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Introduced by M. of A. LENTOL, O'DONNELL, KAMINSKY -- (at request of the Department of Law) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to undisclosed self-dealing; to amend the penal law, in relation to the descriptions of certain bribery offenses and defenses; to amend the executive law, in relation to the jurisdiction of the attorney general (Part A); to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to removal of pension and retirement benefits from persons convicted of certain felonies; to amend the legislative law, in relation to prohibiting members of the state legislature from receiving earned income from any source other than the state; to amend the legislative law, in relation to per diem allowances to members of the legislature; to amend part E of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015 establishing a commission on legislative, judicial and executive compensation, in relation to salaries of members of the legislature (Part B); and to amend the election law, in relation to campaign receipts and expenditures and public financing; to amend the election law, in relation to contributions from limited liability companies; to amend the election law, in relation to monies received and expenditures made by a party committee or constituted committee; to amend the election law, in relation to restricting campaign contributions by those with business relationships with the state and in relation to imposing contribution and receipt limits with respect to monies received and expenditures made by party committees and constituted committees; to amend the state finance law, in relation to the New York state campaign finance fund; and to amend the tax law, in relation to the New York state campaign finance fund; to amend the legislative law, in relation to restrictions on political contributions from lobbyists; to amend the election law, in relation to restricting campaign funds for personal use (Part C)

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

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

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1 Section 1. This act shall be known as the End New York Corruption Now  
2 Act.

3 S 2. This act enacts into law major components which are necessary to  
4 enact ethics reform for public officials, reform the campaign finance  
5 system and expand law enforcement tools to combat public corruption.  
6 Each component is wholly contained within a Part identified as Parts A  
7 through C. The effective date for each particular provision contained  
8 within such Part is set forth in the last section of such Part. Any  
9 provision in any section contained within a Part, including the effec-  
10 tive date of the Part, which makes a reference to a section "of this  
11 act", when used in connection with that particular component, shall be  
12 deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Part in  
13 which it is found. Section four of this act sets forth the general  
14 effective date of this act.

15 PART A

16 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding two new sections 195.30  
17 and 195.35 to read as follows:

18 S 195.30 UNDISCLOSED SELF-DEALING IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

19 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF UNDISCLOSED SELF-DEALING IN THE SECOND DEGREE  
20 WHEN, BEING A PUBLIC SERVANT, HE OR SHE INTENTIONALLY ENGAGES IN CONDUCT  
21 OR A COURSE OF CONDUCT IN HIS OR HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY IN CONNECTION  
22 WITH THE AWARD OF A PUBLIC CONTRACT OR PUBLIC GRANT OR OTHER EFFORT TO  
23 OBTAIN OR RETAIN PUBLIC BUSINESS OR PUBLIC FUNDS THAT IS INTENDED TO  
24 CONFER AN UNDISCLOSED BENEFIT ON HIMSELF, HERSELF, A SPOUSE, DOMESTIC  
25 PARTNER, CHILD, PARENT, OR SIBLING OF THE PUBLIC SERVANT, A PERSON WITH  
26 WHOM A PUBLIC SERVANT HAS A BUSINESS OR OTHER FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP, OR  
27 A FIRM IN WHICH THE PUBLIC SERVANT HAS A PRESENT OR POTENTIAL INTEREST  
28 AND THEREBY OBTAINS OR ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN A BENEFIT FOR HIMSELF,  
29 HERSELF, A SPOUSE, DOMESTIC PARTNER, CHILD, PARENT, OR SIBLING OF THE  
30 PUBLIC SERVANT, A PERSON WITH WHOM A PUBLIC SERVANT HAS A BUSINESS OR  
31 OTHER FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP, OR A FIRM IN WHICH THE PUBLIC SERVANT HAS  
32 A PRESENT OR POTENTIAL INTEREST WITH A VALUE IN EXCESS OF THREE THOUSAND  
33 DOLLARS. A BENEFIT IS DISCLOSED IF ITS EXISTENCE IS MADE KNOWN PRIOR TO  
34 THE ALLEGED WRONGFUL CONDUCT TO EITHER (I) THE RELEVANT STATE OR LOCAL  
35 ETHICS COMMISSION OR (II) THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PUBLIC SERV-  
36 ANT'S APPOINTMENT TO HIS OR HER POSITION, PROVIDED THAT PERSON IS NOT A  
37 PARTICIPANT IN THE ALLEGED WRONGFUL CONDUCT.

38 UNDISCLOSED SELF-DEALING IN THE SECOND DEGREE IS A CLASS D FELONY.

39 S 195.35 UNDISCLOSED SELF-DEALING IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

40 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF UNDISCLOSED SELF-DEALING IN THE FIRST DEGREE  
41 WHEN, BEING A PUBLIC SERVANT, HE OR SHE INTENTIONALLY ENGAGES IN CONDUCT  
42 OR A COURSE OF CONDUCT IN HIS OR HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY IN CONNECTION  
43 WITH THE AWARD OF A PUBLIC CONTRACT OR PUBLIC GRANT OR OTHER EFFORT TO  
44 OBTAIN OR RETAIN PUBLIC BUSINESS OR PUBLIC FUNDS THAT IS INTENDED TO  
45 CONFER AN UNDISCLOSED BENEFIT ON HIMSELF, HERSELF, A SPOUSE, DOMESTIC  
46 PARTNER, CHILD, PARENT, OR SIBLING OF THE PUBLIC SERVANT, A PERSON WITH  
47 WHOM A PUBLIC SERVANT HAS A BUSINESS OR OTHER FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP, OR  
48 A FIRM IN WHICH THE PUBLIC SERVANT HAS A PRESENT OR POTENTIAL INTEREST  
49 AND THEREBY OBTAINS OR ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN A BENEFIT FOR HIMSELF,  
50 HERSELF, A SPOUSE, DOMESTIC PARTNER, CHILD, PARENT, OR SIBLING OF THE  
51 PUBLIC SERVANT, A PERSON WITH WHOM A PUBLIC SERVANT HAS A BUSINESS OR  
52 OTHER FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP, OR A FIRM IN WHICH THE PUBLIC SERVANT HAS  
53 A PRESENT OR POTENTIAL INTEREST WITH A VALUE IN EXCESS OF TEN THOUSAND  
54 DOLLARS. A BENEFIT IS DISCLOSED IF ITS EXISTENCE IS MADE KNOWN PRIOR TO

1 THE ALLEGED WRONGFUL CONDUCT TO EITHER (I) THE RELEVANT STATE OR LOCAL  
2 ETHICS COMMISSION OR (II) THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PUBLIC SERV-  
3 ANT'S APPOINTMENT TO HIS OR HER POSITION, PROVIDED THAT PERSON IS NOT A  
4 PARTICIPANT IN THE ALLEGED WRONGFUL CONDUCT.

5 UNDISCLOSED SELF-DEALING IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS C FELONY.

6 S 2. Section 200.00 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 833 of the  
7 laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

8 S 200.00 Bribery in the third degree.

9 A person is guilty of bribery in the third degree when he OR SHE  
10 confers, or offers or agrees to confer, any benefit upon a public serv-  
11 ant [upon an agreement or understanding that] WITH THE INTENT TO INFLU-  
12 ENCE such public servant's vote, opinion, judgment, action, decision or  
13 exercise of discretion as a public servant [will thereby be influenced].

14 Bribery in the third degree is a class D felony.

15 S 3. Section 200.03 of the penal law, as amended by section 18 of  
16 subpart A of part H of chapter 55 of the laws of 2014, is amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 S 200.03 Bribery in the second degree.

19 A person is guilty of bribery in the second degree when he OR SHE  
20 confers, or offers or agrees to confer, any benefit valued in excess of  
21 five thousand dollars upon a public servant [upon an agreement or under-  
22 standing that] WITH THE INTENT TO INFLUENCE such public servant's vote,  
23 opinion, judgment, action, decision or exercise of discretion as a  
24 public servant [will thereby be influenced].

25 Bribery in the second degree is a class C felony.

26 S 4. Section 200.04 of the penal law, as amended by section 19 of  
27 subpart A of part H of chapter 55 of the laws of 2014, is amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 S 200.04 Bribery in the first degree.

30 A person is guilty of bribery in the first degree when the person  
31 confers, or offers or agrees to confer: (1) any benefit upon a public  
32 servant [upon an agreement or understanding that] WITH THE INTENT TO  
33 INFLUENCE such public servant's vote, opinion, judgment, action, deci-  
34 sion or exercise of discretion as a public servant [will thereby be  
35 influenced] in the investigation, arrest, detention, prosecution or  
36 incarceration of any person for the commission or alleged commission of  
37 a class A felony defined in article two hundred twenty of this part or  
38 an attempt to commit any such class A felony; or (2) any benefit valued  
39 in excess of one hundred thousand dollars upon a public servant [upon an  
40 agreement or understanding that] WITH THE INTENT TO INFLUENCE such  
41 public servant's vote, opinion, judgment, action, decision or exercise  
42 of discretion as a public servant [will thereby be influenced].

43 Bribery in the first degree is a class B felony.

44 S 5. Section 200.05 of the penal law is amended to read as follows:

45 S 200.05 Bribery; defense.

46 In any prosecution for bribery[,]: (1) it is a defense that the  
47 defendant conferred or agreed to confer the benefit involved upon the  
48 public servant involved as a result of conduct of the latter constitut-  
49 ing larceny committed by means of extortion, or an attempt to commit the  
50 same, or coercion, or an attempt to commit coercion[.]; AND (2) IT IS  
51 ALSO A DEFENSE THAT THE BENEFIT THAT THE DEFENDANT CONFERRED, OR OFFERED  
52 OR AGREED TO CONFER, UPON THE PUBLIC SERVANT WAS A LEGITIMATE CAMPAIGN  
53 CONTRIBUTION, UNLESS SUCH CONTRIBUTION WAS MADE UPON AN AGREEMENT OR  
54 UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH PUBLIC SERVANT'S VOTE, OPINION, JUDGMENT,  
55 ACTION, DECISION OR EXERCISE OF DISCRETION AS A PUBLIC SERVANT WOULD  
56 THEREBY BE INFLUENCED.

1 S 6. Section 63 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdi-  
2 vision 3-a to read as follows:

3 3-A. INVESTIGATE, TO THE EXTENT THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DEEMS JUST  
4 AND PROPER, THE ALLEGED COMMISSION OF ANY INDICTABLE OFFENSE OR OFFENSES  
5 IN VIOLATION OF LAW (I) ARISING UNDER SECTION 195.00, SECTION 195.20,  
6 ARTICLE TWO HUNDRED, OR ARTICLE FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-SIX OF THE PENAL  
7 LAW; OR (II) INVOLVING LARCENY FROM OR AN INTENT TO DEFRAUD THE STATE,  
8 ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, PUBLIC AUTHORITY, OR PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPO-  
9 RATION OF THE STATE; OR (III) COMMITTED BY OR IN CONCERT WITH A PUBLIC  
10 SERVANT RELATING TO HIS OR HER PUBLIC OFFICE, AS THOSE TERMS ARE USED IN  
11 THE PENAL LAW; AND WHERE APPROPRIATE PROSECUTE THE PERSON OR PERSONS  
12 BELIEVED TO HAVE COMMITTED THE SAME AND ANY CRIME OR OFFENSE ARISING OUT  
13 OF SUCH INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION OR BOTH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED  
14 TO APPEARING BEFORE AND PRESENTING ALL SUCH MATTERS TO A GRAND JURY.

15 S 7. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however that:  
16 sections one, two, three, four and five of this act shall take effect on  
17 the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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## PART B

19 Section 1. Paragraphs (h), (i), and (j) of subdivision 8 of section  
20 157 of the retirement and social security law, as amended by section 13  
21 of part CC of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, are amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 (h) The proportionality of forfeiture of all or part of the pension to  
24 the crime committed; AND

25 (i) [The years of service in public office by the defendant where no  
26 criminal activity has been found by a court; and

27 (j)] Any such other factors as, in the judgment of the supreme court,  
28 justice may require; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT, IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE  
29 PENSION SHALL BE REDUCED OR REVOKED, THE SUPREME COURT SHALL NOT CONSID-  
30 ER THE YEARS OF SERVICE IN PUBLIC OFFICE BY THE DEFENDANT WHERE NO CRIM-  
31 INAL ACTIVITY WAS DETECTED OR FOUND BY A COURT OR APPROPRIATE LAW  
32 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

33 S 2. Subdivision 10 of section 157 of the retirement and social secu-  
34 rity law, as amended by section 12 of part CC of chapter 56 of the laws  
35 of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

36 10. [(a)] Upon a finding by the court by clear and convincing evidence  
37 that the defendant knowingly and intentionally committed a crime related  
38 to public office, the court may issue an order to the appropriate  
39 retirement system to reduce or revoke the defendant's pension to which  
40 he or she is otherwise entitled as such a public official. All orders  
41 and findings made by the court pursuant to this section shall be served  
42 by the attorney general or the district attorney, as the case may be  
43 upon the chief administrator of the defendant's retirement system and  
44 the defendant.

45 [(b) If the court issues an order pursuant to paragraph (a) of this  
46 subdivision, the court shall order payment of a portion of such pension  
47 benefit to: (1) the innocent spouse if so requested by such spouse paya-  
48 ble at the time the public official would have been eligible for retire-  
49 ment if such spouse has not otherwise waived, in writing, his or her  
50 right to such benefit; and (2) innocent minor children and other depen-  
51 dents pursuant to law of the public official in an amount that the court  
52 finds just and proper consistent with the pension benefits to which the  
53 public official would be entitled and the portion of those benefits  
54 which would be used for the support of such minor children or dependents

1 pursuant to law. Such payment to the innocent spouse shall be computed  
2 pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subdivision, and payments pursuant to  
3 subparagraphs one and two of this paragraph shall be adjusted to reflect  
4 interest accrued between the time of such conviction and the time of  
5 such payment.

6 (c) When determining the amount of benefits which the defendant's  
7 innocent spouse is entitled to receive, the factors contained in para-  
8 graph d of subdivision five of part B of section two hundred thirty-six  
9 of the domestic relations law shall be considered by the court. However,  
10 when determining such apportionment, the court shall not annul or modify  
11 any prior court order regarding such benefits.]

12 S 3. The legislative law is amended by adding a new section 5-b to  
13 read as follows:

14 S 5-B. PROHIBITION OF OUTSIDE EARNED INCOME FOR MEMBERS. 1. A MEMBER  
15 OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM PERFORMING ANY ACTIVITY FOR  
16 COMPENSATION THAT RESULTS IN OUTSIDE EARNED INCOME, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED  
17 BY THIS SECTION.

18 2. A. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "OUTSIDE EARNED INCOME"  
19 SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, WAGES, SALARIES, FEES AND OTHER  
20 FORMS OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES ACTUALLY RENDERED.

21 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "OUTSIDE EARNED INCOME"  
22 SHALL NOT INCLUDE:

23 (1) SALARY, BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES PAID BY THE STATE;

24 (2) INCOME AND ALLOWANCES ATTRIBUTABLE TO SERVICE IN THE RESERVES OF  
25 THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, NATIONAL GUARD OR OTHER ACTIVE  
26 MILITARY SERVICE;

27 (3) ROYALTIES FROM THE SALE OF A BOOK, ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE OR OTHER  
28 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO ADVANCE FEES SHALL BE  
29 PERMITTED; OR

30 (4) A PENSION, INVESTMENT, CAPITAL GAINS OR OTHER EARNINGS ACCRUED  
31 FROM PRIOR EMPLOYMENT OR ACTUAL SERVICES RENDERED PRIOR TO THE MEMBER  
32 TAKING OFFICE.

33 3. A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY VIOLATES  
34 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY IN AN  
35 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. ASSESSMENT OF A CIVIL  
36 PENALTY SHALL BE MADE BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ETHICS. SUCH  
37 COMMISSION, MAY, IN LIEU OF OR IN ADDITION TO A CIVIL PENALTY, REFER A  
38 VIOLATION TO THE APPROPRIATE PROSECUTOR.

39 4. WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IS PUNISHABLE  
40 AS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

41 S 4. Subdivision 2 of section 5 of the legislative law, as added by  
42 section 7 of part CC of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, is amended to  
43 read as follows:

44 2. (a) Each member of the legislature, upon verification of attend-  
45 ance, which shall be by electronic verification when practicable, in  
46 compliance with the policies set forth by the speaker of the assembly  
47 and the temporary president of the senate for their respective bodies,  
48 shall be eligible to receive payment of actual and necessary travel  
49 expenses [and a per diem equivalent to the most recent federal per diem  
50 rates published by the general services administration as set forth in  
51 41 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 301, App. A,] for the time in  
52 which the member was in travel status in the performance of his or her  
53 duties during the months in which the legislature is scheduled to be in  
54 regular session. During the months when the legislature is not scheduled  
55 to be in regular session, members shall receive such actual and neces-  
56 sary travel expenses [and per diems], in compliance with verification

1 policies and in accord with standards and limits for reimbursable events  
2 set forth by the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of  
3 the senate for their respective bodies. [The per diem allowances includ-  
4 ing partial per diem allowances shall be made on audit and warrant of  
5 the comptroller on vouchers approved by the temporary president of the  
6 senate or his or her designee and speaker of the assembly or his or her  
7 designee for their respective houses.]

8 (b) Each house shall make available on its website all documentation  
9 otherwise available to the public pursuant to section eighty-eight of  
10 the public officers law related to the payment of travel expenses [and  
11 per diems].

12 S 5. Subdivision 3 of section 2 of part E of chapter 60 of the laws of  
13 2015, establishing a commission on legislative, judicial and executive  
14 compensation, is amended to read as follows:

15 3. In discharging its responsibilities under subdivision two of this  
16 section, the commission shall take into account all appropriate factors  
17 including, but not limited to: the overall economic climate; rates of  
18 inflation; changes in public-sector spending; the levels of compensation  
19 and non-salary benefits received by executive branch officials and  
20 legislators of other states and of the federal government; the levels of  
21 compensation and non-salary benefits received by professionals in  
22 government, academia and private and nonprofit enterprise; and the  
23 state's ability to fund increases in compensation and non-salary bene-  
24 fits. THE FIRST COMMISSION THAT MEETS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE  
25 CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF 2015 THAT AMENDED THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL RECOM-  
26 MEND A LEVEL OF COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT IS NOT  
27 LESS THAN \$112,500 AND NOT MORE THAN \$174,000. EACH SUBSEQUENT COMMIS-  
28 SION SHALL RECOMMEND A SALARY FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE NOT LESS  
29 THAN THE THEN EXISTING COMPENSATION PLUS AN INCREASE COMMENSURATE WITH  
30 COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS PROVIDED TO OTHER STATE EMPLOYEES.

31 S 6. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however that:

32 (a) section two of this act shall take effect on the same date and in  
33 the same manner as part CC of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015 takes  
34 effect; and

35 (b) section three of this act shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

## 36 PART C

37 Section 1. The article heading of article 14 of the election law is  
38 amended to read as follows:

39 [Campaign Receipts and Expenditures] CAMPAIGN RECEIPTS AND EXPENDI-  
40 TURES; PUBLIC FINANCING

41 S 2. Sections 14-100 through 14-130 of article 14 of the election law  
42 are designated title I and a new title heading is added to read as  
43 follows:

### 44 CAMPAIGN RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

45 S 3. Section 14-100 of the election law is amended by adding a new  
46 subdivision 15 to read as follows:

47 15. "AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE" MEANS THE SINGLE POLITICAL COMMITTEE DESIG-  
48 NATED BY A CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE ALL CONTRIBUTIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS  
49 TITLE.

50 S 4. Section 3-104 of the election law is amended by adding a new  
51 subdivision 9 to read as follows:

52 9. THERE SHALL BE A UNIT KNOWN AS THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PUBLIC  
53 FINANCING UNIT ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, WHICH  
54 SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING AND, WITH THE DIVISION OF

1 ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT, ENFORCING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC  
2 FINANCING SYSTEM SET FORTH IN TITLE TWO OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THIS  
3 CHAPTER.

4 S 5. Subdivisions 1 and 10 of section 14-114 of the election law,  
5 subdivision 1 as amended and subdivision 10 as added by chapter 79 of  
6 the laws of 1992 and paragraphs a and b of subdivision 1 as amended by  
7 chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, are amended to read as follows:

8 1. The following limitations apply to all contributions to candidates  
9 for election to any public office or for nomination for any such office,  
10 or for election to any party positions, and to all contributions to  
11 political committees working directly or indirectly with any candidate  
12 to aid or participate in such candidate's nomination or election, other  
13 than any contributions to any party committee or constituted committee:

14 a. In any election for a public office to be voted on by the voters of  
15 the entire state, or for nomination to any such office, no contributor  
16 may make a contribution to any candidate or political committee PARTIC-  
17 IPATING IN THE STATE'S PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM AS DEFINED IN  
18 TITLE TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, and no SUCH candidate or political committee  
19 may accept any contribution from any contributor, which is in the aggre-  
20 gate amount greater than: (i) in the case of any nomination to public  
21 office, the product of the total number of enrolled voters in the candi-  
22 date's party in the state, excluding voters in inactive status, multi-  
23 plied by \$.005, but such amount shall be not [less than four thousand  
24 dollars nor] more than [twelve] FIVE thousand dollars [as increased or  
25 decreased by the cost of living adjustment described in paragraph c of  
26 this subdivision,] and (ii) in the case of any election to [a] SUCH  
27 public office, [twenty-five] FIVE thousand dollars [as increased or  
28 decreased by the cost of living adjustment described in paragraph c of  
29 this subdivision]; provided however, that the maximum amount which may  
30 be so contributed or accepted, in the aggregate, from any candidate's  
31 child, parent, grandparent, brother and sister, and the spouse of any  
32 such persons, shall not exceed in the case of any nomination to public  
33 office an amount equivalent to the product of the number of enrolled  
34 voters in the candidate's party in the state, excluding voters in inac-  
35 tive status, multiplied by \$.025, and in the case of any election for a  
36 public office, an amount equivalent to the product of the number of  
37 registered voters in the state excluding voters in inactive status,  
38 multiplied by \$.025.

39 b. In any other election for party position or for election to a  
40 public office or for nomination for any such office, no contributor may  
41 make a contribution to any candidate or political committee PARTICIPAT-  
42 ING IN THE STATE'S PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM DEFINED IN TITLE TWO  
43 OF THIS ARTICLE (FOR THOSE OFFICES OR POSITIONS COVERED BY THAT SYSTEM)  
44 and no SUCH candidate or political committee may accept any contribution  
45 from any contributor, which is in the aggregate amount greater than: (i)  
46 in the case of any election for party position, or for nomination to  
47 public office, the product of the total number of enrolled voters in the  
48 candidate's party in the district in which he is a candidate, excluding  
49 voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$.05, and (ii) in the case of  
50 any election for a public office, the product of the total number of  
51 registered voters in the district, excluding voters in inactive status,  
52 multiplied by \$.05, however in the case of a nomination within the city  
53 of New York for the office of mayor, public advocate or comptroller,  
54 such amount shall be not less than four thousand dollars nor more than  
55 twelve thousand dollars as increased or decreased by the cost of living  
56 adjustment described in paragraph [c] E of this subdivision; in the case

1 of an election within the city of New York for the office of mayor,  
2 public advocate or comptroller, twenty-five thousand dollars as  
3 increased or decreased by the cost of living adjustment described in  
4 paragraph [c] E of this subdivision; in the case of a nomination OR  
5 ELECTION for state senator, [four] THREE thousand dollars [as increased  
6 or decreased by the cost of living adjustment described in paragraph c  
7 of this subdivision; in the case of an election for state senator, six  
8 thousand two hundred fifty dollars as increased or decreased by the cost  
9 of living adjustment described in paragraph c of this subdivision]; in  
10 the case of an election or nomination for a member of the assembly,  
11 [twenty-five hundred] TWO THOUSAND dollars [as increased or decreased by  
12 the cost of living adjustment described in paragraph c of this subdivi-  
13 sion; but in no event shall any such maximum exceed fifty thousand  
14 dollars or be less than one thousand dollars]; provided however, that  
15 the maximum amount which may be so contributed or accepted, in the  
16 aggregate, from any candidate's child, parent, grandparent, brother and  
17 sister, and the spouse of any such persons, shall not exceed in the case  
18 of any election for party position or nomination for public office an  
19 amount equivalent to the number of enrolled voters in the candidate's  
20 party in the district in which he is a candidate, excluding voters in  
21 inactive status, multiplied by \$.25 and in the case of any election to  
22 public office, an amount equivalent to the number of registered voters  
23 in the district, excluding voters in inactive status, multiplied by  
24 \$.25; or twelve hundred fifty dollars, whichever is greater, or in the  
25 case of a nomination or election of a state senator, twenty thousand  
26 dollars, whichever is greater, or in the case of a nomination or  
27 election of a member of the assembly twelve thousand five hundred  
28 dollars, whichever is greater, but in no event shall any such maximum  
29 exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

30 C. IN ANY ELECTION FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE VOTED ON BY THE VOTERS  
31 OF THE ENTIRE STATE, OR FOR NOMINATION TO ANY SUCH OFFICE, NO CONTRIBU-  
32 TOR MAY MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO ANY CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN  
33 CONNECTION WITH A CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE AS  
34 DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FOURTEEN OF SECTION 14-200 OF THIS ARTICLE, AND  
35 NO SUCH CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT ANY CONTRIBUTION  
36 FROM ANY CONTRIBUTOR, WHICH IS IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT GREATER THAN:  
37 (I) IN THE CASE OF ANY NOMINATION TO PUBLIC OFFICE, THE PRODUCT OF THE  
38 TOTAL NUMBER OF ENROLLED VOTERS IN THE CANDIDATE'S PARTY IN THE STATE,  
39 EXCLUDING VOTERS IN INACTIVE STATUS, MULTIPLIED BY \$.005, BUT SUCH  
40 AMOUNT SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN FIVE  
41 THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND (II) IN THE CASE OF ANY ELECTION TO A PUBLIC  
42 OFFICE, FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT  
43 WHICH MAY BE SO CONTRIBUTED OR ACCEPTED, IN THE AGGREGATE, FROM ANY  
44 CANDIDATE'S CHILD, PARENT, GRANDPARENT, BROTHER AND SISTER, AND THE  
45 SPOUSE OF ANY SUCH PERSONS, SHALL NOT EXCEED IN THE CASE OF ANY NOMI-  
46 NATION TO PUBLIC OFFICE AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE PRODUCT OF THE  
47 NUMBER OF ENROLLED VOTERS IN THE CANDIDATE'S PARTY IN THE STATE, EXCLUD-  
48 ING VOTERS IN INACTIVE STATUS, MULTIPLIED BY \$.025, AND IN THE CASE OF  
49 ANY ELECTION FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE, AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE PRODUCT OF  
50 THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE STATE EXCLUDING VOTERS IN INAC-  
51 TIVE STATUS, MULTIPLIED BY \$.025.

52 D. IN ANY OTHER ELECTION FOR PARTY POSITION OR FOR ELECTION TO A  
53 PUBLIC OFFICE OR FOR NOMINATION FOR ANY SUCH OFFICE, NO CONTRIBUTOR MAY  
54 MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO ANY CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN  
55 CONNECTION WITH A CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE AS  
56 DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FOURTEEN OF SECTION 14-200 OF THIS ARTICLE AND NO

1 SUCH CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE MAY ACCEPT ANY CONTRIBUTION FROM  
2 ANY CONTRIBUTOR, WHICH IS IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT GREATER THAN: (I) IN  
3 THE CASE OF ANY ELECTION FOR PARTY POSITION, OR FOR NOMINATION TO PUBLIC  
4 OFFICE, THE PRODUCT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ENROLLED VOTERS IN THE CANDI-  
5 DATE'S PARTY IN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH HE IS A CANDIDATE, EXCLUDING  
6 VOTERS IN INACTIVE STATUS, MULTIPLIED BY \$.05, AND (II) IN THE CASE OF  
7 ANY ELECTION FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE, THE PRODUCT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF  
8 REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT, EXCLUDING VOTERS IN INACTIVE STATUS,  
9 MULTIPLIED BY \$.05, HOWEVER IN THE CASE OF A NOMINATION WITHIN THE CITY  
10 OF NEW YORK FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR, PUBLIC ADVOCATE OR COMPTROLLER,  
11 SUCH AMOUNT SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN  
12 TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AS INCREASED OR DECREASED BY THE COST OF LIVING  
13 ADJUSTMENT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH E OF THIS SUBDIVISION; IN THE CASE OF  
14 AN ELECTION WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR, PUBLIC  
15 ADVOCATE OR COMPTROLLER, TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AS INCREASED OR  
16 DECREASED BY THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH E OF  
17 THIS SUBDIVISION; IN THE CASE OF A NOMINATION OR ELECTION FOR STATE  
18 SENATOR, THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS; IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTION OR NOMI-  
19 NATION FOR A MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY, TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS; PROVIDED  
20 HOWEVER, THAT THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT WHICH MAY BE SO CONTRIBUTED OR  
21 ACCEPTED, IN THE AGGREGATE, FROM ANY CANDIDATE'S CHILD, PARENT, GRAND-  
22 PARENT, BROTHER AND SISTER, AND THE SPOUSE OF ANY SUCH PERSONS, SHALL  
23 NOT EXCEED IN THE CASE OF ANY ELECTION FOR PARTY POSITION OR NOMINATION  
24 FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE NUMBER OF ENROLLED VOTERS  
25 IN THE CANDIDATE'S PARTY IN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH HE IS A CANDIDATE,  
26 EXCLUDING VOTERS IN INACTIVE STATUS, MULTIPLIED BY \$.25 AND IN THE CASE  
27 OF ANY ELECTION TO PUBLIC OFFICE, AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE NUMBER OF  
28 REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT, EXCLUDING VOTERS IN INACTIVE STATUS,  
29 MULTIPLIED BY \$.25; OR TWELVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS, WHICHEVER IS GREAT-  
30 ER, OR IN THE CASE OF A NOMINATION OR ELECTION OF A STATE SENATOR, TWEN-  
31 TY THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, OR IN THE CASE OF A NOMI-  
32 NATION OR ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE  
33 HUNDRED DOLLARS, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY SUCH  
34 MAXIMUM EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

35 E. At the beginning of each fourth calendar year, commencing in [nine-  
36 teen hundred ninety-five] TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE, the state board shall  
37 determine the percentage of the difference between the most recent  
38 available monthly consumer price index for all urban consumers published  
39 by the United States bureau of labor statistics and such consumer price  
40 index published for the same month four years previously. The amount of  
41 each contribution limit fixed in this subdivision shall be adjusted by  
42 the amount of such percentage difference to the closest one hundred  
43 dollars by the state board which, not later than the first day of Febru-  
44 ary in each such year, shall issue a regulation publishing the amount of  
45 each such contribution limit. Each contribution limit as so adjusted  
46 shall be the contribution limit in effect for any election held before  
47 the next such adjustment.

48 F. EACH PARTY OR CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE MAY TRANSFER TO, OR SPEND TO  
49 ELECT OR OPPOSE A CANDIDATE, OR TRANSFER TO ANOTHER PARTY OR CONSTITUTED  
50 COMMITTEE, NO MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER ELECTION, AS INCREASED  
51 OR DECREASED BY THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH E  
52 OF THIS SUBDIVISION EXCEPT THAT SUCH COMMITTEE MAY IN ADDITION TO SUCH  
53 TRANSFERS OR EXPENDITURES:

54 (I) IN A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION TRANSFER TO, OR SPEND TO ELECT OR  
55 OPPOSE A CANDIDATE, NO MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AS INCREASED OR

1 DECREASED BY THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH E OF  
2 THIS SUBDIVISION RECEIVED FROM EACH CONTRIBUTOR; AND

3 (II) IN ANY ELECTION SPEND WITHOUT LIMITATION FOR NON-CANDIDATE  
4 EXPENDITURES NOT DESIGNED OR INTENDED TO ELECT A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE OR  
5 CANDIDATES.

6 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "SPEND TO ELECT OR OPPOSE" DOES NOT  
7 INCLUDE SPENDING THAT IS INDEPENDENT OF THE CANDIDATE OR HIS OR HER  
8 AGENTS OR AUTHORIZED POLITICAL COMMITTEES.

9 G. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER CONTRIBUTION LIMIT IN THIS SECTION,  
10 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FOURTEEN OF SECTION  
11 14-200 OF THIS ARTICLE MAY CONTRIBUTE, OUT OF THEIR OWN MONEY, THREE  
12 TIMES THE APPLICABLE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT TO THEIR OWN AUTHORIZED COMMIT-  
13 TEE.

14 10. [a.] No contributor may make a contribution to a party or consti-  
15 tuted committee and no such committee may accept a contribution from any  
16 contributor which, in the aggregate, is greater than [sixty-two thousand  
17 five hundred] TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND dollars per annum.

18 [b. At the beginning of each fourth calendar year, commencing in nine-  
19 teen hundred ninety-five, the state board shall determine the percentage  
20 of the difference between the most recent available monthly consumer  
21 price index for all urban consumers published by the United States  
22 bureau of labor statistics and such consumer price index published for  
23 the same month four years previously. The amount of such contribution  
24 limit fixed in paragraph a of this subdivision shall be adjusted by the  
25 amount of such percentage difference to the closest one hundred dollars  
26 by the state board which, not later than the first day of February in  
27 each such year, shall issue a regulation publishing the amount of such  
28 contribution limit. Such contribution limit as so adjusted shall be the  
29 contribution limit in effect for any election held before the next such  
30 adjustment.]

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

33 TITLE II  
34 PUBLIC FINANCING

- 35 SECTION 14-200. DEFINITIONS.
- 36 14-201. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.
- 37 14-202. CONTRIBUTIONS.
- 38 14-203. PROOF OF COMPLIANCE.
- 39 14-204. ELIGIBILITY.
- 40 14-205. LIMITS ON PUBLIC FINANCING.
- 41 14-206. PAYMENT OF PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS.
- 42 14-207. USE OF PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS; QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPEND-  
43 ITURES.
- 44 14-208. POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD.
- 45 14-209. AUDITS AND REPAYMENTS.
- 46 14-210. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND OTHER  
47 PROCEEDINGS.
- 48 14-211. REPORTS.
- 49 14-212. DEBATES FOR CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE.
- 50 14-213. SEVERABILITY.

51 S 14-200. DEFINITIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE, THE FOLLOWING  
52 TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

53 1. THE TERM "AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE" SHALL MEAN THE SINGLE COMMITTEE  
54 DESIGNATED BY A CANDIDATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-201 OF THIS TITLE TO  
55 RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS AND MAKE EXPENDITURES IN SUPPORT OF THE CANDI-  
56 DATE'S CAMPAIGN.

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

2 3. THE TERM "CONTRIBUTION" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS APPEARS IN  
3 SUBDIVISION NINE OF SECTION 14-100 OF THIS ARTICLE.

4 4. THE TERM "CONTRIBUTOR" SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT MAKES A  
5 CONTRIBUTION.

6 5. THE TERM "COVERED ELECTION" SHALL MEAN ANY PRIMARY, GENERAL, OR  
7 SPECIAL ELECTION FOR NOMINATION FOR ELECTION, OR ELECTION, TO THE OFFICE  
8 OF GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE COMPTROLLER,  
9 STATE SENATOR, OR MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY.

10 6. THE TERM "ELECTION CYCLE" SHALL MEAN THE TWO YEAR PERIOD STARTING  
11 THE DAY AFTER THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE STATE  
12 LEGISLATURE AND SHALL MEAN THE FOUR YEAR PERIOD STARTING AFTER THE DAY  
13 AFTER THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION FOR CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE.

14 7. THE TERM "EXPENDITURE" SHALL MEAN ANY GIFT, SUBSCRIPTION, ADVANCE,  
15 PAYMENT, OR DEPOSIT OF MONEY OR ANYTHING OF VALUE, OR A CONTRACT TO MAKE  
16 ANY GIFT, SUBSCRIPTION, PAYMENT, OR DEPOSIT OF MONEY OR ANYTHING OF  
17 VALUE, MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOMINATION FOR ELECTION, OR ELECTION,  
18 OF ANY CANDIDATE. EXPENDITURES MADE BY CONTRACT ARE DEEMED MADE WHEN  
19 SUCH FUNDS ARE OBLIGATED.

20 8. THE TERM "FUND" SHALL MEAN THE NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
21 FUND.

22 9. THE TERM "IMMEDIATE FAMILY" SHALL MEAN A SPOUSE, CHILD, SIBLING OR  
23 PARENT.

24 10. THE TERM "INTERMEDIARY" SHALL MEAN AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION,  
25 PARTNERSHIP, POLITICAL COMMITTEE, EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION OR OTHER ENTITY  
26 WHICH BUNDLES, CAUSES TO BE DELIVERED OR OTHERWISE DELIVERS ANY CONTRIB-  
27 UTION FROM ANOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY TO A CANDIDATE OR AUTHORIZED COMMIT-  
28 TEE, OTHER THAN IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS AS A POSTAL, DELIVERY  
29 OR MESSENGER SERVICE. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AN "INTERMEDIARY" SHALL  
30 NOT INCLUDE SPOUSES, DOMESTIC PARTNERS, PARENTS, CHILDREN OR SIBLINGS OF  
31 THE PERSON MAKING SUCH CONTRIBUTION OR A STAFF MEMBER OR VOLUNTEER OF  
32 THE CAMPAIGN IDENTIFIED IN WRITING TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. HERE  
33 "CAUSES TO BE DELIVERED" SHALL INCLUDE PROVIDING POSTAGE, ENVELOPES OR  
34 OTHER SHIPPING MATERIALS FOR THE USE OF DELIVERING THE CONTRIBUTION TO  
35 THE ULTIMATE RECIPIENT.

36 11. THE TERM "ITEM WITH SIGNIFICANT INTRINSIC AND ENDURING VALUE"  
37 SHALL MEAN ANY ITEM, INCLUDING TICKETS TO AN EVENT, THAT ARE VALUED AT  
38 TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS OR MORE.

39 12. (A) THE TERM "MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTION" SHALL MEAN A CONTRIBUTION,  
40 CONTRIBUTIONS OR A PORTION OF A CONTRIBUTION OR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ANY  
41 COVERED ELECTIONS HELD IN THE SAME ELECTION CYCLE, MADE BY A NATURAL  
42 PERSON WHO IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN AND RESIDENT IN THE STATE OF NEW  
43 YORK TO A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE, THAT HAS BEEN REPORTED IN FULL TO THE  
44 BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 14-102 AND 14-104 OF THIS ARTICLE BY  
45 THE CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE AND HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTED ON OR  
46 BEFORE THE DAY OF THE APPLICABLE PRIMARY, GENERAL, RUNOFF OR SPECIAL  
47 ELECTION. ANY CONTRIBUTION, CONTRIBUTIONS, OR A PORTION OF A CONTRIB-  
48 UTION DETERMINED TO BE INVALID FOR MATCHING FUNDS BY THE BOARD MAY NOT  
49 BE TREATED AS A MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTION FOR ANY PURPOSE.

50 (B) THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT MATCHABLE:

51 (I) LOANS;

52 (II) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS OF PROPERTY, GOODS, OR SERVICES;

53 (III) CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FORM OF THE PURCHASE PRICE PAID FOR AN ITEM  
54 WITH SIGNIFICANT INTRINSIC AND ENDURING VALUE;

55 (IV) TRANSFERS FROM A PARTY OR CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE;

1 (V) ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS WHOSE SOURCE IS NOT ITEM-  
2 IZED AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 14-201 OF THIS TITLE;

3 (VI) CONTRIBUTIONS GATHERED DURING A PREVIOUS ELECTION CYCLE;

4 (VII) ILLEGAL CONTRIBUTIONS;

5 (VIII) CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MINORS;

6 (IX) CONTRIBUTIONS FROM VENDORS FOR CAMPAIGNS; AND

7 (X) CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOBBYISTS REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION  
8 (A) OF SECTION ONE-C OF THE LEGISLATIVE LAW.

9 13. THE TERM "NONPARTICIPATING CANDIDATE" SHALL MEAN A CANDIDATE FOR A  
10 COVERED ELECTION WHO FAILS TO FILE A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION IN THE FORM  
11 OF AN AFFIDAVIT UNDER SECTION 14-204 OF THIS TITLE BY THE APPLICABLE  
12 DEADLINE.

13 14. THE TERM "PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE" SHALL MEAN ANY CANDIDATE FOR  
14 NOMINATION FOR ELECTION, OR ELECTION, TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, LIEU-  
15 TENANT GOVERNOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE COMPTROLLER, STATE SENATOR, OR  
16 MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY WHO FILES A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION IN THE FORM OF  
17 AN AFFIDAVIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-204 OF THIS TITLE.

18 15. THE TERM "POST-ELECTION PERIOD" SHALL MEAN THE FIVE YEARS FOLLOW-  
19 ING AN ELECTION WHEN A CANDIDATE IS SUBJECT TO AN AUDIT.

20 16. THE TERM "QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE" SHALL MEAN AN EXPENDI-  
21 TURE FOR WHICH PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS MAY BE USED.

22 17. THE TERM "THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY" SHALL MEAN THE AMOUNT OF  
23 MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT A CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE MUST  
24 RECEIVE IN TOTAL IN ORDER FOR SUCH CANDIDATE TO QUALIFY FOR VOLUNTARY  
25 PUBLIC FINANCING UNDER THIS TITLE.

26 18. THE TERM "TRANSFER" SHALL MEAN ANY EXCHANGE OF FUNDS BETWEEN A  
27 PARTY OR CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE AND A CANDIDATE OR ANY OF HIS OR HER  
28 AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES.

29 S 14-201. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. 1. POLITICAL COMMITTEE REGISTRA-  
30 TION. POLITICAL COMMITTEES AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF  
31 SECTION 14-100 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL REGISTER WITH THE BOARD BEFORE  
32 MAKING ANY CONTRIBUTION OR EXPENDITURE. THE BOARD SHALL PUBLISH A CUMU-  
33 LATIVE LIST OF POLITICAL COMMITTEES THAT HAVE REGISTERED, INCLUDING ON  
34 ITS WEBPAGE, AND REGULARLY UPDATE IT.

35 2. ONLY ONE AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE PER CANDIDATE PER ELECTIVE OFFICE  
36 SOUGHT. BEFORE RECEIVING ANY CONTRIBUTION OR MAKING ANY EXPENDITURE FOR  
37 A COVERED ELECTION, EACH CANDIDATE SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD AS TO THE  
38 EXISTENCE OF HIS OR HER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY  
39 SUCH CANDIDATE. EACH CANDIDATE SHALL HAVE ONE AND ONLY ONE AUTHORIZED  
40 COMMITTEE PER ELECTIVE OFFICE SOUGHT. EACH AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE SHALL  
41 HAVE A TREASURER AND IS SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS FOUND IN SECTION  
42 14-112 OF THIS ARTICLE.

43 3. DISCLOSURE REPORTS. (A) DETAILED REPORTING. IN ADDITION TO EACH  
44 AUTHORIZED AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE REPORTING TO THE BOARD EVERY CONTRIB-  
45 UTION AND LOAN RECEIVED AND EVERY EXPENDITURE MADE IN THE TIME AND  
46 MANNER PRESCRIBED BY SECTIONS 14-102, 14-104 AND 14-108 OF THIS ARTICLE,  
47 EACH AUTHORIZED AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHALL ALSO SUBMIT DISCLOSURE  
48 REPORTS ON MARCH FIFTEENTH AND MAY FIFTEENTH OF EACH ELECTION YEAR  
49 REPORTING TO THE BOARD EVERY CONTRIBUTION AND LOAN RECEIVED AND EVERY  
50 EXPENDITURE MADE. FOR CONTRIBUTORS WHO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FIVE  
51 HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE, EACH AUTHORIZED AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHALL  
52 REPORT TO THE BOARD THE OCCUPATION, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS OF EACH  
53 CONTRIBUTOR, LENDER, AND INTERMEDIARY. THE BOARD SHALL REVISE, PREPARE  
54 AND POST FORMS ON ITS WEBPAGE THAT FACILITATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
55 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

1 (B) BOARD REVIEW. THE BOARD'S PUBLIC FINANCING UNIT SHALL REVIEW EACH  
2 DISCLOSURE REPORT FILED AND SHALL INFORM AUTHORIZED AND POLITICAL  
3 COMMITTEES OF RELEVANT QUESTIONS THE UNIT HAS CONCERNING: (I) COMPLIANCE  
4 WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE AND OF THE RULES ISSUED BY THE BOARD;  
5 AND (II) QUALIFICATION FOR RECEIVING PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS PURSUANT TO  
6 THIS TITLE. IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW, THE UNIT SHALL GIVE AUTHORIZED  
7 AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO AND CORRECT POTEN-  
8 TIAL VIOLATIONS AND GIVE CANDIDATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS  
9 THE UNIT HAS CONCERNING THEIR MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTION CLAIMS OR OTHER  
10 ISSUES CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR RECEIVING PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS PURSU-  
11 ANT TO THIS TITLE. NOTHING IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL PRECLUDE THE UNIT OR  
12 THE BOARD FROM SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWING SUCH DISCLOSURE REPORTS AND TAKING  
13 ANY ACTION OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS TITLE.

14 (C) ITEMIZATION. CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ARE NOT ITEMIZED IN REPORTS FILED  
15 WITH THE BOARD SHALL NOT BE MATCHABLE.

16 (D) OPTION TO FILE MORE FREQUENTLY. PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES MAY FILE  
17 REPORTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS FREQUENTLY AS ONCE A WEEK ON FRIDAYS SO THAT  
18 THEIR MATCHING FUNDS MAY BE PAID AT THE EARLIEST ALLOWABLE DATE.

19 S 14-202. CONTRIBUTIONS. RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE  
20 SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS SET FORTH IN  
21 SECTION 14-114 OF THIS ARTICLE.

22 S 14-203. PROOF OF COMPLIANCE. AUTHORIZED AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES  
23 SHALL MAINTAIN SUCH RECORDS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR A COVERED  
24 ELECTION AS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD. AUTHORIZED AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES  
25 SHALL OBTAIN AND FURNISH TO THE PUBLIC FINANCING UNIT ANY INFORMATION IT  
26 MAY REQUEST RELATING TO FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS AND  
27 FURNISH SUCH DOCUMENTATION AND OTHER PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS TITLE  
28 AS MAY BE REQUESTED. IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 14-108 OF THIS ARTICLE,  
29 AUTHORIZED AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES SHALL MAINTAIN COPIES OF SUCH  
30 RECORDS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

31 S 14-204. ELIGIBILITY. 1. TERMS AND CONDITIONS. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR  
32 VOLUNTARY PUBLIC FINANCING UNDER THIS TITLE, A CANDIDATE MUST:

33 (A) BE A CANDIDATE IN A COVERED ELECTION;

34 (B) MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW TO HAVE HIS OR HER NAME ON THE  
35 BALLOT;

36 (C) IN THE CASE OF A COVERED GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION, BE OPPOSED  
37 BY ANOTHER CANDIDATE ON THE BALLOT WHO IS NOT A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE;

38 (D) SUBMIT A CERTIFICATION IN THE FORM OF AN AFFIDAVIT, IN SUCH FORM  
39 AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD, THAT SETS FORTH HIS OR HER ACCEPTANCE  
40 OF AND AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE  
41 PROVISION OF SUCH FUNDS IN EACH COVERED ELECTION AND SUCH CERTIFICATION  
42 SHALL BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS BEFORE THE ELECTION PURSUANT TO  
43 A SCHEDULE PROMULGATED BY THE PUBLIC FINANCING UNIT OF THE BOARD;

44 (E) BE CERTIFIED AS A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE BY THE BOARD;

45 (F) NOT MAKE, AND NOT HAVE MADE, EXPENDITURES FROM OR USE HIS OR HER  
46 PERSONAL FUNDS OR PROPERTY OR THE PERSONAL FUNDS OR PROPERTY JOINTLY  
47 HELD WITH HIS OR HER SPOUSE, OR UNEMANCIPATED CHILDREN IN CONNECTION  
48 WITH HIS OR HER NOMINATION ELECTION OR ELECTION TO A COVERED OFFICE  
49 EXCEPT AS A CONTRIBUTION TO HIS OR HER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE IN AN AMOUNT  
50 THAT EXCEEDS THREE TIMES THE APPLICABLE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT FROM AN INDI-  
51 VIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR TO CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE THAT HE OR SHE IS SEEK-  
52 ING;

53 (G) MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF  
54 THIS SECTION;

55 (H) CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY ALL REQUIREMENTS DURING THE POST-ELECTION  
56 PERIOD;

1 (I) AGREE NOT TO EXPEND FOR CAMPAIGN PURPOSES ANY PORTION OF ANY PRE-  
2 EXISTING FUNDS RAISED FOR ANY PUBLIC OFFICE OR PARTY POSITION PRIOR TO  
3 THE FIRST DAY OF THE ELECTION CYCLE FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE SEEKS  
4 CERTIFICATION. NOTHING IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT, IN  
5 ANY WAY, ANY CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL FROM EXPENDING ANY PORTION OF  
6 PRE-EXISTING CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE OTHER THAN THOSE  
7 RELATED TO HIS OR HER CAMPAIGN; AND

8 (J) NOT HAVE ACCEPTED CONTRIBUTIONS IN AMOUNTS EXCEEDING THE CONTRIB-  
9 UTION LIMITS SET FORTH FOR PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES IN PARAGRAPHS A AND  
10 B OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 14-114 OF THIS ARTICLE DURING THE  
11 ELECTION CYCLE FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE SEEKS CERTIFICATION;

12 (I) PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT, IF A CANDIDATE ACCEPTED CONTRIBUTIONS  
13 EXCEEDING SUCH LIMITS BEFORE CERTIFICATION, SUCH ACCEPTANCE SHALL NOT  
14 PREVENT THE CANDIDATE FROM BEING CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD IF THE CANDIDATE  
15 IMMEDIATELY PAYS TO THE FUND OR RETURNS TO THE CONTRIBUTOR THE PORTION  
16 OF ANY CONTRIBUTION THAT EXCEEDED THE APPLICABLE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT.

17 (II) IF THE CANDIDATE IS UNABLE TO RETURN SUCH FUNDS IMMEDIATELY  
18 BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN SPENT, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
19 EXCEEDING THE LIMITS SHALL NOT PREVENT THE CANDIDATE FROM BEING CERTI-  
20 FIED BY THE BOARD IF THE CANDIDATE SUBMITS AN AFFIDAVIT AGREEING TO PAY  
21 TO THE FUND ALL PORTIONS OF ANY CONTRIBUTIONS THAT EXCEEDED THE LIMIT NO  
22 LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION. IF A CANDIDATE  
23 PROVIDES THE BOARD WITH SUCH AN AFFIDAVIT, ANY DISBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC  
24 FUNDS TO THE CANDIDATE MADE UNDER SECTION 14-206 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE  
25 REDUCED BY NO MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT UNTIL THE TOTAL AMOUNT OWED  
26 BY THE CANDIDATE IS REPAID.

27 (III) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO REQUIRE A CANDI-  
28 DATE WHO RETAINS FUNDS RAISED DURING A PREVIOUS ELECTION CYCLE TO  
29 FORFEIT SUCH FUNDS. FUNDS RAISED DURING A PREVIOUS ELECTION CYCLE MAY BE  
30 RETAINED, BUT ONLY IF THE CANDIDATE PLACES THE FUNDS IN ESCROW.

31 (IV) CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AND EXPENDITURES MADE BY THE CANDIDATE OR  
32 AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE OF THE CANDIDATE PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
33 THIS TITLE SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE. UNEXPENDED  
34 CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE TREATED THE SAME AS CAMPAIGN SURPLUSES UNDER  
35 SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

36 2. THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY. (A) THE THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR  
37 PUBLIC FUNDING FOR PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES SHALL BE IN THE CASE OF:

38 (I) GOVERNOR, NOT LESS THAN THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN MATCHA-  
39 BLE CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDING AT LEAST THREE THOUSAND MATCHABLE CONTRIB-  
40 UTIONS COMPRISED OF SUMS BETWEEN TEN AND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE  
41 DOLLARS PER CONTRIBUTOR, FROM RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK STATE;

42 (II) LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND COMPTROLLER, NOT LESS  
43 THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDING  
44 AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS COMPRISED OF SUMS BETWEEN  
45 TEN AND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS PER CONTRIBUTOR, FROM RESIDENTS  
46 OF NEW YORK STATE;

47 (III) STATE SENATOR, NOT LESS THAN TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED  
48 DOLLARS IN MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED TWEN-  
49 TY-FIVE MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS COMPRISED OF SUMS BETWEEN TEN AND ONE  
50 HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS PER CONTRIBUTOR, FROM RESIDENTS OF THE  
51 DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SEAT IS TO BE FILLED; AND

52 (IV) MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY, NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN  
53 MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDING AT LEAST FIFTY MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS  
54 COMPRISED OF SUMS BETWEEN TEN AND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS PER  
55 CONTRIBUTOR, FROM RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SEAT IS TO BE  
56 FILLED.

1 (B) ANY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MEETING THE THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY  
2 IN A PRIMARY ELECTION FOR ONE OF THE FOREGOING OFFICES SHALL BE DEEMED  
3 TO HAVE MET THE THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR SUCH OFFICE IN ANY OTHER  
4 SUBSEQUENT ELECTION HELD IN THE SAME CALENDAR YEAR.

5 (C) AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH FOURTH CALENDAR YEAR, COMMENCING IN TWO  
6 THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE, THE STATE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE PERCENTAGE OF  
7 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE MONTHLY CONSUMER PRICE  
8 INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF  
9 LABOR STATISTICS AND SUCH CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PUBLISHED FOR THE SAME  
10 MONTH FOUR YEARS PREVIOUSLY. THE AMOUNT OF EACH THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBIL-  
11 ITY FIXED IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE ADJUSTED BY THE AMOUNT OF SUCH  
12 PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE TO THE CLOSEST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS BY THE STATE  
13 BOARD WHICH, NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY IN EACH SUCH YEAR,  
14 SHALL ISSUE A REGULATION PUBLISHING THE AMOUNT OF EACH SUCH THRESHOLD  
15 FOR ELIGIBILITY. EACH THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY AS SO ADJUSTED SHALL BE  
16 THE LIMIT IN EFFECT FOR ANY ELECTION HELD BEFORE THE NEXT SUCH ADJUST-  
17 MENT. THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR THE MATCHABLE CONTRIB-  
18 UTIONS THAT FUNDS RAISED MUST BE COMPRISED BY TO MEET THE THRESHOLDS FOR  
19 ELIGIBILITY FOR CANDIDATES FIXED IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE ADJUSTED  
20 BY THE AMOUNT OF SUCH PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE TO THE CLOSEST ONE DOLLAR BY  
21 THE STATE BOARD WHICH, NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY IN EACH  
22 SUCH YEAR, SHALL ISSUE A REGULATION PUBLISHING THE SUCH MINIMUM AND  
23 MAXIMUM AMOUNTS. THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AMOUNTS AS SO ADJUSTED SHALL  
24 BE IN EFFECT FOR ANY ELECTION HELD BEFORE THE NEXT SUCH ADJUSTMENT.

25 S 14-205. LIMITS ON PUBLIC FINANCING. THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS APPLY  
26 TO THE TOTAL AMOUNTS OF PUBLIC FUNDS THAT MAY BE PROVIDED TO A PARTIC-  
27 IPATING CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE FOR AN ELECTION CYCLE:

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

- 30 (I) FOR GOVERNOR, THE SUM OF EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS;
- 31 (II) FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, COMPTROLLER OR ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE SUM  
32 OF FOUR MILLION DOLLARS;
- 33 (III) FOR SENATOR, THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND  
34 DOLLARS;
- 35 (IV) FOR MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE  
36 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

37 2. IN ANY GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION, RECEIPT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY A  
38 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES SHALL NOT EXCEED THE  
39 FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

40 CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF:	
41 GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (COMBINED)	\$10,000,000
42 ATTORNEY GENERAL	\$4,000,000
43 COMPTROLLER	\$4,000,000
44 MEMBER OF SENATE	\$375,000
45 MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY	\$175,000

46 3. NO PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION FOR AN OFFICE WHO IS NOT  
47 OPPOSED BY A CANDIDATE ON THE BALLOT IN A PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE  
48 ENTITLED TO PAYMENT OF PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS, EXCEPT THAT, WHERE THERE  
49 IS A CONTEST IN SUCH PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE NOMINATION OF AT LEAST ONE  
50 OF THE TWO POLITICAL PARTIES WITH THE HIGHEST AND SECOND HIGHEST NUMBER  
51 OF ENROLLED MEMBERS FOR SUCH OFFICE, A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE WHO IS  
52 UNOPPOSED IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION MAY RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS BEFORE THE  
53 PRIMARY ELECTION, FOR EXPENSES INCURRED ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF SUCH  
54 PRIMARY ELECTION, IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO UP TO HALF THE SUM SET FORTH IN  
55 PARAGRAPH ONE OF THIS SECTION.

1 4. AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH FOURTH CALENDAR YEAR, COMMENCING IN TWO  
2 THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE, THE STATE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE PERCENTAGE OF  
3 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE MONTHLY CONSUMER PRICE  
4 INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF  
5 LABOR STATISTICS AND SUCH CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PUBLISHED FOR THE SAME  
6 MONTH FOUR YEARS PREVIOUSLY. THE AMOUNT OF EACH PUBLIC FUNDS LIMIT FIXED  
7 IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE ADJUSTED BY THE AMOUNT OF SUCH PERCENTAGE  
8 DIFFERENCE TO THE CLOSEST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS BY THE STATE BOARD WHICH,  
9 NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY IN EACH SUCH YEAR, SHALL ISSUE  
10 A REGULATION PUBLISHING THE AMOUNT OF EACH SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS LIMIT. EACH  
11 PUBLIC FUNDS LIMIT AS SO ADJUSTED SHALL BE THE LIMIT IN EFFECT FOR ANY  
12 ELECTION HELD BEFORE THE NEXT SUCH ADJUSTMENT.

13 S 14-206. PAYMENT OF PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS. 1. DETERMINATION OF ELIGI-  
14 BILITY. NO PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS SHALL BE PAID TO AN AUTHORIZED COMMIT-  
15 TEE UNLESS THE PUBLIC FINANCING UNIT DETERMINES THAT THE PARTICIPATING  
16 CANDIDATE HAS MET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE. PAYMENT  
17 SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS  
18 SECTION, AND SHALL BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
19 THIS TITLE. SUCH PAYMENT MAY BE MADE ONLY TO THE PARTICIPATING CANDI-  
20 DATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE. NO PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS SHALL BE USED  
21 EXCEPT AS REIMBURSEMENT OR PAYMENT FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES  
22 ACTUALLY AND LAWFULLY INCURRED OR TO REPAY LOANS USED TO PAY QUALIFIED  
23 CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

24 2. CALCULATION OF PAYMENT. IF THE THRESHOLD FOR ELIGIBILITY IS MET,  
25 THE PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE SHALL RECEIVE PAYMENT  
26 FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES OF SIX DOLLARS OF PUBLIC MATCHING  
27 FUNDS FOR EACH ONE DOLLAR OF MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, MADE ON OR AFTER  
28 THE FIRST DAY OF THE ELECTION CYCLE FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS A PARTIC-  
29 IPATING CANDIDATE, FOR THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS OF  
30 ELIGIBLE PRIVATE FUNDS PER CONTRIBUTOR, OBTAINED AND REPORTED TO THE  
31 BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE. THE MAXIMUM  
32 PAYMENT OF PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE AMOUNTS SET  
33 FORTH IN SECTION 14-205 OF THIS TITLE FOR THE COVERED ELECTION.

34 3. AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH FOURTH CALENDAR YEAR, COMMENCING IN TWO  
35 THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE, THE STATE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE PERCENTAGE OF  
36 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE MONTHLY CONSUMER PRICE  
37 INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF  
38 LABOR STATISTICS AND SUCH CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PUBLISHED FOR THE SAME  
39 MONTH FOUR YEARS PREVIOUSLY. THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EACH MATCHABLE  
40 CONTRIBUTION TO BE MATCHED AS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS  
41 SECTION SHALL BE ADJUSTED BY THE AMOUNT OF SUCH PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE TO  
42 THE CLOSEST ONE DOLLAR BY THE STATE BOARD WHICH, NOT LATER THAN THE  
43 FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY IN EACH SUCH YEAR, SHALL ISSUE A REGULATION  
44 PUBLISHING THE AMOUNT OF MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT SHALL BE MATCHED.  
45 EACH SUCH AMOUNT AS SO ADJUSTED SHALL BE THE AMOUNT IN EFFECT FOR ANY  
46 ELECTION HELD BEFORE THE NEXT SUCH ADJUSTMENT.

47 4. TIMING OF PAYMENT. THE PUBLIC FINANCING UNIT SHALL MAKE ANY PAYMENT  
48 OF PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS TO PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES AS SOON AS IS PRAC-  
49 TICABLE. BUT IN ALL CASES, THAT UNIT SHALL VERIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC  
50 MATCHING FUNDS WITHIN FOUR DAYS OF RECEIVING A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION  
51 REPORT FILED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 14-104 OF THIS ARTICLE. WITHIN  
52 TWO DAYS OF DETERMINING THAT A CANDIDATE FOR A COVERED OFFICE IS ELIGI-  
53 BLE FOR PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS, THE UNIT SHALL PAY THE APPLICABLE MATCH-  
54 ING FUNDS OWED TO THE CANDIDATE. HOWEVER, THE UNIT SHALL NOT MAKE ANY  
55 PAYMENTS OF PUBLIC MONEY EARLIER THAN THE EARLIEST DATES FOR MAKING SUCH  
56 PAYMENTS AS PROVIDED BY THIS TITLE. IF ANY OF SUCH PAYMENTS WOULD

1 REQUIRE PAYMENT ON A WEEKEND OR FEDERAL HOLIDAY, PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE  
2 ON THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.

3 5. ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER. THE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES TO  
4 FACILITATE ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS DIRECTLY FROM THE FUND INTO AN  
5 AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE'S BANK ACCOUNT.

6 6. IRREGULARLY SCHEDULED ELECTIONS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER  
7 PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, THE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES TO PROVIDE FOR  
8 THE PROMPT ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS TO ELIGIBLE PARTICIPATING  
9 CANDIDATES FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES IN THE CASE OF ANY OTHER  
10 COVERED ELECTION HELD ON A DAY DIFFERENT FROM THAT THAN ORIGINALLY SCHE-  
11 DULED INCLUDING SPECIAL ELECTIONS. BUT IN ALL CASES, THE PUBLIC FINANC-  
12 ING UNIT SHALL (A) WITHIN FOUR DAYS OF RECEIVING A REPORT OF CONTRIB-  
13 UTIONS FROM A CANDIDATE FOR A COVERED OFFICE CLAIMING ELIGIBILITY FOR  
14 PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS VERIFY THAT CANDIDATE'S ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC  
15 MATCHING FUNDS; AND (B) WITHIN TWO DAYS OF DETERMINING THAT THE CANDI-  
16 DATE FOR A COVERED OFFICE IS ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS, THE  
17 UNIT SHALL PAY THE APPLICABLE MATCHING FUNDS OWED TO THE CANDIDATE.

18 S 14-207. USE OF PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS; QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDI-  
19 TURES. 1. PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
20 TITLE MAY BE USED ONLY BY AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE FOR EXPENDITURES TO  
21 FURTHER THE PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OR  
22 ELECTION, INCLUDING PAYING FOR DEBTS INCURRED WITHIN ONE YEAR PRIOR TO  
23 AN ELECTION TO FURTHER THE PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION FOR  
24 ELECTION OR ELECTION.

25 2. SUCH PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED FOR:

26 (A) AN EXPENDITURE IN VIOLATION OF ANY LAW;

27 (B) AN EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF SERVICES,  
28 MATERIALS, FACILITIES OR OTHER THINGS OF VALUE RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE;

29 (C) AN EXPENDITURE MADE AFTER THE CANDIDATE HAS BEEN FINALLY DISQUALI-  
30 FIED FROM THE BALLOT;

31 (D) AN EXPENDITURE MADE AFTER THE ONLY REMAINING OPPONENT OF THE  
32 CANDIDATE HAS BEEN FINALLY DISQUALIFIED FROM THE GENERAL OR SPECIAL  
33 ELECTION BALLOT;

34 (E) AN EXPENDITURE MADE BY CASH PAYMENT;

35 (F) A CONTRIBUTION OR LOAN OR TRANSFER MADE TO OR EXPENDITURE TO  
36 SUPPORT ANOTHER CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE OR PARTY, COMMITTEE OR  
37 CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE;

38 (G) AN EXPENDITURE TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A CANDIDATE FOR AN OFFICE  
39 OTHER THAN THAT WHICH THE PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SEEKS;

40 (H) GIFTS, EXCEPT BROCHURES, BUTTONS, SIGNS AND OTHER PRINTED CAMPAIGN  
41 MATERIAL;

42 (I) LEGAL FEES TO DEFEND AGAINST A CRIMINAL CHARGE;

43 (J) PAYMENTS TO IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE PARTICIPATING CANDI-  
44 DATE; OR

45 (K) ANY EXPENDITURE MADE TO CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF ANY PETITION OF  
46 DESIGNATION OR NOMINATION OR ANY CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION, ACCEPTANCE,  
47 AUTHORIZATION, DECLINATION OR SUBSTITUTION.

48 S 14-208. POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD. 1. ADVISORY OPINIONS. THE BOARD  
49 SHALL RENDER ADVISORY OPINIONS WITH RESPECT TO QUESTIONS ARISING UNDER  
50 THIS TITLE UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF A CANDIDATE, AN OFFICER OF A  
51 POLITICAL COMMITTEE OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, OR UPON ITS OWN INITIATIVE.  
52 THE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES REGARDING REASONABLE TIMES TO RESPOND  
53 TO SUCH REQUESTS. THE BOARD SHALL MAKE PUBLIC THE QUESTIONS OF INTERPRE-  
54 TATION FOR WHICH ADVISORY OPINIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD AND  
55 ITS ADVISORY OPINIONS, INCLUDING BY PUBLICATION ON ITS WEBPAGE WITH

1 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REDACTED AS THE BOARD DETERMINES TO BE APPROPRI-  
2 ATE.

3 2. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND CANDIDATE EDUCATION. THE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP  
4 A PROGRAM FOR INFORMING CANDIDATES AND THE PUBLIC AS TO THE PURPOSE AND  
5 EFFECT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, INCLUDING BY MEANS OF A WEBPAGE.  
6 THE BOARD SHALL PREPARE IN PLAIN LANGUAGE AND MAKE AVAILABLE EDUCATIONAL  
7 MATERIALS, INCLUDING COMPLIANCE MANUALS AND SUMMARIES AND EXPLANATIONS  
8 OF THE PURPOSES AND PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE. THE BOARD SHALL PREPARE OR  
9 HAVE PREPARED AND MAKE AVAILABLE MATERIALS, INCLUDING, TO THE EXTENT  
10 FEASIBLE, COMPUTER SOFTWARE, TO FACILITATE THE TASK OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
11 THE DISCLOSURE AND RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE.

12 3. RULES AND REGULATIONS. THE BOARD SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO  
13 PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PROVIDE SUCH FORMS AS IT DEEMS  
14 NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS TITLE.

15 4. DATABASE. THE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AN INTERACTIVE, SEARCHABLE  
16 COMPUTER DATABASE THAT SHALL CONTAIN ALL INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE  
17 PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THIS TITLE INCLUDING INFORMATION ON CONTRIB-  
18 UTIONS TO AND EXPENDITURES BY CANDIDATES AND THEIR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE,  
19 INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES IN SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION OF CANDIDATES FOR  
20 COVERED OFFICES, AND DISTRIBUTIONS OF MONEYS FROM THE FUND. SUCH DATA-  
21 BASE SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE BOARD'S WEBPAGE.

22 5. THE BOARD'S PUBLIC FINANCING UNIT SHALL WORK WITH THE ENFORCEMENT  
23 UNIT TO ENFORCE THIS SECTION.

24 S 14-209. AUDITS AND REPAYMENTS. 1. AUDITS. THE BOARD SHALL AUDIT AND  
25 EXAMINE ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THIS TITLE  
26 AND SHALL COMPLETE SUCH AUDIT NO LATER THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION  
27 IN QUESTION. EVERY CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVES PUBLIC FUNDS UNDER THIS TITLE  
28 SHALL BE AUDITED BY THE BOARD. THE COST OF COMPLYING WITH A POST-ELEC-  
29 TION AUDIT SHALL BE BORNE BY THE CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE USING  
30 PUBLIC FUNDS, PRIVATE FUNDS OR ANY COMBINATION OF SUCH FUNDS. CANDI-  
31 DATES WHO RUN IN BOTH A PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION MUST MAINTAIN A  
32 RESERVE OF THREE PERCENT OF THE PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIVED TO COMPLY WITH THE  
33 POST-ELECTION AUDIT. THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE TO EACH CAMPAIGN AUDITED A  
34 FINAL AUDIT REPORT THAT DETAILS ITS FINDINGS.

35 2. REPAYMENTS. (A) IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT ANY PORTION OF THE  
36 PAYMENT MADE TO A CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE FROM THE FUND WAS IN  
37 EXCESS OF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS THAT SUCH CANDIDATE WAS  
38 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE, IT SHALL NOTIFY SUCH COMMIT-  
39 TEE AND SUCH COMMITTEE SHALL PAY TO THE BOARD AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE  
40 AMOUNT OF EXCESS PAYMENTS. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE ERRONEOUS  
41 PAYMENT WAS THE RESULT OF AN ERROR BY THE BOARD, THEN THE ERRONEOUS  
42 PAYMENT WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM ANY FUTURE PAYMENT, IF ANY, AND IF NO  
43 PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE THEN NEITHER THE CANDIDATE NOR THE COMMITTEE SHALL  
44 BE LIABLE TO REPAY THE EXCESS AMOUNT TO THE BOARD. THE CANDIDATE, THE  
45 TREASURER AND THE CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE ARE JOINTLY AND  
46 SEVERABLY LIABLE FOR ANY REPAYMENTS TO THE BOARD.

47 (B) IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT ANY PORTION OF THE PAYMENT MADE TO A  
48 CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE FROM THE FUND WAS USED FOR PURPOSES  
49 OTHER THAN QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES AND SUCH EXPENDITURES WERE  
50 NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD, IT SHALL NOTIFY SUCH COMMITTEE OF THE AMOUNT  
51 SO DISQUALIFIED AND SUCH COMMITTEE SHALL PAY TO THE BOARD AN AMOUNT  
52 EQUAL TO SUCH DISQUALIFIED AMOUNT. THE CANDIDATE, THE TREASURER AND THE  
53 CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE ARE JOINTLY AND SEVERABLY LIABLE FOR  
54 ANY REPAYMENTS TO THE BOARD.

55 (C) IF THE TOTAL OF PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND RECEIVED BY A PARTICIPATING  
56 CANDIDATE AND HIS OR HER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE EXCEED THE TOTAL CAMPAIGN

1 EXPENDITURES OF SUCH CANDIDATE AND AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE FOR ALL COVERED  
2 ELECTIONS HELD IN THE SAME CALENDAR YEAR OR FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO  
3 FILL A VACANCY, SUCH CANDIDATE AND COMMITTEE SHALL USE SUCH EXCESS FUNDS  
4 TO REIMBURSE THE FUND FOR PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY SUCH AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE  
5 FROM THE FUND DURING SUCH CALENDAR YEAR OR FOR SUCH SPECIAL ELECTION.  
6 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES SHALL PAY TO THE BOARD UNSPENT PUBLIC CAMPAIGN  
7 FUNDS FROM AN ELECTION NOT LATER THAN TWENTY-SEVEN DAYS AFTER ALL  
8 LIABILITIES FOR THE ELECTION HAVE BEEN PAID AND IN ANY EVENT, NOT LATER  
9 THAN THE DAY ON WHICH THE BOARD ISSUES ITS FINAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE  
10 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT  
11 ALL UNSPENT PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL BE  
12 IMMEDIATELY DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE BOARD UPON A DETERMINATION BY THE  
13 BOARD THAT THE PARTICIPANT HAS DELAYED THE POST-ELECTION AUDIT. A  
14 PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE MAY MAKE POST-ELECTION EXPENDITURES WITH PUBLIC  
15 FUNDS ONLY FOR ROUTINE ACTIVITIES INVOLVING NOMINAL COST ASSOCIATED WITH  
16 WINDING UP A CAMPAIGN AND RESPONDING TO THE POST-ELECTION AUDIT. NOTH-  
17 ING IN THIS TITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT A CANDIDATE OR HIS OR  
18 HER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE FROM USING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM  
19 PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS FOR OTHERWISE LAWFUL EXPENDITURES.

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

30 S 14-210. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND OTHER  
31 PROCEEDINGS. 1. CIVIL PENALTIES. VIOLATIONS OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS  
32 TITLE OR RULE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A  
33 CIVIL PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT IN EXCESS OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

34 2. NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND OPPORTUNITY TO CONTEST. THE BOARD SHALL:

35 (A) DETERMINE WHETHER A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE OR  
36 RULE PROMULGATED HEREUNDER HAS BEEN COMMITTED;

37 (B) GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTEST BEFORE AN INDE-  
38 PENDENT HEARING OFFICER TO EACH PERSON OR ENTITY IT HAS REASON TO  
39 BELIEVE HAS COMMITTED A VIOLATION; AND

40 (C) IF APPROPRIATE, ASSESS PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, FOLLOWING SUCH  
41 NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CONTEST.

42 3. CRIMINAL CONDUCT. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY FURNISHES  
43 OR SUBMITS FALSE STATEMENTS OR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD IN CONNECTION  
44 WITH ITS ADMINISTRATION OF THIS TITLE, SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
45 IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY AS MAY BE IMPOSED UNDER THIS CHAPTER OR  
46 PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER LAW. THE BOARD SHALL SEEK TO RECOVER ANY PUBLIC  
47 MATCHING FUNDS OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF SUCH CRIMINAL CONDUCT.

48 4. PROCEEDINGS AS TO PUBLIC FINANCING. (A) THE DETERMINATION OF ELIGI-  
49 BILITY PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE AND ANY QUESTION OR ISSUE RELATING TO  
50 PAYMENTS FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE MAY BE  
51 CONTESTED IN A PROCEEDING INSTITUTED IN THE SUPREME COURT, ALBANY COUN-  
52 TY, BY ANY AGGRIEVED CANDIDATE.

53 (B) A PROCEEDING WITH RESPECT TO SUCH A DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY  
54 OR PAYMENT FOR QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER  
55 SHALL BE INSTITUTED WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER SUCH DETERMINATION WAS  
56 MADE. THE BOARD SHALL BE MADE A PARTY TO ANY SUCH PROCEEDING.

1 (C) UPON THE BOARD'S FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE AMOUNT DUE FROM A PARTIC-  
2 IPATING CANDIDATE OR SUCH CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE AFTER THE  
3 ISSUANCE OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF SUCH AMOUNT DUE, AS REQUIRED BY THIS  
4 TITLE, THE BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO INSTITUTE A SPECIAL PROCEEDING OR  
5 CIVIL ACTION IN SUPREME COURT, ALBANY COUNTY, TO OBTAIN A JUDGMENT FOR  
6 ANY AMOUNTS DETERMINED TO BE PAYABLE TO THE BOARD AS A RESULT OF AN  
7 EXAMINATION AND AUDIT MADE PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE OR TO OBTAIN SUCH  
8 AMOUNTS DIRECTLY FROM THE CANDIDATE OR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE AFTER A  
9 HEARING AT THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

10 (D) THE BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO INSTITUTE A SPECIAL PROCEEDING OR CIVIL  
11 ACTION IN SUPREME COURT, ALBANY COUNTY, TO OBTAIN A JUDGMENT FOR CIVIL  
12 PENALTIES DETERMINED TO BE PAYABLE TO THE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE  
13 OR TO IMPOSE SUCH PENALTY DIRECTLY AFTER A HEARING AT THE STATE BOARD OF  
14 ELECTIONS.

15 S 14-211. REPORTS. THE BOARD SHALL REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE EFFECT OF  
16 THIS TITLE UPON THE CONDUCT OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND SHALL SUBMIT A  
17 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWEN-  
18 TY, AND EVERY THIRD YEAR THEREAFTER, AND AT ANY OTHER TIME UPON THE  
19 REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR AND AT SUCH OTHER TIMES AS THE BOARD DEEMS  
20 APPROPRIATE. THESE REPORTS SHALL INCLUDE:

21 1. A LIST OF THE PARTICIPATING AND NONPARTICIPATING CANDIDATES IN  
22 COVERED ELECTIONS AND THE VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH CANDIDATE IN THOSE  
23 ELECTIONS;

24 2. THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND LOANS RECEIVED, AND EXPENDITURES  
25 MADE, ON BEHALF OF THESE CANDIDATES;

26 3. THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS EACH PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE  
27 RECEIVED, SPENT, AND REPAID PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE;

28 4. ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECT OF THIS TITLE ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS,  
29 INCLUDING ITS EFFECT ON THE SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF PRIVATE FINANCING,  
30 THE LEVEL OF CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES, VOTER PARTICIPATION, THE NUMBER OF  
31 CANDIDATES, THE CANDIDATES' ABILITY TO CAMPAIGN EFFECTIVELY FOR PUBLIC  
32 OFFICE, AND THE DIVERSITY OF CANDIDATES SEEKING AND ELECTED TO OFFICE;  
33 AND

34 5. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THIS TITLE, INCLUDING CHANGES IN  
35 CONTRIBUTION LIMITS, THRESHOLDS FOR ELIGIBILITY, AND ANY OTHER FEATURES  
36 OF THE SYSTEM.

37 S 14-212. DEBATES FOR CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE. THE BOARD  
38 SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO FACILITATE DEBATES AMONG PARTICIPATING  
39 CANDIDATES WHO SEEK ELECTION TO STATEWIDE OFFICE. PARTICIPATING CANDI-  
40 DATES ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE DEBATE BEFORE EACH ELECTION FOR  
41 WHICH THE CANDIDATE RECEIVES PUBLIC FUNDS, UNLESS THE PARTICIPATING  
42 CANDIDATE IS RUNNING UNOPPOSED. NONPARTICIPATING CANDIDATES MAY PARTIC-  
43 IPATE IN SUCH DEBATES.

44 S 14-213. SEVERABILITY. IF ANY CLAUSE, SENTENCE, SUBDIVISION, PARA-  
45 GRAPH, SECTION OR PART OF THIS TITLE BE ADJUDGED BY ANY COURT OF COMPE-  
46 TENT JURISDICTION TO BE INVALID, SUCH JUDGMENT SHALL NOT AFFECT, IMPAIR  
47 OR INVALIDATE THE REMAINDER THEREOF, BUT SHALL BE CONFINED IN ITS OPERA-  
48 TION TO THE CLAUSE, SENTENCE, SUBDIVISION, PARAGRAPH, SECTION OR PART  
49 THEREOF DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE CONTROVERSY IN WHICH SUCH JUDGMENT  
50 SHALL HAVE BEEN RENDERED.

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

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

1 2. SUCH FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL REVENUES RECEIVED FROM THE NEW YORK  
2 STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND CHECK-OFF PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (H) OF  
3 SECTION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT OF THE TAX LAW, FROM THE ABANDONED PROP-  
4 erty FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE, FROM THE  
5 GENERAL FUND, AND FROM ALL OTHER MONEYS CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED THERETO  
6 FROM ANY OTHER FUND OR SOURCE PURSUANT TO LAW. SUCH FUND SHALL ALSO  
7 RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER  
8 PERSONS TO FULFILL THE PURPOSES OF THE PUBLIC FINANCING SYSTEM.

9 3. MONEYS OF THE FUND, FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE, MAY  
10 BE EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAKING PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES PURSUANT  
11 TO TITLE II OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THE ELECTION LAW AND FOR ADMINISTRA-  
12 TIVE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THE  
13 ELECTION LAW. MONEYS SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE FUND BY THE STATE COMP-  
14 TROLLER ON VOUCHERS CERTIFIED OR APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF  
15 ELECTIONS, OR ITS DULY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, IN THE MANNER  
16 PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT MORE THAN FOUR WORKING DAYS AFTER SUCH VOUCHER IS  
17 RECEIVED BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER.

18 4. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, IF, IN ANY  
19 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND LACKS THE AMOUNT OF  
20 MONEY TO PAY ALL CLAIMS VOUCHERED BY ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES AND CERTIFIED  
21 OR APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, ANY SUCH DEFICIENCY SHALL  
22 BE PAID BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER, FROM FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL  
23 FUND OF THE STATE NOT MORE THAN FOUR WORKING DAYS AFTER SUCH VOUCHER IS  
24 RECEIVED BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER.

25 5. COMMENCING IN TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN, IF THE SURPLUS IN THE FUND ON  
26 APRIL FIRST OF THE YEAR AFTER A YEAR IN WHICH A GOVERNOR IS ELECTED  
27 EXCEEDS TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE FUND OVER THE  
28 PREVIOUS FOUR YEARS, THE EXCESS SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE  
29 STATE.

30 6. NO PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL BE PAID TO ANY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES IN A  
31 PRIMARY ELECTION ANY EARLIER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER DESIGNATING  
32 PETITIONS, INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITIONS, OR CERTIFICATES OF NOMI-  
33 NATION HAVE BEEN FILED AND NOT LESS THAN FORTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE SUCH  
34 ELECTION.

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

38 8. NO PUBLIC FUNDS SHALL BE PAID TO ANY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES IN A  
39 SPECIAL ELECTION ANY EARLIER THAN THE DAY AFTER THE LAST DAY TO FILE  
40 CERTIFICATES OF PARTY NOMINATION FOR SUCH SPECIAL ELECTION.

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

50 S 8. Section 95 of the state finance law is amended by adding a new  
51 subdivision 5 to read as follows:

52 5. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION AUTHORIZING THE  
53 TRANSFER OF ANY MONEYS IN THE ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND TO THE GENERAL  
54 FUND, IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR IN WHICH A STATE GENERAL ELECTION IS TO BE  
55 HELD PURSUANT TO LAW, OR AT LEAST SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO ANY STATE SPECIAL  
56 ELECTION, THE COMPTROLLER, UPON WARRANT OR VOUCHER BY THE STATE BOARD OF

1 ELECTIONS OR ITS DULY APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE, SHALL TRANSFER MONEYS OF  
2 THE ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND INTO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND PURSUANT TO  
3 SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THIS ARTICLE. ON MARCH THIRTY-FIRST OF THE YEAR  
4 FOLLOWING SUCH GENERAL ELECTION YEAR, SUCH BOARD SHALL TRANSFER TO THE  
5 GENERAL FUND ANY SURPLUS MONEYS OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND AS OF SUCH  
6 DATE.

7 S 9. Section 658 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection  
8 (h) to read as follows:

9 (H) NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND CHECK-OFF. (1) FOR EACH TAXA-  
10 BLE YEAR BEGINNING ON AND AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN,  
11 EVERY RESIDENT TAXPAYER WHOSE NEW YORK STATE INCOME TAX LIABILITY FOR  
12 THE TAXABLE YEAR FOR WHICH THE RETURN IS FILED IS FORTY DOLLARS OR MORE  
13 MAY DESIGNATE ON SUCH RETURN THAT FORTY DOLLARS BE PAID INTO THE NEW  
14 YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF  
15 THE STATE FINANCE LAW. WHERE A HUSBAND AND WIFE FILE A JOINT RETURN AND  
16 HAVE A NEW YORK STATE INCOME TAX LIABILITY FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR FOR  
17 WHICH THE RETURN IS FILED IS EIGHTY DOLLARS OR MORE, OR FILE SEPARATE  
18 RETURNS ON A SINGLE FORM, EACH SUCH TAXPAYER MAY MAKE SEPARATE DESIG-  
19 NATIONS ON SUCH RETURN OF FORTY DOLLARS TO BE PAID INTO THE NEW YORK  
20 STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND.

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

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

29 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE A PLACE ON EVERY PERSONAL INCOME TAX  
30 RETURN FORM TO BE FILED BY AN INDIVIDUAL FOR A TAX YEAR BEGINNING ON OR  
31 AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, FOR SUCH TAXPAYER TO MAKE THE  
32 DESIGNATIONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH ONE OF THIS SUBSECTION. SUCH RETURN  
33 FORM SHALL CONTAIN A CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSE OF SUCH OPTIONAL  
34 DESIGNATIONS.

35 (5) AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH FOURTH CALENDAR YEAR, COMMENCING IN TWO  
36 THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE PERCENTAGE OF  
37 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE MONTHLY CONSUMER PRICE  
38 INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF  
39 LABOR STATISTICS AND SUCH CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PUBLISHED FOR THE SAME  
40 MONTH FOUR YEARS PREVIOUSLY. EACH DOLLAR AMOUNT SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH ONE  
41 OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ADJUSTED BY THE AMOUNT OF SUCH PERCENTAGE  
42 DIFFERENCE TO THE CLOSEST ONE DOLLAR BY THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH SHALL  
43 ISSUE A REGULATION PUBLISHING THE AMOUNT OF EACH SUCH DOLLAR AMOUNT.  
44 EACH DOLLAR AMOUNT AS SO ADJUSTED SHALL GOVERN THE OPERATION OF THE  
45 STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND CHECK-OFF BEFORE THE NEXT SUCH ADJUSTMENT.

46 S 10. Subdivision 2 of section 14-120 of the election law, as added by  
47 chapter 79 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

48 2. Notwithstanding subdivision one of this section, a partnership, as  
49 defined in section ten of the partnership law, OR A LIMITED LIABILITY  
50 COMPANY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWO OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY  
51 COMPANY LAW, may be considered a separate entity for the purposes of  
52 this section, and as such may make contributions in the name of said  
53 partnership OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY without attributing such  
54 contributions to the individual members of the partnership OR LIMITED  
55 LIABILITY COMPANY provided that any such contribution made by a partner-  
56 ship OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY to a candidate or to a political

1 committee, shall not exceed[,] twenty-five hundred dollars. In the event  
2 that such partnership OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY contribution to any  
3 such candidate or political committee exceeds twenty-five hundred  
4 dollars, the aggregate amount of such contribution shall be attributed  
5 to each partner OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MEMBER whose share of the  
6 contribution exceeds ninety-nine dollars.

7 S 11. Subdivision 3 of section 14-124 of the election law, as amended  
8 by chapter 71 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

9 [3. The contribution and receipt limits of this article shall not  
10 apply to monies received and expenditures made by a party committee or  
11 constituted committee to maintain a permanent headquarters and staff and  
12 carry on ordinary activities which are not for the express purpose of  
13 promoting the candidacy of specific candidates.]

14 S 12. The election law is amended by adding a new section 14-125 to  
15 read as follows:

16 S 14-125. NEW YORK STATE BUSINESS CONTRACT DATABASE. 1. A. AS USED IN  
17 THIS SECTION:

18 (I) THE TERM "BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE STATE" SHALL MEAN ANY  
19 CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS, SERVICES OR CONSTRUCTION THAT IS  
20 ENTERED INTO OR IN EFFECT WITH THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR ANY AGENCY OR  
21 ENTITY AFFILIATED THERETO NOT AWARDED THROUGH A COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS  
22 PURSUANT TO ARTICLES NINE AND ELEVEN OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW. BUSINESS  
23 RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE STATE SHALL NOT MEAN ANY PERSON OR ENTITY  
24 REJECTED FROM PARTICIPATION IN SUCH A CONTRACT OR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY  
25 NOT PARTICIPATING IN SUCH A CONTRACT WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS OF ANY  
26 ELECTION.

27 (II) THE TERM "NEW YORK STATE BUSINESS CONTRACT DATABASE" SHALL MEAN A  
28 DATABASE CREATED, OPERATED, MAINTAINED AND UPDATED BY THE STATE COMP-  
29 TROLLER ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC WHICH CONTAINS THE NAMES OF PERSONS WHO  
30 HAVE BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE STATE. SUCH DATABASE SHALL PROVIDE  
31 A UNIQUE IDENTIFIER ASSIGNED BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER FOR EACH PERSON  
32 WHO HAS A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE AND SHALL BE CREATED,  
33 OPERATED, MAINTAINED AND UPDATED BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER IN A MANNER SO  
34 AS TO ENSURE ITS REASONABLE ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS; PROVIDED, HOWEV-  
35 ER, THAT IN NO EVENT SHALL SUCH DATABASE BE UPDATED LESS FREQUENTLY THAN  
36 ONCE A MONTH IN ANY GENERAL ELECTION YEAR. SUCH DATABASE SHALL ENABLE  
37 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO DETERMINE IF A GIVEN PERSON HAS A BUSINESS  
38 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE.

39 (III) THE TERM "PERSON" SHALL INCLUDE ANY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
40 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF SUCH ENTITY OR  
41 PERSONS SERVING IN AN EQUIVALENT CAPACITY, ANY PERSON EMPLOYED IN A  
42 SENIOR MANAGERIAL CAPACITY REGARDING SUCH ENTITY, OR ANY PERSON WITH AN  
43 INTEREST IN SUCH ENTITY WHICH EXCEEDS TEN PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF SUCH  
44 ENTITY AT FAIR MARKET VALUE.

45 (IV) THE TERM "SENIOR MANAGERIAL CAPACITY" SHALL MEAN A HIGH LEVEL  
46 SUPERVISORY CAPACITY, EITHER BY VIRTUE OF TITLE OR DUTIES, IN WHICH  
47 SUBSTANTIAL DISCRETION AND OVERSIGHT IS EXERCISED OVER THE SOLICITATION,  
48 LETTING OR ADMINISTRATION OF BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH THE STATE,  
49 INCLUDING CONTRACTS, FRANCHISES, CONCESSION, GRANTS, ECONOMIC DEVELOP-  
50 MENT AGREEMENTS AND APPLICATION FOR LAND USE APPROVALS.

51 B. ANY DATABASE MAINTAINED BY THE COMPTROLLER AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE  
52 OF THIS SECTION MAY SERVE AS THE NEW YORK STATE BUSINESS CONTRACT DATA-  
53 BASE UPON CERTIFICATION BY THE COMPTROLLER TO THE STATE BOARD OF  
54 ELECTIONS THAT SUCH DATABASE FULFILLS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.  
55 EVERY STATE AGENCY OR AUTHORITY OF THE STATE INCLUDING ANY ENTITY AFFIL-  
56 IATED THERETO SHALL PROVIDE THE COMPTROLLER WITH SUCH INFORMATION AS IS

1 NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT, MODIFY AND MAINTAIN SUCH DATABASE IN A TIMELY  
2 MANNER.

3 2. A. NEITHER A CANDIDATE PARTICIPATING IN THE VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN  
4 FINANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, NOR A POLITICAL  
5 COMMITTEE OF SUCH CANDIDATE SHALL ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR A COVERED  
6 ELECTION WHICH IN THE AGGREGATE EXCEEDS FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM A  
7 PERSON OR ENTITY WHO HAS A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE.

8 B. NEITHER A CANDIDATE WHO DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN A VOLUNTARY  
9 CAMPAIGN FINANCE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE NOR A POLITICAL  
10 COMMITTEE OF SUCH CANDIDATE SHALL ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR A COVERED  
11 ELECTION WHICH IN THE AGGREGATE EXCEEDS FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM A  
12 PERSON OR ENTITY WHO HAS A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE.

13 C. NO CONTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO A CANDIDATE OR TO A  
14 POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF SUCH CANDIDATE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MATCHING  
15 CONTRIBUTIONS PURSUANT TO TITLE TWO OF THIS ARTICLE.

16 D. IF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS DETERMINES THAT ANY CONTRIBUTION TO  
17 A CANDIDATE OR TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF SUCH CANDIDATE VIOLATES THE  
18 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, SUCH BOARD SHALL NOTIFY SUCH CANDIDATE WITH-  
19 IN TWENTY DAYS OF SUCH DETERMINATION AND SUCH CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE'S  
20 POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE A REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO RETURN SUCH  
21 CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONTRIBUTOR; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF SUCH CANDI-  
22 DATE OR THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF SUCH CANDIDATE IS UNABLE TO RETURN  
23 SUCH CONTRIBUTION, SUCH MONIES SHALL BE PAID TO THE STATE BOARD OF  
24 ELECTIONS FOR PAYMENT INTO THE NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND  
25 PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

26 E. WHEN PUBLICLY REPORTING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS, WHERE APPLICABLE,  
27 THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL INCORPORATE THE UNIQUE IDENTIFIER ASSIGNED  
28 BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER FOR ANY CONTRIBUTOR WITH A BUSINESS RELATION-  
29 SHIP WITH THE STATE.

30 F. THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL  
31 PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS THE COMPTROLLER AND THE BOARD  
32 DEEM NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SECTION.

33 S 13. Sections 1-u and 1-v of the legislative law, section 1-v as  
34 relettered by chapter 1 of the laws of 2005, are renumbered sections 1-w  
35 and 1-x and two new sections 1-u and 1-v are added to read as follows:

36 S 1-U. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY LOBBYISTS. A LOBBY-  
37 IST SHALL NOT SOLICIT, MAKE OR TRANSMIT A CONTRIBUTION OR A REQUEST FOR  
38 A CONTRIBUTION FROM OR TO ANY PERSON, INCLUDING A POLITICAL COMMITTEE  
39 FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PARTY COMMITTEE, FOR ELECTION TO  
40 ANY STATE OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OFFICE; EXCEPT THAT A LOBBYIST MAY  
41 MAKE A POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION UP TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER CANDI-  
42 DATE PER ELECTION; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT FOR STATE LEVEL PUBLIC OFFI-  
43 CIALS, SUCH CONTRIBUTION MAY ONLY BE MADE BETWEEN JULY FIRST AND DECEM-  
44 BER THIRTY-FIRST.

45 S 1-V. RESTRICTIONS ON ACCEPTANCE OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY PUBLIC  
46 OFFICIALS. A PUBLIC OFFICIAL SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY ACCEPT, SOLICIT, OR  
47 TRANSMIT A CONTRIBUTION OR A REQUEST FOR A CONTRIBUTION FOR HIMSELF OR  
48 HERSELF OR ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL, POLITICAL COMMITTEE, OR CANDIDATE FROM  
49 OR ON BEHALF OF ANY LOBBYIST REGULATED BY THIS ARTICLE, EXCEPT THAT A  
50 PUBLIC OFFICIAL MAY ACCEPT POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM A LOBBYIST, UP  
51 TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER ELECTION; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT FOR  
52 STATE LEVEL PUBLIC OFFICIALS, SUCH CONTRIBUTION MAY ONLY BE MADE BETWEEN  
53 JULY FIRST AND DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST.

54 S 14. Paragraphs (iii) and (iv) of subdivision 3 of section 14-130 of  
55 the election law, as added by section 9 of part CC of chapter 56 of the  
56 laws of 2015, are amended to read as follows:

1 (iii) clothing[, other than items that are] TO BE used [in the  
2 campaign or in the execution of the duties of public office or party  
3 position] BY THE CANDIDATE OR OFFICE HOLDER OR A MEMBER OF THE CANDI-  
4 DATE'S OR OFFICE HOLDER'S FAMILY;

5 (iv) tuition payments [unrelated to a political campaign or the hold-  
6 ing of a public office or party position];

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

15 S 16. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, all  
16 state legislative candidates will be eligible to participate in volun-  
17 tary public financing beginning with the 2017 primary election and all  
18 other state candidates, including those in irregularly scheduled  
19 elections, will be eligible to participate in voluntary public financing  
20 beginning with the 2019 primary election.

21 S 3. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
22 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
23 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
24 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
25 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
26 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
27 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of  
28 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
29 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

30 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that  
31 the applicable effective date of Parts A through C of this act shall be  
32 as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.