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Introduced by M. of A. KAVANAGH, SIMON, ZEBROWSKI, CAHILL, MILLER, GOTTFRIED, LAVINE, JAFFEE, GALEF, ABINANTI, WOERNER, BUCHWALD, COLTON, KAMINSKY, MAGNARELLI, MAYER, MOSLEY, SANTABARBARA, SCARBOROUGH, SKOUFIS, COOK -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GLICK, LUPARDO, MAGEE, MARKEY, ROBINSON, SCHIMMINGER, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported and referred to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to political contributions

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-116 of the election law, subdivision 1 as redesignated by chapter 9 of the laws of 1978 and subdivision 2 as amended by
2 chapter 260 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:
3 S 14-116. Political contributions by certain organizations. 1. No
4 corporation, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY or joint-stock association doing
5 business in this state, except a corporation or association organized or
6 maintained for political purposes only, shall directly or indirectly pay
7 or use or offer, consent or agree to pay or use any money or property
8 for or in aid of any political party, committee or organization, or for,
9 or in aid of, any corporation, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, joint-stock or
10 other association organized or maintained for political purposes, or
11 for, or in aid of, any candidate for political office or for nomination
12 for such office, or for any political purpose whatever, or for the
13 reimbursement or indemnification of any person for moneys or property so
14 used. Any officer, director, stock-holder, attorney or agent of any
15 corporation, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY or joint-stock association which
16 violates any of the provisions of this section, who participates in,
17 aids, abets or advises or consents to any such violations, and any
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EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 person who solicits or knowingly receives any money or property in
2 violation of this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
3 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one of this section,
4 any corporation or an organization financially supported in whole or in
5 part, by such corporation, AND ANY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY may make
6 expenditures, including contributions, not otherwise prohibited by law,
7 for political purposes, in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars
8 in the aggregate in any calendar year; provided that no public utility
9 shall use revenues received from the rendition of public service within
10 the state for contributions for political purposes unless such cost is
11 charged to the shareholders of such a public service corporation.
12 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.