ANY
53 PERSON WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 14-130 OF THIS
54 CHAPTER, THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL RENDER FORMAL OPINIONS ON THE
55 REQUIREMENTS OF SAID PROVISION. AN OPINION RENDERED BY THE BOARD, UNTIL
56 AND UNLESS AMENDED OR REVOKED, SHALL BE BINDING ON THE BOARD IN ANY

1 SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING CONCERNING THE PERSON WHO REQUESTED THE OPINION
2 AND WHO ACTED IN GOOD FAITH, UNLESS MATERIAL FACTS WERE OMITTED OR
3 MISSTATED BY THE PERSON IN THE REQUEST FOR AN OPINION. SUCH OPINION MAY
4 ALSO BE RELIED UPON BY SUCH PERSON, AND MAY BE INTRODUCED AND SHALL BE
5 DEFENSE IN ANY CRIMINAL OR CIVIL ACTION. SUCH REQUEST SHALL BE CONFIDEN-
6 TIAL, BUT THE BOARD SHALL PUBLISH SUCH OPINIONS PROVIDED THAT THE NAME
7 OF THE REQUESTING PERSON AND OTHER IDENTIFYING DETAILS SHALL NOT BE
8 INCLUDED IN THE PUBLICATION.

9 S 7. Subdivision 9 of section 14-100 of the election law is amended by
10 adding two new paragraphs 4 and 5 to read as follows:

11 (4) THE TERM "CONTRIBUTION" DOES NOT INCLUDE EXPENDITURES BY A BONA
12 FIDE MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION IN SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES BY
13 MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION WHO ARE VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME ON BEHALF OF
14 A CANDIDATE, NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS PER MEMBER PER CANDIDATE
15 WHO VOLUNTEERS FOR: TRANSPORTATION OF VOLUNTEERS TO AND FROM CAMPAIGN
16 ACTIVITIES; COST OF FEEDING VOLUNTEERS WHILE VOLUNTEERING FOR THE
17 CAMPAIGN; AND MATERIALS SUCH AS BADGES AND CLOTHING THAT IDENTIFIES THE
18 NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION AND/OR CANDIDATE.

19 (5) EXPENDITURES FOR COMMUNICATIONS TO MEMBERS OR SHAREHOLDERS OF AN
20 ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING A CANDIDATE OR A
21 BALLOT MEASURE ARE NOT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES, PROVIDED THOSE
22 EXPENDITURES ARE NOT MADE TO A GENERAL PUBLIC AUDIENCE.

23 S 8. Section 14-100 of the election law is amended by adding five new
24 subdivisions 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 to read as follows:

25 12. "EXPRESS ADVOCACY" MEANS A COMMUNICATION:

26 (1) THAT CONTAINS EXPRESS WORDS SUCH AS VOTE, OPPOSE, SUPPORT, ELECT,
27 DEFEAT, OR REJECT, WHICH CALL FOR THE ELECTION OR DEFEAT OF A CANDIDATE,
28 OR

29 (2) WHEN TAKEN AS A WHOLE WITH LIMITED REFERENCE TO EXTERNAL EVENTS,
30 SUCH AS THE PROXIMITY TO THE ELECTION, COULD ONLY BE INTERPRETED BY A
31 REASONABLE PERSON AS CONTAINING ADVOCACY OF THE ELECTION OR DEFEAT OF
32 ONE OR MORE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED CANDIDATES BECAUSE:

33 (A) THE ELECTORAL PORTION OF THE COMMUNICATION IS UNMISTAKABLE, UNAM-
34 BIGUOUS, AND SUGGESTIVE OF ONLY ONE MEANING; AND

35 (B) REASONABLE MINDS COULD NOT DIFFER AS TO WHETHER IT ENCOURAGES
36 ACTIONS TO ELECT OR DEFEAT ONE OR MORE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED CANDIDATES OR
37 ENCOURAGES SOME OTHER KIND OF ACTION.

38 13. "CLEARLY IDENTIFIED CANDIDATE" MEANS THAT:

39 (A) THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE INVOLVED APPEARS;

40 (B) A PHOTOGRAPH OR DRAWING OF THE CANDIDATE APPEARS; OR

41 (C) THE IDENTITY OF THE CANDIDATE IS APPARENT BY UNAMBIGUOUS REFER-
42 ENCE.

43 14. "GENERAL PUBLIC AUDIENCE" MEANS AN AUDIENCE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF
44 THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING A TARGETED SUBGROUP OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC;
45 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT MEAN AN AUDIENCE SOLELY COMPRISED OF
46 MEMBERS, RETIREES AND STAFF OF A LABOR ORGANIZATION OR THEIR IMMEDIATE
47 FAMILY MEMBERS OR AN AUDIENCE SOLELY COMPRISED OF SHAREHOLDERS AND EXEC-
48 UTIVES OF A BUSINESS ENTITY.

49 15. "LABOR ORGANIZATION" MEANS ANY ORGANIZATION OF ANY KIND WHICH
50 EXISTS FOR THE PURPOSE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OF REPRESENTING EMPLOYEES
51 EMPLOYED WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN DEALING WITH EMPLOYERS OR
52 EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS OR WITH A STATE GOVERNMENT, OR ANY POLITICAL OR
53 CIVIL SUBDIVISION OR OTHER AGENCY THEREOF, CONCERNING TERMS AND CONDI-
54 TIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, GRIEVANCES, LABOR DISPUTES, OR OTHER MATTERS INCI-
55 DENTAL TO THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE,
56 EACH LOCAL, STATEWIDE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION AND

1 EACH NATIONAL, STATE, AREA AND LABOR CENTRAL LABOR BODY RECEIVING DUES
2 FROM AFFILIATED LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, SHALL BE CONSIDERED A SEPARATE
3 LABOR ORGANIZATION.

4 16. "INTERMEDIARY" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP,
5 POLITICAL COMMITTEE, LABOR ORGANIZATION, OR OTHER ENTITY WHICH, OTHER
6 THAN IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS AS A POSTAL, DELIVERY, OR MESSEN-
7 GER SERVICE, DELIVERS ANY CONTRIBUTION FROM ANOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY TO
8 A CANDIDATE OR AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE.

9 "INTERMEDIARY" SHALL NOT INCLUDE SPOUSES, PARENTS, CHILDREN, OR
10 SIBLINGS OF THE PERSON MAKING SUCH CONTRIBUTION.

11 S 9. Subdivision 1 of section 14-102 of the election law, as amended
12 by chapter 8 and as redesignated by chapter 9 of the laws of 1978, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 1. The treasurer of every political committee which, or any officer,
15 member or agent of any such committee who, in connection with any
16 election, receives or expends any money or other valuable thing or
17 incurs any liability to pay money or its equivalent shall file state-
18 ments sworn, or subscribed and bearing a form notice that false state-
19 ments made therein are punishable as a class A misdemeanor pursuant to
20 section 210.45 of the penal law, at the times prescribed by this [arti-
21 cle] TITLE setting forth all the receipts, contributions to and the
22 expenditures by and liabilities of the committee, and of its officers,
23 members and agents in its behalf. Such statements shall include the
24 dollar amount of any receipt, contribution or transfer, or the fair
25 market value of any receipt, contribution or transfer, which is other
26 than of money, the name and address of the transferor, contributor,
27 INTERMEDIARY, or person from whom received, and if the transferor,
28 contributor, INTERMEDIARY, or person is a political committee; the name
29 of and the political unit represented by the committee, the date of its
30 receipt, the dollar amount of every expenditure, the name and address of
31 the person to whom it was made or the name of and the political unit
32 represented by the committee to which it was made and the date thereof,
33 and shall state clearly the purpose of such expenditure. AN INTERMEDIARY
34 NEED NOT BE REPORTED FOR A CONTRIBUTION THAT WAS COLLECTED FROM A
35 CONTRIBUTOR IN CONNECTION WITH A PARTY OR OTHER CANDIDATE-RELATED EVENT
36 HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE PERSON DELIVERING THE CONTRIBUTION, UNLESS
37 THE EXPENSES OF SUCH EVENT AT SUCH RESIDENCE FOR SUCH CANDIDATE EXCEED
38 FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR THE AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM THAT
39 CONTRIBUTOR AT SUCH EVENT EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. Any statement
40 reporting a loan shall have attached to it a copy of the evidence of
41 indebtedness. Expenditures in sums under fifty dollars need not be
42 specifically accounted for by separate items in said statements, and
43 receipts and contributions aggregating not more than ninety-nine
44 dollars, from any one contributor need not be specifically accounted for
45 by separate items in said statements, provided however, that such
46 expenditures, receipts and contributions shall be subject to the other
47 provisions of section 14-118 of this [article] TITLE.

48 S 10. The election law is amended by adding a new section 14-107 to
49 read as follows:

50 S 14-107. INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORTING. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
51 ARTICLE:

52 (A) "INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE" MEANS AN EXPENDITURE MADE IN SUPPORT OR
53 OPPOSITION OF A CANDIDATE: FOR AN AUDIO OR VIDEO COMMUNICATION TO A
54 GENERAL PUBLIC AUDIENCE VIA BROADCAST, CABLE OR SATELLITE OR A WRITTEN
55 COMMUNICATION TO A GENERAL PUBLIC AUDIENCE VIA ADVERTISEMENTS,
56 PAMPHLETS, CIRCULARS, FLYERS, BROCHURES, LETTERHEADS OR OTHER PRINTED

1 MATTER AND COMMUNICATIONS CONVEYED TO FIVE HUNDRED OR MORE MEMBERS OF A
2 GENERAL PUBLIC AUDIENCE BY PHONE, COMPUTER OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES
3 THAT:

4 (I) EXPRESSLY ADVOCATES FOR THE ELECTION OR DEFEAT OF A CLEARLY IDEN-
5 TIFIED CANDIDATE; AND

6 (II) THAT THE CANDIDATE OR HIS OR HER AGENTS OR AUTHORIZED POLITICAL
7 COMMITTEE OR COMMITTEES DID NOT AUTHORIZE, REQUEST, SUGGEST, FOSTER OR
8 COOPERATE WITH IN ANY WAY.

9 (B) "INDEPENDENT SPENDER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY THAT MAKES AN
10 INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE OR ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION.

11 (C) "ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION" MEANS:

12 (I) AN AUDIO OR VIDEO COMMUNICATION TO A GENERAL PUBLIC AUDIENCE VIA
13 BROADCAST, CABLE OR SATELLITE, OR A COMMUNICATION MADE BY PAID ADVERTIS-
14 ING THAT IS PUBLISHED ON THE INTERNET OR IN A NEWSPAPER OR PERIODICAL
15 DISTRIBUTED TO A GENERAL PUBLIC AUDIENCE, OR A COMMUNICATION TO FIVE
16 HUNDRED OR MORE MEMBERS OF A GENERAL PUBLIC AUDIENCE BY PHONE, COMPUTER
17 OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES,

18 (II) WHICH IS BROADCAST OR PUBLISHED WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF A GENERAL
19 ELECTION OR THIRTY DAYS OF A PRIMARY ELECTION,

20 (III) WHICH REFERS TO A CLEARLY IDENTIFIED CANDIDATE OR BALLOT
21 PROPOSAL, AND

22 (IV) SUCH CANDIDATE, THE CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE OR ITS
23 AGENTS, OR A POLITICAL COMMITTEE FORMED TO PROMOTE THE SUCCESS OR DEFEAT
24 OF A BALLOT PROPOSAL OR ITS AGENTS, DID NOT AUTHORIZE, REQUEST, SUGGEST,
25 FOSTER OR COOPERATE IN ANY SUCH COMMUNICATION.

26 (D) INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES AND ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS DO NOT
27 INCLUDE:

28 (I) A COMMUNICATION APPEARING IN A WRITTEN NEWS STORY, COMMENTARY, OR
29 EDITORIAL OR DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE FACILITIES OF ANY BROADCASTING
30 STATION, CABLE OR SATELLITE UNLESS SUCH PUBLICATION OR FACILITIES ARE
31 OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY ANY POLITICAL PARTY, POLITICAL COMMITTEE OR
32 CANDIDATE; OR

33 (II) A COMMUNICATION THAT CONSTITUTES A CANDIDATE DEBATE OR FORUM; OR

34 (III) A COMMUNICATION WHICH CONSTITUTES AN EXPENDITURE MADE BY AN
35 ENTITY REQUIRED TO REPORT SUCH EXPENDITURE WITH A BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

36 (E) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "PERSON" SHALL MEAN PERSON,
37 GROUP OF PERSONS, ENTITY, ORGANIZATION OR ASSOCIATION.

38 2. WHENEVER ANY PERSON MAKES AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE OR ELECTIO-
39 NEERING COMMUNICATION THAT COSTS MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE
40 AGGREGATE, SUCH COMMUNICATION SHALL CLEARLY STATE THE NAME OF THE PERSON
41 WHO PAID FOR, OR OTHERWISE PUBLISHED OR DISTRIBUTED, THE COMMUNICATION
42 AND STATE, WITH RESPECT TO COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CANDIDATES, THAT THE
43 COMMUNICATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE, ANY CANDIDATE'S POLI-
44 TICAL COMMITTEE OR ANY OF ITS AGENTS. A KNOWING AND WILLFUL VIOLATION OF
45 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON TO A CIVIL
46 PENALTY EQUAL TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR THE COST OF THE COMMUNICATION,
47 WHICHEVER IS GREATER, IN A SPECIAL PROCEEDING OR CIVIL ACTION BROUGHT BY
48 THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD.

49 3. (A) ANY PERSON WHICH MAKES INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES OR ELECTIONEER-
50 ING COMMUNICATIONS THAT COST MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE
51 AGGREGATE SHALL REPORT SUCH INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES OR ELECTIONEERING
52 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON STATEMENTS AS PROVIDED
53 FOR IN SECTION 14-108 OF THIS TITLE.

54 (B) ANY INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE OR ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION MADE
55 AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE PERIOD TO BE COVERED IN THE LAST STATEMENT FILED
56 BEFORE ANY PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION, BUT BEFORE SUCH

1 ELECTION, SHALL BE REPORTED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN THE SAME MANNER
2 AS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 14-108 OF THIS TITLE.

3 4. EACH SUCH STATEMENT SHALL INCLUDE:

4 (A) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND IF A NATURAL PERSON, OCCUPATION AND EMPLOY-
5 ER OF THE PERSON MAKING THE STATEMENT;

6 (B) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND IF A NATURAL PERSON, OCCUPATION AND EMPLOY-
7 ER OF THE PERSON MAKING THE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE OR ELECTIONEERING
8 COMMUNICATION;

9 (C) IF THE INDEPENDENT SPENDER MAKES INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES OR ELEC-
10 TIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS USING EXCLUSIVELY FUNDS IN A SEGREGATED BANK
11 ACCOUNT CONSISTING OF FUNDS THAT WERE PAID DIRECTLY TO SUCH ACCOUNT BY
12 PERSONS OTHER THAN THE INDEPENDENT SPENDER THAT CONTROLS THE ACCOUNT,
13 FOR EACH SUCH PAYMENT TO THE ACCOUNT:

14 (I) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND IF A NATURAL PERSON, OCCUPATION AND EMPLOY-
15 ER OF EACH PERSON WHO MADE SUCH PAYMENT DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE
16 STATEMENT;

17 (II) THE DATE AND AMOUNT OF SUCH PAYMENT; AND

18 (III) THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL SUCH PAYMENTS MADE BY THE PERSON
19 AFTER JANUARY FIRST OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRIMARY, GENERAL, OR
20 SPECIAL ELECTION IS HELD FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE SOUGHT; BUT ONLY IF SUCH
21 PAYMENT WAS MADE BY A PERSON WHO MADE PAYMENTS TO THE ACCOUNT IN AN
22 AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE AFTER JANUARY FIRST OF
23 THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRIMARY, GENERAL, OR SPECIAL ELECTION IS HELD FOR
24 THE PUBLIC OFFICE SOUGHT.

25 (D) IF THE INDEPENDENT SPENDER MAKES INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES OR ELEC-
26 TIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS USING FUNDS OTHER THAN FUNDS IN A SEGREGATED
27 BANK ACCOUNT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (E) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, FOR EACH
28 PAYMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT SPENDER:

29 (I) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND IF A NATURAL PERSON, OCCUPATION AND EMPLOY-
30 ER OF EACH PERSON WHO MADE SUCH PAYMENT DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE
31 STATEMENT;

32 (II) THE DATE AND AMOUNT OF SUCH PAYMENT; AND

33 (III) THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL SUCH PAYMENTS MADE BY THE PERSON
34 AFTER JANUARY FIRST OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRIMARY, GENERAL, OR
35 SPECIAL ELECTION IS HELD FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE SOUGHT; BUT ONLY IF SUCH
36 PAYMENT WAS MADE BY A PERSON WHO MADE PAYMENTS TO THE INDEPENDENT SPEND-
37 ER IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE AFTER JANUARY
38 FIRST OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRIMARY, GENERAL, OR SPECIAL ELECTION IS
39 HELD FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE SOUGHT.

40 (E) THE DOLLAR AMOUNT PAID FOR EACH INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE OR ELECTI-
41 ONEERING COMMUNICATION, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON OR ENTITY
42 RECEIVING THE PAYMENT, THE DATE THE PAYMENT WAS MADE AND A DESCRIPTION
43 OF THE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE OR ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION; AND

44 (F) THE ELECTION TO WHICH THE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE OR ELECTIONEER-
45 ING COMMUNICATION PERTAINS AND THE NAME OF THE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED CANDI-
46 DATE OR THE BALLOT PROPOSAL REFERENCED.

47 5. ANY REPORT MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE A COPY OF
48 ALL MATERIALS THAT PERTAIN TO THE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE OR ELECTIO-
49 NEERING COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BROADCAST, CABLE OR
50 SATELLITE SCHEDULE AND SCRIPTS, ADVERTISEMENTS, PAMPHLETS, CIRCULARS,
51 FLYERS, BROCHURES, LETTERHEADS AND OTHER PRINTED MATTER.

52 6. ANY REPORT OF A LOAN THAT IS MADE FOR AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE OR
53 ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION SHALL INCLUDE WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF THE
54 INDEBTEDNESS.

55 7. CONTRIBUTIONS:

1 (A) WHEN AN INDEPENDENT SPENDER THAT IS AN ENTITY MAKES INDEPENDENT
2 EXPENDITURES OR ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR
3 MORE AGGREGATING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE IN THE TWELVE MONTHS
4 PRECEDING THE ELECTION FOR COMMUNICATIONS THAT REFER TO ANY SINGLE
5 CANDIDATE, IT IS REQUIRED TO REPORT:

6 (I) ALL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER ENTITIES SINCE THE FIRST DAY OF THE
7 CALENDAR YEAR PRECEDING THE YEAR OF THE ELECTION; AND

8 (II) ALL CONTRIBUTIONS AGGREGATING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE
9 ACCEPTED FROM AN INDIVIDUAL DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS PRECEDING THE
10 ELECTION.

11 (B) EACH CONTRIBUTION SHALL BE DISCLOSED IN THE REPORTING PERIOD IN
12 WHICH IT WAS RECEIVED. FOR EACH CONTRIBUTION, THE INDEPENDENT SPENDER
13 SHALL PROVIDE:

14 (I) FOR EACH CONTRIBUTION ACCEPTED FROM ANOTHER ENTITY, THE ENTITY'S
15 NAME, ADDRESS, AND TYPE OF ORGANIZATION;

16 (II) FOR EACH CONTRIBUTION ACCEPTED FROM AN INDIVIDUAL, THE INDIVID-
17 UAL'S NAME, ADDRESS, OCCUPATION, AND EMPLOYER INFORMATION; AND

18 (III) THE DATE OF RECEIPT AND AMOUNT OF EACH SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS.

19 (C) EXEMPTION FOR EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS. CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ARE
20 EARMARKED FOR AN EXPLICITLY STATED NON-ELECTORAL PURPOSE ARE NOT
21 REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED; PROVIDED, HOWEVER THAT RECORDS OF THESE
22 CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE MAINTAINED AND MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE BOARD TO
23 VERIFY THEIR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS EXEMPTION.

24 8. EVERY STATEMENT REQUIRED TO BE FILED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL
25 BE FILED BY ELECTRONIC REPORTING PROCESS OR OVERNIGHT MAIL TO THE STATE
26 BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

27 9. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT
28 TO THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THIS SECTION AND SHALL PROVIDE
29 FORMS SUITABLE FOR SUCH STATEMENTS.

30 S 11. Section 14-110 of the election law, as amended by chapter 46 of
31 the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

32 S 14-110. Place for filing statements. The places for filing the
33 statements required by this article shall be determined by rule or regu-
34 lation of the state board of elections; provided, however, that the
35 statements of a candidate for election to the office of governor, lieu-
36 tenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, member of the legisla-
37 ture, delegate to a constitutional convention, justice of the supreme
38 court or for nomination for any such office at a primary election and of
39 any committee aiding or taking part in the designation, nomination,
40 election or defeat of candidates for one or more of such offices or
41 promoting the success or defeat of a question to be voted on by the
42 voters of the entire state shall be filed with the state board of
43 elections and in such other places as the state board of elections may,
44 by rule or regulation provide. UPON FILING, THE STATE BOARD OF
45 ELECTIONS SHALL MAKE ALL STATEMENTS FILED THEREWITH READILY AVAILABLE
46 AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD.

47 S 12. Section 14-112 of the election law, as amended by chapter 930 of
48 the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

49 S 14-112. Political committee authorization statement. Any political
50 committee aiding or taking part in the election or nomination of any
51 candidate, other than by making contributions, shall file, in the office
52 in which the statements of such committee are to be filed pursuant to
53 this [article] TITLE, either a sworn verified statement by the treasurer
54 of such committee that the candidate has authorized the political
55 committee to aid or take part in his election or that the candidate has
56 not authorized the committee to aid or take part in his election.

1 S 13. Sections 14-100, 14-102, 14-104, 14-106, 14-107, 14-108, 14-110,
2 14-112, 14-114, 14-116, 14-118, 14-120, 14-122, 14-124, 14-126, 14-127,
3 14-128 and 14-130 of the election law are designated title 1 and a new
4 title heading is added to read as follows:

5 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES; GENERAL

6 S 14. Article 14 of the election law is amended by adding a new title
7 2 to read as follows:

8 TITLE II

9 PUBLIC FINANCING

10 SECTION 14-200. APPLICABILITY OF TITLE.
11 14-202. DEFINITIONS.
12 14-204. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.
13 14-206. ELIGIBILITY.
14 14-208. QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.
15 14-210. OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING.
16 14-212. CONTRIBUTION AND RECEIPT LIMITATIONS.
17 14-214. LIMITATIONS ON THE RECEIPT OF PUBLIC FUNDS.
18 14-216. FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD; GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES.
19 14-218. EXAMINATIONS AND AUDITS.
20 14-220. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT.
21 14-222. CRIMINAL PENALTIES.
22 14-224. REPORTS.
23 14-226. DEBATES.
24 14-228. DISTRIBUTIONS FROM CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND.

25 S 14-200. APPLICABILITY OF TITLE. THIS TITLE SHALL ONLY APPLY TO THOSE
26 CANDIDATES WHO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING
27 SYSTEM.

28 S 14-202. DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS TITLE, UNLESS ANOTHER MEANING
29 IS CLEARLY INDICATED:

30 1. THE TERM "BOARD" OR "FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD CREATED
31 BY SECTION 14-216 OF THIS TITLE TO ADMINISTER THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND.

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

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

43 4. THE TERM "PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE" SHALL MEAN A CANDIDATE WHO IS
44 ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING SYSTEM ESTAB-
45 LISHED BY THIS TITLE, HAS MET THE THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY AND HAS
46 ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC FINANCING SYSTEM.

47 5. THE TERM "NONPARTICIPATING CANDIDATE" SHALL MEAN A CANDIDATE FOR
48 ANY OFFICE ELIGIBLE FOR OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING UNDER THIS TITLE FOR A
49 COVERED ELECTION WHO FAILS TO FILE A STATEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN AFFIDA-
50 VIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-210 OF THIS TITLE.

51 6. THE TERM "MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS" SHALL MEAN THAT PORTION OF THE
52 AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE (A) IN THE CASE OF A PRIMARY OR GENERAL
53 ELECTION, AFTER JANUARY FIRST OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRIMARY OR GENER-
54 AL ELECTION IS HELD FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE SOUGHT OR (B) IN THE CASE OF A
55 SPECIAL ELECTION, WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF SUCH ELECTION BY NATURAL PERSONS
56 RESIDENT IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR

1 ELECTION TO ANY OF THE OFFICES COVERED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE
2 WHICH DO NOT EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS, WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED
3 IN FULL BY THE CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE TO THE FAIR ELECTIONS
4 BOARD, INCLUDING THE CONTRIBUTOR'S FULL NAME AND RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS. A
5 LOAN MAY NOT BE TREATED AS A MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTION. THE FOLLOWING
6 CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT MATCHABLE:

7 (A) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS OF PROPERTY, GOODS, OR SERVICES;

8 (B) CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FORM OF THE PURCHASE PRICE PAID FOR AN ITEM
9 WITH SIGNIFICANT INTRINSIC AND ENDURING VALUE;

10 (C) CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FORM OF THE PURCHASE PRICE PAID FOR OR OTHER-
11 WISE INDUCED BY A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A RAFFLE, LOTTERY, OR SIMILAR
12 DRAWING FOR VALUABLE PRIZES;

13 (D) MONEY ORDER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ANY ONE CONTRIBUTOR THAT ARE, IN
14 THE AGGREGATE, GREATER THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS;

15 (E) CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS;

16 (F) CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL VENDORS TO WHOM THE PARTICIPATING
17 CANDIDATE OR HIS OR HER PRINCIPAL COMMITTEE MAKES AN EXPENDITURE, IN
18 FURTHERANCE OF THE NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OR ELECTION COVERED BY THE
19 CANDIDATE'S CERTIFICATION, UNLESS SUCH EXPENDITURE IS REIMBURSING AN
20 ADVANCE.

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

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

25 9. THE TERM "THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY" SHALL MEAN THE AMOUNT OF TOTAL
26 MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THE PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE OF AN OTHERWISE
27 ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 14-206 OF THIS
28 TITLE, IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING PURSUANT TO
29 THIS TITLE.

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

32 S 14-204. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. 1. EVERY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE
33 SHALL NOT DESIGNATE MORE THAN ONE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE. BEFORE RECEIVING
34 ANY CONTRIBUTION OR MAKING ANY EXPENDITURE FOR A COVERED ELECTION, EACH
35 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL NOTIFY THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD AS TO THE
36 EXISTENCE OF HIS OR HER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED
37 AND APPROVED BY SUCH CANDIDATE. EACH SUCH AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE SHALL,
38 BEFORE OPENING A COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT, RECEIVING ANY CONTRIBUTION OR
39 MAKING ANY EXPENDITURE FOR A COVERED ELECTION:

40 (A) DESIGNATE A TREASURER; AND

41 (B) OBTAIN A TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE
42 SERVICE.

43 2. DISCLOSURE. (A) EVERY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL FILE FINANCIAL
44 DISCLOSURE REPORTS WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AS REQUIRED BY
45 TITLE ONE OF THIS ARTICLE. COPIES OF SUCH REPORTS SHALL ALSO BE SUBMIT-
46 TED TO THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE AT THE
47 SAME TIME SUCH REPORTS ARE FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

48 (B) THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL REVIEW EACH DISCLOSURE REPORT FILED
49 WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PURSUANT TO TITLE ONE OF THIS ARTICLE
50 AND SHALL INFORM PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES
51 INCLUDING THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE, OF RELEVANT QUESTIONS THE FAIR
52 ELECTIONS BOARD HAS CONCERNING: (I) COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
53 TITLE AND OF THE RULES ISSUED BY THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD; AND (II)
54 QUALIFICATION FOR RECEIVING PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS PURSUANT TO THIS
55 TITLE. IN THE COURSE OF SUCH REVIEW, THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL GIVE
56 CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES INCLUDING THE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE,

1 AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO AND CORRECT POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS AND GIVE
2 CANDIDATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS THE BOARD HAS CONCERNING
3 THEIR MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTION CLAIMS OR OTHER ISSUES CONCERNING ELIGIBIL-
4 ITY FOR RECEIVING PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE. NOTHING
5 IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL PRECLUDE THE BOARD FROM SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWING
6 SUCH A DISCLOSURE REPORT AND TAKING ANY ACTION OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY
7 THIS TITLE.

8 (C) ONLY ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS CONTAINED IN REPORTS FILED WITH THE
9 FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MATCHING FUNDS PURSUANT TO
10 THIS TITLE.

11 S 14-206. ELIGIBILITY. 1. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING
12 UNDER THIS TITLE, A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION MUST:

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (G) AGREE NOT TO EXPEND FOR CAMPAIGN PURPOSES ANY PORTION OF ANY PRE-
33 EXISTING FUNDS RAISED FOR ANY PUBLIC OFFICE OR PARTY POSITION PRIOR TO
34 THE DATE OF ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC FINANCING SYSTEM AS
35 SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF THIS SUBDIVISION. NOTHING IN THIS PARA-
36 GRAPH SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT, IN ANY WAY, ANY CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC
37 OFFICIAL FROM EXPENDING ANY PORTION OF PRE-EXISTING CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR
38 ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE OTHER THAN THOSE RELATED TO HIS OR HER CAMPAIGN.

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

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

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

51 (C) MEMBERS OF THE STATE SENATE IN A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL
52 ELECTION. NOT LESS THAN TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AT LEAST TWO
53 HUNDRED MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE UP OF SUMS OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED
54 FIFTY DOLLARS PER INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR WHO RESIDES IN NEW YORK STATE
55 INCLUDING AT LEAST TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED INDI-
56 VIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS WHO RESIDE IN THE SENATE DISTRICT OR RESIDE IN ANY

1 PORTION OF ANY COUNTY WHICH CONSTITUTES ANY MEASURE OF THE DISTRICT IN
2 WHICH THE SEAT IS TO BE FILLED.

3 (D) MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY IN A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION.
4 NOT LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED MATCHABLE
5 CONTRIBUTIONS MADE UP OF SUMS OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER
6 INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR WHO RESIDES IN NEW YORK STATE INCLUDING AT LEAST
7 FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AT LEAST FIFTY INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE IN THE
8 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT OR RESIDE IN ANY PORTION OF ANY COUNTY WHICH CONSTI-
9 TUTES ANY MEASURE OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SEAT IS TO BE FILLED.

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

14 (F) DISTRICT DELEGATE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN A PRIMARY OR
15 GENERAL ELECTION. NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM AT LEAST
16 FIFTY MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE UP OF SUMS OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY
17 DOLLARS PER INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE DISTRICT OR IN THE
18 CONSTITUENT COUNTY OR RESIDES IN ANY PORTION OF ANY COUNTY WHICH CONSTI-
19 TUTES ANY MEASURE OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SEAT IS TO BE FILLED.

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

25 4. CANDIDATES WHO ARE CONTESTED IN A PRIMARY ELECTION AND WHO DO NOT
26 SEEK PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL
27 ELECTION IN THAT YEAR. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT
28 APPLY TO CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

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

31 6. NO CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO AN OFFICE IN A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR
32 SPECIAL ELECTION WHO HAS ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC FINANCING
33 SYSTEM SHALL BE DEEMED OPPOSED AND RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS UNLESS THERE IS
34 AT LEAST ONE OTHER CANDIDATE, AS DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF SECTION
35 14-100 OF THIS TITLE FOR SUCH OFFICE IN SUCH ELECTION.

36 S 14-208. QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES. 1. PUBLIC FUNDS PROVIDED
37 UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE MAY ONLY BE USED FOR EXPENDITURES BY
38 THE PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED BY THE CANDIDATE TO MAKE EXPENDI-
39 TURES ON SUCH CANDIDATE'S BEHALF, TO FURTHER THE CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION
40 OR ELECTION AFTER JANUARY FIRST OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRIMARY OR
41 GENERAL ELECTION IS HELD FOR THE OFFICE SOUGHT, FOR SERVICES, MATERIALS,
42 FACILITIES OR OTHER THINGS OF VALUE USED DURING THAT CAMPAIGN CYCLE OR,
43 IN THE CASE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION, FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD
44 COMMENCING THREE MONTHS BEFORE AND ENDING ONE MONTH AFTER SUCH SPECIAL
45 ELECTION.

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

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

49 (B) PAYMENTS OR ANYTHING OF VALUE GIVEN OR MADE TO THE CANDIDATE, A
50 RELATIVE OF THE CANDIDATE, OR TO A BUSINESS ENTITY IN WHICH ANY SUCH
51 PERSON HAS A TEN PERCENT OR GREATER OWNERSHIP INTEREST OR OF WHICH ANY
52 SUCH PERSON IS AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR EMPLOYEE IN EXCESS OF THE FAIR
53 MARKET VALUE OF SUCH SERVICES, MATERIALS, FACILITIES OR OTHER THINGS OF
54 VALUE RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE;

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

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

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

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

11 (G) GIFTS.

12 S 14-210. OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING. 1. PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES FOR
13 NOMINATION OR ELECTION IN PRIMARY, GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS MAY
14 OBTAIN PAYMENT TO A PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE FROM PUBLIC FUNDS FOR QUALI-
15 FIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES. NO SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL BE PAID TO A
16 PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE UNTIL THE CANDIDATE HAS QUALIFIED TO APPEAR ON
17 THE BALLOT AND FILED A SWORN STATEMENT WITH THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD
18 ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING SYSTEM AND
19 AGREEING TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE. PAYMENTS SHALL NOT
20 EXCEED THE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN THIS TITLE, AND SHALL BE MADE ONLY IN
21 ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE. SUCH PAYMENTS MAY ONLY BE
22 MADE TO A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE. NO PUBLIC
23 FUNDS SHALL BE USED EXCEPT AS REIMBURSEMENT OR PAYMENT FOR QUALIFIED
24 CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES ACTUALLY AND LAWFULLY INCURRED OR TO REPAY LOANS
25 USED TO PAY QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

26 2. THE PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE OF EACH PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL
27 BE ENTITLED TO SIX DOLLARS IN PUBLIC FUNDS FOR EACH ONE DOLLAR OF MATCH-
28 ABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OBTAINED AND REPORTED TO THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD IN
29 ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, SUCH
30 PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL ONLY BE USED FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

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

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

42 4. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL PROMPTLY EXAMINE ALL REPORTS OF
43 CONTRIBUTIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER, ON THEIR FACE, THEY MEET THE
44 REQUIREMENTS FOR MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, AND SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF
45 SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS.

46 5. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR THE
47 CERTIFICATION OF THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS PAYABLE BY THE COMPTROLLER, FROM
48 THE FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE
49 FINANCE LAW, TO A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE THAT HAS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE
50 SUCH PAYMENT. THESE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE THE PROMULGATION AND
51 DISTRIBUTION OF FORMS ON WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES ARE TO BE
52 REPORTED, THE PERIODS DURING WHICH SUCH REPORTS MUST BE FILED AND THE
53 VERIFICATION REQUIRED. THE BOARD SHALL INSTITUTE PROCEDURES WHICH WILL
54 MAKE POSSIBLE PAYMENT BY THE FUND WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT
55 OF THE REQUIRED FORMS AND VERIFICATIONS.

1 S 14-212. CONTRIBUTION AND RECEIPT LIMITATIONS. 1. IN ANY PRIMARY,
2 SPECIAL OR GENERAL ELECTION FOR ANY STATEWIDE OFFICE, STATE LEGISLATIVE
3 OFFICE OR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE NO CONTRIBUTOR MAY MAKE A
4 CONTRIBUTION TO ANY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTIC-
5 IPATING COMMITTEE, AND NO PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE OR PARTICIPATING
6 COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT ANY CONTRIBUTION FROM ANY CONTRIBUTOR WHICH, IN THE
7 AGGREGATE AMOUNT, IS GREATER THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

8 2. (A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE
9 AS FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC
10 FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN
11 A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMIT-
12 TEE MAY ACCEPT FROM A STATE CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE WHICH HAS NOMINATED
13 SUCH CANDIDATE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE, DOES NOT
14 EXCEED TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER,
15 THAT TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF SUCH AMOUNT MAY BE ACCEPTED IN THE FORM OF A
16 TRANSFER.

17 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE AS
18 FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC
19 FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL OR COMPTROLLER IN
20 A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMIT-
21 TEE MAY ACCEPT FROM A STATE CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE WHICH HAS NOMINATED
22 SUCH CANDIDATE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE, DOES NOT
23 EXCEED ONE MILLION DOLLARS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT
24 OF SUCH AMOUNT MAY BE ACCEPTED IN THE FORM OF A TRANSFER.

25 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE AS
26 FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC
27 FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR IN A PRIMARY, GENERAL
28 OR SPECIAL ELECTION OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE MAY
29 ACCEPT FROM A STATE CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE WHICH HAS NOMINATED SUCH
30 CANDIDATE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE, DOES NOT
31 EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT TWENTY-FIVE
32 PERCENT OF SUCH AMOUNT MAY BE ACCEPTED IN THE FORM OF A TRANSFER.

33 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE AS
34 FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC
35 FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY IN A PRIMA-
36 RY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING
37 COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT FROM A STATE CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE WHICH HAS NOMI-
38 NATED SUCH CANDIDATE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE, DOES
39 NOT EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT TWENTY-FIVE
40 PERCENT OF SUCH AMOUNT MAY BE ACCEPTED IN THE FORM OF A TRANSFER.

41 (E) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE AS
42 FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC
43 FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE AT-LARGE TO A CONSTITU-
44 TIONAL CONVENTION IN A GENERAL ELECTION OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPAT-
45 ING COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT FROM A STATE CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE WHICH HAS
46 NOMINATED SUCH CANDIDATE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE,
47 DOES NOT EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT TWENTY-
48 FIVE PERCENT OF SUCH AMOUNT MAY BE ACCEPTED IN THE FORM OF A TRANSFER.

49 (F) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE AS
50 FIXED BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC
51 FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT DELEGATE TO A CONSTITU-
52 TIONAL CONVENTION IN A GENERAL ELECTION OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPAT-
53 ING COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT FROM A STATE CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE WHICH HAS
54 NOMINATED SUCH CANDIDATE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT WHICH, IN THE AGGREGATE,
55 DOES NOT EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT

1 TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF SUCH AMOUNT MAY BE ACCEPTED IN THE FORM OF A
2 TRANSFER.

3 (G) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE TERM STATE CONSTITUTED
4 COMMITTEE INCLUDES ANY OF ITS SUBCOMMITTEES.

5 3. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT IN THIS SUBDIVISION,
6 EACH COUNTY COMMITTEE OF ANY PARTY WHICH NOMINATES A CANDIDATE FOR
7 STATEWIDE OFFICE OR STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE, INCLUDING WITHIN THE TERM
8 COUNTY COMMITTEE ANY OF ITS SUBCOMMITTEES, MAY EXPEND IN SUPPORT OF SUCH
9 PARTY'S CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE OR STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE WHO
10 HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC FINANCING, AN AMOUNT WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED
11 THE SUM OF TWO CENTS FOR EACH VOTER REGISTERED IN SUCH COUNTY AS DETER-
12 MINED BY THE RECORDS OF THE APPROPRIATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AS OF THE
13 PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION.

14 4. IN COMPUTING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
15 SECTION, EXPENDITURES MADE BY A STATE CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OR A COUNTY
16 COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE SHALL BE ALLOCATED AMONG
17 SUCH CANDIDATES SUPPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORMULAS
18 PROMULGATED BY THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD OR, IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH OFFI-
19 CIAL FORMULAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A FORMULA BASED UPON REASONABLE STAND-
20 ARDS. THE STATEMENTS FILED BY SUCH CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE
21 WITH THIS CHAPTER SHALL SET FORTH, IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER INFORMATION
22 REQUIRED, THE TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED BY THE PARTY COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF
23 ALL SUCH CANDIDATES AND THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO EACH CANDIDATE BY DOLLAR
24 AMOUNT AND PERCENTAGE. EXPENDITURES BY A PARTY FOR ACTIVITIES WHICH DO
25 NOT SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE ELECTION OF ANY CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES BY
26 NAME OR BY CLEAR INFERENCE SHALL NOT BE REGARDED AS EXPENDITURES ON
27 BEHALF OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO A CANDIDATE.

28 5. A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE FOR WHICH PUBLIC
29 FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE SHALL NOT ACCEPT ANY CONTRIB-
30 UTIONS ANY EARLIER THAN ONE DAY AFTER THE PREVIOUS GENERAL ELECTION FOR
31 THE OFFICE WHICH SUCH CANDIDATE IS SEEKING, OR ANY LATER THAN THE DAY OF
32 THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE SOUGHT, EXCEPT THAT A PARTICIPATING
33 CANDIDATE OR PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE WHICH HAS A DEFICIT ON THE DAY OF
34 THE GENERAL ELECTION MAY, AFTER SUCH DATE, ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH DO
35 NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF SUCH DEFICIT AND THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN RAIS-
36 ING SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS OR THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE AS FIXED
37 BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC FUNDS.

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

41 S 14-214. LIMITATIONS ON THE RECEIPT OF PUBLIC FUNDS. THE FOLLOWING
42 LIMITATIONS APPLY TO THE RECEIPT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY PARTICIPATING CANDI-
43 DATES AND THEIR PARTICIPATING COMMITTEES RECEIVING SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS
44 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE:

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

47 (I) FOR GOVERNOR, THE SUM OF NINE MILLION DOLLARS;

48 (II) FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, COMPTROLLER OR ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE SUM
49 OF SIX MILLION DOLLARS;

50 (III) FOR SENATOR, THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS;

51 (IV) FOR MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND
52 DOLLARS;

53 (V) FOR AT-LARGE DELEGATE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, THE SUM OF
54 ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS;

55 (VI) FOR DISTRICT DELEGATES TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, THE SUM OF
56 FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS;

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

4 CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF:

5 GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (COMBINED)	\$12,000,000
6 ATTORNEY GENERAL	\$8,000,000
7 COMPTROLLER	\$8,000,000
8 MEMBER OF SENATE	\$400,000
9 MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY	\$200,000
10 DELEGATE AT-LARGE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION	\$350,000
11 DISTRICT DELEGATE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION	\$75,000

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

19 4. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF
 20 PRIVATE FUNDS A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY RECEIVE SUBJECT TO THE
 21 CONTRIBUTION LIMITS CONTAINED IN SECTION 14-212 OF THIS TITLE.

22 5. AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SECOND CALENDAR YEAR, COMMENCING IN TWO
 23 THOUSAND SIXTEEN, THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE PERCENT-
 24 AGE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE MONTHLY CONSUMER
 25 PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PUBLISHED BY THE THE UNITED STATES
 26 BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND SUCH CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PUBLISHED FOR
 27 THE SAME MONTH FOUR YEARS PREVIOUSLY. THE AMOUNT OF EACH PUBLIC FUNDS
 28 RECEIPT LIMITATION FIXED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE ADJUSTED BY THE AMOUNT
 29 OF SUCH PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE TO THE CLOSEST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS BY THE
 30 STATE BOARD WHICH, NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY IN EACH SUCH
 31 YEAR, SHALL ISSUE A REGULATION PUBLISHING THE AMOUNT OF EACH SUCH
 32 CONTRIBUTION LIMIT. EACH PUBLIC FUND RECEIPT LIMIT AS SO ADJUSTED SHALL
 33 BE THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIPT LIMIT IN EFFECT FOR ANY ELECTION HELD BEFORE
 34 THE NEXT SUCH ADJUSTMENT.

35 S 14-216. FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD; GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. 1. THERE
 36 SHALL BE A BOARD WITHIN THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS KNOWN AS THE "FAIR
 37 ELECTIONS BOARD" COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS, OF WHICH ONE MEMBER SHALL BE
 38 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY EACH
 39 LEGISLATIVE LEADER OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY. NO MEMBER OF THE FAIR
 40 ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL HOLD ELECTIVE OFFICE, NOR SHALL ANY MEMBER BE A
 41 LOBBYIST AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ONE-C OF THE LEGISLA-
 42 TIVE LAW. THE CHAIR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE FAIR ELECTIONS
 43 BOARD. THE MEMBERS SHALL EACH SERVE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

44 2. EACH MEMBER'S TERM SHALL COMMENCE ON JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND
 45 FOURTEEN. IN CASE OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF A MEMBER, A MEMBER SHALL
 46 BE APPOINTED ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL MANNER OF APPOINTMENT. EACH
 47 MEMBER SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND REGISTERED TO
 48 VOTE THEREIN. EACH MEMBER SHALL AGREE NOT TO MAKE AND SHALL NOT MAKE
 49 CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANY CANDIDATE OR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE FOR NOMINATION
 50 FOR ELECTION OR FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF STATE COMPTROLLER. NO
 51 MEMBER SHALL SERVE AS AN OFFICER OF A POLITICAL PARTY OR COMMITTEE OR BE
 52 A CANDIDATE OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY CAPACITY IN A CAMPAIGN BY A CANDIDATE
 53 FOR NOMINATION FOR ELECTION, OR FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF STATE
 54 COMPTROLLER. AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE OR ANY STATE AGENCY
 55 SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD.

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

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

6 5. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL APPOINT AN ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL, A
7 DEPUTY ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL, WHO SHALL BE A MEMBER OF A DIFFERENT MAJOR
8 POLITICAL PARTY THAN THE ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL, A SPECIAL COUNSEL, A DEPU-
9 TY SPECIAL COUNSEL, WHO SHALL BE A MEMBER OF A DIFFERENT MAJOR POLITICAL
10 PARTY THAN THE SPECIAL COUNSEL, A DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, A
11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, WHO SHALL BE A MEMBER OF A
12 DIFFERENT MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY THAN THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.
13 THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD MAY UTILIZE EXISTING STAFF OF THE STATE BOARD
14 OF ELECTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY, AND MAKE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES
15 SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL RETAIN AN INDE-
16 PENDENT AUDITOR TO PERFORM ONGOING AUDITS OF EACH COVERED ELECTION BY
17 CONTRACT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THE
18 STATE FINANCE LAW.

19 6. THE ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL AND THE SPECIAL COUNSEL SHALL EACH SERVE A
20 TERM OF FOUR YEARS AND MAY ONLY BE REMOVED FOR CAUSE. ANY TIME AFTER THE
21 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE MEMBERS, OR IN THE CASE OF A VACANCY
22 ON THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD, THE MEMBERS, OF EACH OF THE SAME MAJOR
23 POLITICAL PARTY AS THE INCUMBENT ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL, DEPUTY ENFORCEMENT
24 COUNSEL, SHALL APPOINT SUCH COUNSELS, AND DEPUTIES. ANY VACANCY IN THE
25 OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL, DEPUTY ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL, SPECIAL COUN-
26 SEL, SPECIAL DEPUTY COUNSEL, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND DEPUTY
27 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SHALL BE FILLED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
28 FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD OR IN THE CASE OF A VACANCY ON THE BOARD, THE
29 MEMBERS OF THE SAME MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY AS THE VACATING INCUMBENT FOR
30 THE REMAINING PERIOD OF THE TERM OF SUCH VACATING INCUMBENT.

31 7. IN ADDITION TO THE ENFORCEMENT POWERS, AND ANY OTHER POWERS AND
32 DUTIES SPECIFIED BY LAW, THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL:

33 (A)(I) RENDER ADVISORY OPINIONS WITH RESPECT TO QUESTIONS ARISING
34 UNDER THIS TITLE UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF A CANDIDATE, AN OFFICER OF
35 A POLITICAL COMMITTEE OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, OR UPON ITS OWN INITI-
36 ATIVE; (II) PROMULGATE RULES REGARDING REASONABLE TIMES TO RESPOND TO
37 SUCH REQUESTS; AND (III) MAKE PUBLIC THE QUESTIONS OF INTERPRETATION FOR
38 WHICH ADVISORY OPINIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD
39 AND ITS ADVISORY OPINIONS, INCLUDING BY PUBLICATION ON ITS WEBSITE;

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

43 (C) HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AND
44 PRESCRIBE SUCH FORMS AS THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD DEEMS NECESSARY FOR THE
45 ADMINISTRATION OF THIS TITLE; AND

46 (D) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS DEVELOP AN INTER-
47 ACTIVE, SEARCHABLE COMPUTER DATABASE THAT SHALL CONTAIN ALL INFORMATION
48 NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THIS TITLE INCLUDING INFORMA-
49 TION ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO AND EXPENDITURES BY CANDIDATES AND THEIR
50 AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES AND DISTRIBUTIONS OF MONEYS FROM THE FUND AND
51 SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS'
52 WEBSITE.

53 8. CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW AND SUBDI-
54 VISION SEVENTEEN OF SECTION SEVENTY-THREE OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW,
55 AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, ALL
56 POSITIONS ON THE STAFF OF THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL BE CLASSIFIED

1 IN THE EXEMPT CLASS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND SUCH POSITIONS SHALL BE
2 FILLED, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WITH AN EQUAL NUMBER OF PERSONS FROM
3 EACH OF THE TWO POLITICAL PARTIES FOR WHICH THE HIGHEST AND THE NEXT
4 HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES WERE CAST FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE COMPTROLLER AT
5 THE LAST PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION FOR SUCH OFFICE.

6 9. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND SHALL BE
7 GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE AND SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE
8 STATE FINANCE LAW.

9 10. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD AND ITS PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY
10 THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT AND SUBJECT TO ARTICLES SIX AND
11 SEVEN OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW.

12 11. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD MAY TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS ARE NECES-
13 SARY AND PROPER TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE.

14 S 14-218. EXAMINATIONS AND AUDITS. 1. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL
15 CONDUCT A THOROUGH EXAMINATION AND AUDIT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUALI-
16 FIED CAMPAIGN EXPENSES OF THE PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE OF EVERY PARTIC-
17 IPATING CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVED PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-210 OF
18 THIS TITLE. SUCH AUDITS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AS FREQUENTLY AS THE FAIR
19 ELECTIONS BOARD DEEMS NECESSARY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS TITLE.
20 EVERY CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVES PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THIS TITLE
21 SHALL ALSO BE AUDITED BY THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD POST-ELECTION. THE
22 COST OF COMPLYING WITH A POST-ELECTION AUDIT SHALL BE BORNE BY THE
23 CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE. A CANDIDATE WHO HAS RECEIVED PUBLIC
24 MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THIS TITLE MUST MAINTAIN A RESERVE OF AT LEAST ONE
25 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MATCHING FUNDS RECEIVED BY SUCH CANDIDATE
26 IN HIS OR HER CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT TO COMPLY WITH THE POST-ELECTION AUDIT. A
27 CANDIDATE WHO RUNS IN BOTH A PRIMARY AND A GENERAL ELECTION, MUST MAIN-
28 TAIN A RESERVE OF ONE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PUBLIC MATCHING
29 FUNDS RECEIVED BY SUCH CANDIDATE FOR BOTH HIS OR HER PRIMARY AND GENERAL
30 ELECTION. A CANDIDATE MAY USE PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS, PRIVATE FUNDS OR A
31 COMBINATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDS TO COMPLY WITH A POST-ELECTION
32 AUDIT. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL ISSUE TO EACH CAMPAIGN AUDITED THE
33 FINAL POST-ELECTION AUDIT REPORT THAT DETAILS ITS FINDINGS AND SHALL
34 PROVIDE SUCH AUDIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS AND MAKE SUCH
35 AUDIT REPORT AVAILABLE ON THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS' WEBSITE.

36 2. (A) IF THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD DETERMINES THAT ANY PORTION OF THE
37 PAYMENT MADE TO A PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE FROM THE FUND WAS IN EXCESS OF
38 THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO WHICH SUCH ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE WAS
39 ENTITLED PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-210 OF THIS TITLE, IT SHALL NOTIFY SUCH
40 COMMITTEE OF THE EXCESS AMOUNT AND SUCH COMMITTEE SHALL PAY TO THE FAIR
41 ELECTIONS BOARD AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF EXCESS PAYMENTS;
42 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE ERRONEOUS PAYMENT WAS DUE TO AN ERROR
43 MADE BY THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD, THEN THE ERRONEOUS PAYMENT WILL BE
44 OFFSET AGAINST ANY FUTURE PAYMENT, IF ANY. THE PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE
45 AND HIS OR HER PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE SHALL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY
46 LIABLE FOR ANY REPAYMENTS DUE TO THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD FOR DEPOSIT BY
47 SUCH BOARD INTO THE NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FUND.

48 (B) IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT ANY AMOUNT OF PAYMENT MADE TO A
49 PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE FROM THE FUND WAS USED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN
50 TO DEFRAY QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENSES, IT SHALL NOTIFY SUCH PARTICIPAT-
51 ING COMMITTEE OF THE AMOUNT DISQUALIFIED AND SUCH PARTICIPATING COMMIT-
52 TEE SHALL PAY TO THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO SUCH
53 DISQUALIFIED AMOUNT. SUCH MONIES SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE NEW YORK
54 STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF
55 THE STATE FINANCE LAW. THE CANDIDATE AND THE CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED

1 COMMITTEE SHALL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR ANY REPAYMENTS DUE
2 TO THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD.

3 (C) IF THE TOTAL OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND RECEIVED
4 BY ANY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING
5 COMMITTEE, EXCEEDS THE PUBLIC FUNDING RECEIPT LIMITATION OF SUCH CANDI-
6 DATE AND COMMITTEE, SUCH CANDIDATE AND COMMITTEE SHALL USE SUCH EXCESS
7 FUNDS TO REIMBURSE THE FUND FOR PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY SUCH COMMITTEE FROM
8 THE FUND NOT LATER THAN TEN DAYS AFTER ALL PERMISSIBLE LIABILITIES HAVE
9 BEEN PAID AND IN ANY EVENT, NOT LATER THAN TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON
10 WHICH THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD ISSUES ITS FINAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE
11 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL UNSPENT
12 MATCHING FUNDS FOR A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY DUE
13 AND PAYABLE TO THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE NEW YORK
14 STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND UPON ITS DETERMINATION THAT THE PARTICIPANT
15 WILLFULLY DELAYED THE POST-ELECTION AUDIT PROCESS. A PARTICIPATING
16 CANDIDATE MAY MAKE POST-ELECTION EXPENDITURES ONLY FOR ROUTINE ACTIV-
17 ITIES INVOLVING NOMINAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ENDING A CAMPAIGN AND
18 RESPONDING TO THE POST-ELECTION AUDIT.

19 3. IF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION DISQUALIFIES A CANDIDATE WHOSE
20 PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED PUBLIC FUNDS ON THE GROUNDS THAT
21 SUCH CANDIDATE COMMITTED FRAUDULENT ACTS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A PLACE ON
22 THE BALLOT AND SUCH DECISION IS NOT REVERSED BY A HIGHER COURT, SUCH
23 CANDIDATE AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE SHALL PAY TO THE
24 FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE TOTAL OF PUBLIC FUNDS
25 RECEIVED BY SUCH PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE.

26 4. THE BOARD MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF ALL PAYMENTS DUE FROM A
27 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD AND
28 PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE TO REBUT, IN WHOLE
29 OR IN PART, THE ALLEGED AMOUNT DUE. UPON A FINAL WRITTEN DETERMINATION
30 BY THE BOARD, THE AMOUNT DUE SHALL BE PAID TO THE BOARD WITHIN THIRTY
31 DAYS OF SUCH DETERMINATION.

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

35 S 14-220. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT. 1. ANY PERSON OR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE WHO
36 KNOWINGLY AND WILFULLY FAILS TO MAKE A FILING REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS
37 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED THE
38 AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

39 2. ANY PERSON OR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE WHO KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY
40 VIOLATES ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY RULE PROMULGATED HERE-
41 UNDER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF
42 TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

43 3. FINES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION WILL BE IMPOSED BY THE FAIR
44 ELECTIONS BOARD AFTER A HEARING AT WHICH THE SUBJECT PERSON OR AUTHOR-
45 IZED COMMITTEE SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. SUCH HEARING
46 SHALL BE HELD IN SUCH MANNER AND UPON SUCH NOTICE AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED
47 BY THE RULES OF THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD. FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING
48 SUCH HEARINGS, THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE AN AGENCY
49 WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE THREE OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCE-
50 DURE ACT AND SHALL ADOPT RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF ADJUDICATORY
51 PROCEEDINGS AND APPEALS TAKEN PURSUANT TO A PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER
52 ARTICLE SEVENTY-EIGHT OF THE CIVIL PRACTICE LAW AND RULES RELATING TO
53 THE ASSESSMENT OF THE CIVIL PENALTIES HEREIN AUTHORIZED.

54 4. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL PUBLISH ON THE STATE BOARD OF
55 ELECTIONS' WEBSITE THE FINAL ORDER ADJUDICATING ANY MATTER BROUGHT
56 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

1 5. ALL PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS
2 SECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE NEW YORK STATE FAIR ELECTIONS FUND
3 ESTABLISHED BY SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

4 S 14-222. CRIMINAL PENALTIES. 1. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFUL-
5 LY FAILS TO MAKE A FILING REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE WITH-
6 IN TEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE PROVIDED FOR SUCH, OR ANYONE THAT KNOWINGLY
7 AND WILLFULLY VIOLATES ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE GUILTY
8 OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, IN ADDITION TO SUCH OTHER PENALTIES AS MAY BE
9 PROVIDED BY LAW, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF
10 TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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

16 3. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT OR
17 KNOWINGLY OMITTS A MATERIAL FACT TO THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD OR AN AUDI-
18 TOR DESIGNATED BY THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD DURING ANY AUDIT CONDUCTED
19 PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-218 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS E
20 FELONY.

21 4. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER SENTENCE LAWFULLY IMPOSED UPON A FINDING
22 OF GUILT IN A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION COMMENCED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS
23 OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT MAY ORDER A DEFENDANT TO REPAY TO THE FAIR
24 ELECTIONS BOARD ANY PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF ANY
25 CRIMINAL CONDUCT.

26 5. ALL SUCH PROSECUTIONS FOR CRIMINAL ACTS UNDER THIS TITLE SHALL BE
27 PROSECUTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK EXCEPT AS
28 PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION ELEVEN OF SECTION 3-104 OF THIS
29 CHAPTER.

30 6. ANY AND ALL FINES IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE
31 PAYABLE TO THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE NEW YORK STATE
32 CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND.

33 S 14-224. REPORTS. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO
34 THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY FIRST, TWO
35 THOUSAND SIXTEEN, AND EVERY FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE:

36 1. A LIST OF THE PARTICIPATING AND NONPARTICIPATING CANDIDATES IN
37 COVERED ELECTIONS AND THE VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH CANDIDATE IN THOSE
38 ELECTIONS;

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

41 3. THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS EACH PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE
42 RECEIVED, SPENT, AND REPAID PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE;

43 4. ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECT OF THIS TITLE ON THE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS FOR
44 ALL OFFICES COVERED UNDER SECTION 14-206 OF THIS TITLE, INCLUDING ITS
45 EFFECT ON THE SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF PRIVATE FINANCING, THE LEVEL OF
46 CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES, VOTER PARTICIPATION, THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES,
47 THE CANDIDATES' ABILITIES TO CAMPAIGN EFFECTIVELY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, AND
48 THE DIVERSITY OF CANDIDATES SEEKING AND ELECTED TO OFFICE;

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

53 6. ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD DEEMS RELEVANT.

54 S 14-226. DEBATES. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE REGU-
55 LATIONS TO FACILITATE DEBATES AMONG PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES. PARTIC-
56 IPATING CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE DEBATE

1 BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND IN AT LEAST ONE DEBATE BEFORE THE GENER-
2 AL ELECTION FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE RECEIVES PUBLIC FUNDS, UNLESS THE
3 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE IS RUNNING UNOPPOSED. A NONPARTICIPATING CANDI-
4 DATE MAY BE A PARTY TO SUCH DEBATES.

5 S 14-228. DISTRIBUTIONS FROM CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND. 1. THIS SECTION
6 GOVERNS THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD'S DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE
7 CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND CREATED BY SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE
8 FINANCE LAW, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE.

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

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

15 4. NO MONEYS SHALL BE PAID TO ANY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE WHO HAS BEEN
16 DISQUALIFIED BY THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD OR WHOSE DESIGNATING PETITIONS
17 HAVE BEEN DECLARED INVALID BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR A COURT OF
18 COMPETENT JURISDICTION UNTIL AND UNLESS SUCH FINDING IS REVERSED BY AN
19 APPELLATE COURT.

20 5. NO PAYMENT FROM THE FUND IN THE POSSESSION OF SUCH A CANDIDATE OR
21 SUCH A CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE ON THE DATE OF SUCH DISQUALI-
22 FICATION OR INVALIDATION MAY THEREAFTER BE EXPENDED FOR ANY PURPOSE
23 EXCEPT THE PAYMENT OF LIABILITIES INCURRED BEFORE THAT DATE. ALL EXCESS
24 PUBLIC MONEYS PAID TO A DISQUALIFIED CANDIDATE SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE
25 FUND NOT LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THOSE
26 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVED PUBLIC MONEYS FOR THE GENERAL
27 ELECTION, AND OTHERWISE, NOT LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE PRIMARY
28 ELECTION FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVED PUBLIC MONEYS
29 SOLELY FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

30 6. (A) PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES SHALL PAY TO THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD
31 UNSPENT PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUNDS FROM AN ELECTION NOT LATER THAN THIRTY
32 DAYS AFTER ALL LIABILITIES FOR THE ELECTION HAVE BEEN PAID AND, IN ANY
33 EVENT, NOT LESS THAN TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE UPON WHICH THE FAIR
34 ELECTIONS BOARD ISSUES ITS FINAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE PARTICIPATING
35 CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL UNSPENT PUBLIC
36 CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY DUE
37 AND PAYABLE TO THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD UPON ITS DETERMINATION THAT THE
38 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE HAS, WITHOUT JUST CAUSE, DELAYED THE POST-ELEC-
39 TION AUDIT PROCESS. UNSPENT CAMPAIGN FUNDS DETERMINATIONS MADE BY THE
40 FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL BE BASED ON THE PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE
41 COMMITTEE'S RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD MAY ALSO
42 CONSIDER ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION REVEALED IN THE COURSE OF ITS
43 AUDITS OR INVESTIGATIONS OR THE INVESTIGATIONS BY ANY OTHER AGENCY.

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

49 (II) BEFORE REPAYING UNSPENT PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING
50 CANDIDATE MAY MAKE POST-ELECTION EXPENDITURES ONLY FOR ROUTINE ACTIV-
51 ITIES INVOLVING NOMINAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH WINDING UP A CAMPAIGN AND
52 RESPONDING TO THE POST-ELECTION AUDIT. SUCH EXPENDITURES MAY INCLUDE:
53 PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS AND RENT; REASONABLE STAFF SALARIES AND
54 CONSULTANT FEES FOR RESPONDING TO A POST-ELECTION AUDIT; REASONABLE
55 MOVING EXPENSES RELATED TO CLOSING A CAMPAIGN OFFICE; A HOLIDAY CARD
56 MAILING TO CONTRIBUTORS, CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF MEMBERS; THANK

1 YOU NOTES FOR CONTRIBUTORS, CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF MEMBERS;
2 PAYMENT OF TAXES AND OTHER REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH
3 APPLICABLE TAX LAWS; AND INTEREST EXPENSES. ROUTINE POST-ELECTION
4 EXPENDITURES THAT MAY BE PAID FOR WITH UNSPENT CAMPAIGN FUNDS DO NOT
5 INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS POST-ELECTION MAILINGS OTHER THAN AS SPECIFICALLY
6 PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH; MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS; MAKING BONUS
7 PAYMENTS OR GIFTS TO STAFF MEMBERS OR VOLUNTEERS; OR HOLDING ANY POST-E-
8 LECTION DAY EVENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY MEAL OR ANY PARTY.
9 UNSPENT CAMPAIGN FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED FOR TRANSITION OR INAUGURATION
10 ACTIVITIES.

11 7. ALL MONIES RECEIVED BY THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS
12 SECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND
13 PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

14 S 15. The election law is amended by adding a new section 16-103 to
15 read as follows:

16 S 16-103. PROCEEDINGS AS TO PUBLIC FINANCING. 1. THE DETERMINATION OF
17 ELIGIBILITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-206 OF THIS CHAPTER AND ANY QUESTION
18 OR ISSUE RELATING TO PAYMENTS FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES PURSU-
19 ANT TO SECTION 14-210 OF THIS CHAPTER MAY BE CONTESTED IN A PROCEEDING
20 INSTITUTED IN THE SUPREME COURT, ALBANY COUNTY, BY ANY AGGRIEVED CANDI-
21 DATE.

22 2. A PROCEEDING WITH RESPECT TO SUCH A DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY OR
23 PAYMENT FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-210
24 OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE INSTITUTED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER SUCH DETER-
25 MINATION WAS MADE. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD SHALL BE MADE A PARTY TO ANY
26 SUCH PROCEEDING.

27 3. UPON THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD'S FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE AMOUNT DUE
28 FROM A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE AFTER THE
29 ISSUANCE OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF SUCH AMOUNT DUE, AS REQUIRED BY SUBDIVI-
30 SION FOUR OF SECTION 14-218 OF THIS CHAPTER, SUCH BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO
31 INSTITUTE A SPECIAL PROCEEDING OR CIVIL ACTION IN SUPREME COURT, ALBANY
32 COUNTY, TO OBTAIN A JUDGMENT FOR ANY AMOUNTS DETERMINED TO BE PAYABLE TO
33 THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD AS A RESULT OF AN EXAMINATION AND AUDIT MADE
34 PURSUANT TO TITLE TWO OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER.

35 4. THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO INSTITUTE A SPECIAL
36 PROCEEDING OR CIVIL ACTION IN SUPREME COURT, ALBANY COUNTY, TO OBTAIN A
37 JUDGMENT FOR CIVIL PENALTIES DETERMINED TO BE PAYABLE TO THE FAIR
38 ELECTIONS BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-218 OF THIS CHAPTER.

39 S 16. The election law is amended by adding a new section 4-115 to
40 read as follows:

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

47 2. EACH SUCH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL, NOT LATER THAN THE DAY
48 AFTER THE LAST DAY TO FILE A PETITION OR CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION FOR A
49 GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION OR A CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE, DECLINATION
50 OR SUBSTITUTION FOR A GENERAL, PRIMARY OR SPECIAL ELECTION FOR ANY SUCH
51 OFFICE, SEND TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SUCH INFORMATION ABOUT EACH
52 SUCH PETITION OR CERTIFICATE AS THE STATE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE.

53 3. IF ANY SUCH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHOULD DISQUALIFY ANY SUCH
54 CANDIDATE OR RULE THE PETITION OR CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING OR NOMINATING
55 ANY SUCH CANDIDATE INVALID, IT SHALL FORTHWITH NOTIFY THE STATE BOARD OF
56 ELECTIONS OF SUCH DECISION.

1 4. IF ANY SUCH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL BE NOTIFIED OF A DECI-
2 SION OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION DISQUALIFYING ANY SUCH CANDI-
3 DATE OR DECLARING ANY SUCH PETITION INVALID OR REVERSING ANY SUCH DECI-
4 SION BY SUCH BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR ANOTHER COURT, SUCH BOARD OF
5 ELECTIONS SHALL FORTHWITH NOTIFY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF SUCH
6 DECISION.

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

10 S 17. The general business law is amended by adding a new section
11 359-gg to read as follows:

12 S 359-GG. ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE. IN ADDITION TO ANY PENALTY AUTHORIZED
13 BY SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE-G OF THIS ARTICLE OR ANY DAMAGES OR
14 OTHER COMPENSATION RECOVERABLE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY
15 SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZED BY SECTION SIXTY-THREE OR SIXTY-THREE-C OF THE
16 EXECUTIVE LAW, THERE SHALL BE ASSESSED THEREON AN ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE
17 IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUCH PENALTY,
18 DAMAGES OR SETTLEMENT. SUCH SURCHARGE SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE NEW YORK
19 STATE FAIR ELECTIONS FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE
20 STATE FINANCE LAW.

21 S 18. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 92-t to
22 read as follows:

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

26 2. SUCH FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL REVENUES RECEIVED FROM THE SURCHARGE
27 IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE-GG OF THE GENERAL
28 BUSINESS LAW, REVENUES RECEIVED FROM CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND CHECK-OFF
29 PURSUANT TO SECTION SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-C OF THE TAX LAW AND ALL OTHER
30 MONEYS CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED THERETO FROM ANY OTHER FUND OR SOURCE
31 PURSUANT TO LAW. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL PREVENT THE
32 STATE FROM RECEIVING GRANTS, GIFTS, BEQUESTS OR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
33 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE FUND AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION AND DEPOSITING
34 THEM INTO THE FUND ACCORDING TO LAW. MONIES IN THE FUND SHALL BE KEPT
35 SEPARATE FROM AND NOT COMMINGLED WITH OTHER FUNDS HELD IN THE CUSTODY OF
36 THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE.

37 3. MONEYS OF THE FUND, FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE, MAY
38 BE EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAKING PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES PURSUANT
39 TO TITLE TWO OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THE ELECTION LAW. MONEYS SHALL BE
40 PAID OUT OF THE FUND BY THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE ON
41 VOUCHERS CERTIFIED OR APPROVED BY THE FAIR ELECTIONS BOARD ESTABLISHED
42 PURSUANT TO TITLE TWO OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THE ELECTION LAW, OR THE
43 DULY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH BOARD, IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED
44 BY LAW, NOT MORE THAN ONE WORKING DAY AFTER A VOUCHER DULY CERTIFIED,
45 APPROVED AND EXECUTED BY SUCH BOARD OR ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN THE FORM
46 PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE IS RECEIVED BY
47 THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE.

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

55 5. COMMENCING IN TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, IF THE SURPLUS IN THE FUND ON
56 APRIL FIRST OF THE YEAR AFTER AN ELECTION CYCLE EXCEEDS TWENTY-FIVE

1 PERCENT OF THE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE FUND OVER THE PREVIOUS FOUR YEARS,
2 THE EXCESS SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

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

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

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

18 S 19. The tax law is amended by adding a new section 630-c to read as
19 follows:

20 S 630-C. CONTRIBUTION TO NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND. EFFEC-
21 TIVE FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO
22 THOUSAND THIRTEEN, AN INDIVIDUAL IN ANY TAXABLE YEAR MAY ELECT TO
23 CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND. SUCH CONTRIB-
24 UTION SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE DOLLARS AND SHALL NOT REDUCE THE
25 AMOUNT OF STATE TAX OWED BY SUCH INDIVIDUAL. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL
26 INCLUDE SPACE ON THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX RETURN TO ENABLE A TAXPAYER TO
27 MAKE SUCH CONTRIBUTION. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW ALL
28 REVENUES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE NEW
29 YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND AND USED ONLY FOR THOSE PURPOSES
30 ENUMERATED IN SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

31 S 20. Severability. If any clause, sentence, subdivision, paragraph,
32 section or part of title 2 of article 14 of the election law, as added
33 by section thirteen of this act be adjudged by any court of competent
34 jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or
35 invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation
36 to the clause, sentence, subdivision, paragraph, section or part thereof
37 directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have
38 been rendered.

39 S 21. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however,
40 candidates for state comptroller will be eligible to participate in the
41 public financing system beginning with the 2014 election, all state
42 legislature candidates will be eligible to participate in the public
43 financing system beginning with the 2016 election and all state candi-
44 dates and constitutional convention delegates will be eligible to
45 participate in the public financing system beginning with the 2018
46 election.