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AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to enacting the "2015 Fair Elections Act"; to amend the election law, the state finance law and the tax law, in relation to providing for optional partial public financing of certain election campaigns in this state; and to amend the general business law, in relation to additional surcharges

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "2015 Fair Elections Act".

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

10 S 2-a. Sections 14-100, 14-102, 14-104, 14-106, 14-107, 14-108,  
11 14-110, 14-112, 14-114, 14-116, 14-118, 14-120, 14-122, 14-124, 14-126,  
12 14-127, 14-128 and 14-130 of the election law are designated title 1 and  
13 a new title heading is added to read as follows:

14 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES; GENERAL

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

17 TITLE II  
18 PUBLIC FINANCING

19 SECTION 14-200. DEFINITIONS.  
20 14-202. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.  
21 14-203. ELIGIBILITY.  
22 14-204. QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

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

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1 14-206. OPTIONAL PUBLIC FINANCING.  
2 14-208. CONTRIBUTION AND RECEIPT LIMITATIONS.  
3 14-210. LIMITATIONS ON THE RECEIPT OF PUBLIC FUNDS.  
4 14-212. CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD; GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES.  
5 14-214. EXAMINATIONS AND AUDITS.  
6 14-216. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT.  
7 14-218. CRIMINAL PENALTIES.  
8 14-220. REPORTS.  
9 14-222. DEBATES.  
10 14-224. DISTRIBUTIONS FROM CAMPAIGN FINANCE FUND.

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 6. THE TERM "MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS" SHALL MEAN THAT PORTION OF THE  
36 AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE (A) IN THE CASE OF A PRIMARY OR GENERAL  
37 ELECTION, AFTER JANUARY FIRST OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRIMARY OR GENER-  
38 AL ELECTION IS HELD FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICE SOUGHT OR (B) IN THE CASE OF A  
39 SPECIAL ELECTION, WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF SUCH ELECTION BY NATURAL PERSONS  
40 RESIDENT IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR  
41 ELECTION TO ANY OF THE OFFICES COVERED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE  
42 WHICH DO NOT EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS, WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED  
43 IN FULL BY THE CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE TO THE CAMPAIGN  
44 FINANCE BOARD, INCLUDING THE CONTRIBUTOR'S FULL NAME AND RESIDENTIAL  
45 ADDRESS. "MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS" SHALL BE THE NET AMOUNT OF ANY MONE-  
46 TARY CONTRIBUTION REALIZED BY A CANDIDATE OR DESIGNATED COMMITTEE AFTER  
47 DEDUCTING THE REASONABLE VALUE OF ANY GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED THE  
48 CONTRIBUTOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTRIBUTION, EXCEPT THAT CONTRIB-  
49 UTIONS FROM ANY PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED A PAYMENT OR ANYTHING OF VALUE  
50 FROM SUCH COMMITTEE OR FROM A PERSON WHO IS AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR  
51 EMPLOYEE OF, OR A PERSON WHO HAS A TEN PERCENT OR GREATER OWNERSHIP  
52 INTEREST IN ANY ENTITY WHICH HAS RECEIVED SUCH A PAYMENT OR THING OF  
53 VALUE SHALL NOT BE MATCHABLE. A LOAN MAY NOT BE TREATED AS A MATCHABLE  
54 CONTRIBUTION.

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

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

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

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

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

18 (A) DESIGNATE A TREASURER; AND

19 (B) OBTAIN A TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE  
20 SERVICE.

21 2. DISCLOSURE. (A) EVERY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE SHALL FILE FINANCIAL  
22 DISCLOSURE REPORTS WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AS REQUIRED BY  
23 TITLE ONE OF THIS ARTICLE. COPIES OF SUCH REPORTS SHALL ALSO BE SUBMIT-  
24 TED TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE AT  
25 THE SAME TIME SUCH REPORTS ARE FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

53 (C) ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC FINANCING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY  
54 THIS TITLE NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY TO FILE DESIG-  
55 NATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE SUCH CANDIDATE IS SEEKING OR, IN THE

1 CASE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION, NOT LATER THAN THE LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINAT-  
2 ING CERTIFICATES FOR SUCH OFFICE;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 6. NO CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO AN OFFICE IN A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR  
2 SPECIAL ELECTION WHO HAS ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC FINANCING  
3 SYSTEM SHALL BE DEEMED OPPOSED AND RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDS UNLESS THERE IS  
4 AT LEAST ONE OTHER CANDIDATE FOR SUCH OFFICE IN SUCH ELECTION AND SUCH  
5 OTHER CANDIDATE RAISES AT LEAST TEN PERCENT OF THE PARTICIPATING CANDI-  
6 DATE'S PRIMARY RECEIPT LIMIT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (G) GIFTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE SOUGHT, EXCEPT THAT A PARTICIPATING  
 2 CANDIDATE OR PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE WHICH HAS A DEFICIT ON THE DAY OF  
 3 THE GENERAL ELECTION MAY, AFTER SUCH DATE, ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH DO  
 4 NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF SUCH DEFICIT AND THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN RAIS-  
 5 ING SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS OR THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR SUCH OFFICE AS FIXED  
 6 BY THIS TITLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO ACCEPT PUBLIC FUNDS.  
 7 CONTRIBUTIONS TO A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE OR PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE  
 8 WHICH WERE RECEIVED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS TITLE MAY NOT BE  
 9 EXPENDED IN ANY ELECTION FOR ANY SUCH OFFICE.

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

13 S 14-210. LIMITATIONS ON THE RECEIPT OF PUBLIC FUNDS. THE FOLLOWING  
 14 LIMITATIONS APPLY TO THE RECEIPT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY PARTICIPATING CANDI-  
 15 DATES AND THEIR PARTICIPATING COMMITTEES RECEIVING SUCH PUBLIC FUNDS  
 16 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (VI) FOR DISTRICT DELEGATES TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, THE SUM OF  
 28 FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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

32 CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF:

33 GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (COMBINED) \$12,000,000

34 ATTORNEY GENERAL \$8,000,000

35 COMPTROLLER \$8,000,000

36 MEMBER OF SENATE \$350,000

37 MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY \$150,000

38 DELEGATE AT-LARGE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION \$350,000

39 DISTRICT DELEGATE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION \$75,000

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

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

50 S 14-212. CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD; GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. 1. THERE  
 51 SHALL BE A BOARD WITHIN THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS KNOWN AS THE  
 52 "CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD" COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS, OF WHICH ONE MEMBER  
 53 SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY  
 54 EACH LEGISLATIVE LEADER OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY. NO MEMBER OF THE  
 55 CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL HOLD ELECTIVE OFFICE, NOR SHALL ANY MEMBER  
 56 BE A LOBBYIST AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ONE-C OF THE



1 LEGISLATIVE LAW. THE CHAIR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE  
2 CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD. THE MEMBERS SHALL EACH SERVE FOR A TERM OF FOUR  
3 YEARS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 (B) DEVELOP A PROGRAM FOR INFORMING AND TRAINING CANDIDATES AND THE  
38 PUBLIC AS TO THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE,  
39 INCLUDING BY MEANS OF A WEB SITE;

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

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

50 7. CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW AND SUBDI-  
51 VISION SEVENTEEN OF SECTION SEVENTY-THREE OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW,  
52 AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, ALL  
53 POSITIONS ON THE STAFF OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL BE CLASSIFIED  
54 IN THE EXEMPT CLASS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND SUCH POSITIONS SHALL BE  
55 FILLED, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WITH AN EQUAL NUMBER OF PERSONS FROM  
56 EACH OF THE TWO POLITICAL PARTIES FOR WHICH THE HIGHEST AND THE NEXT

1 HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES WERE CAST FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE COMPTROLLER AT  
2 THE LAST PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION FOR SUCH OFFICE.

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

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

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

11 S 14-214. EXAMINATIONS AND AUDITS. 1. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL  
12 CONDUCT A THOROUGH EXAMINATION AND AUDIT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUALI-  
13 FIED CAMPAIGN EXPENSES OF THE PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE OF EVERY PARTIC-  
14 IPATING CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVED PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-206 OF  
15 THIS TITLE. SUCH AUDITS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AS FREQUENTLY AS THE  
16 CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD DEEMS NECESSARY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS  
17 TITLE. EVERY CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVES PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THIS  
18 TITLE SHALL ALSO BE AUDITED BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD POST-ELECTION.  
19 THE COST OF COMPLYING WITH A POST-ELECTION AUDIT SHALL BE BORNE BY THE  
20 CANDIDATE'S AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE. A CANDIDATE WHO HAS RECEIVED PUBLIC  
21 MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THIS TITLE MUST MAINTAIN A RESERVE OF AT LEAST ONE  
22 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MATCHING FUNDS RECEIVED BY SUCH CANDIDATE  
23 IN HIS OR HER CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT TO COMPLY WITH THE POST-ELECTION AUDIT. A  
24 CANDIDATE WHO RUNS IN BOTH A PRIMARY AND A GENERAL ELECTION, MUST MAIN-  
25 TAIN A RESERVE OF ONE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PUBLIC MATCHING  
26 FUNDS RECEIVED BY SUCH CANDIDATE FOR BOTH HIS OR HER PRIMARY AND GENERAL  
27 ELECTION. A CANDIDATE MAY USE PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS, PRIVATE FUNDS OR A  
28 COMBINATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDS TO COMPLY WITH A POST-ELECTION  
29 AUDIT. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL ISSUE TO EACH CAMPAIGN AUDITED  
30 THE FINAL POST-ELECTION AUDIT REPORT THAT DETAILS ITS FINDINGS AND SHALL  
31 PROVIDE SUCH AUDIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS AND MAKE SUCH  
32 AUDIT REPORT AVAILABLE ON THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS' WEB SITE.

33 2. (A) IF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD DETERMINES THAT ANY PORTION OF  
34 THE PAYMENT MADE TO A PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE FROM THE FUND WAS IN  
35 EXCESS OF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO WHICH SUCH ELIGIBLE CANDI-  
36 DATE WAS ENTITLED PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-206 OF THIS TITLE, IT SHALL  
37 NOTIFY SUCH COMMITTEE OF THE EXCESS AMOUNT AND SUCH COMMITTEE SHALL PAY  
38 TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF EXCESS  
39 PAYMENTS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE ERRONEOUS PAYMENT WAS DUE TO AN  
40 ERROR MADE BY THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD, THEN THE ERRONEOUS PAYMENT  
41 WILL BE OFFSET AGAINST ANY FUTURE PAYMENT, IF ANY. THE PARTICIPATING  
42 CANDIDATE AND HIS OR HER PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE SHALL BE JOINTLY AND  
43 SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR ANY REPAYMENTS DUE TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD  
44 FOR DEPOSIT BY SUCH BOARD INTO THE NEW YORK STATE CAMPAIGN FUND.

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

55 (C) IF THE TOTAL OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND RECEIVED  
56 BY ANY PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE AND SUCH CANDIDATE'S PARTICIPATING

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

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

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

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

31 S 14-216. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT. 1. ANY PERSON OR AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE WHO  
32 KNOWINGLY AND WILFULLY FAILS TO MAKE A FILING REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS  
33 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED THE  
34 AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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

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

50 4. THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD SHALL PUBLISH ON THE STATE BOARD OF  
51 ELECTIONS' WEB SITE THE FINAL ORDER ADJUDICATING ANY MATTER BROUGHT  
52 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

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

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

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

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

18 4. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER SENTENCE LAWFULLY IMPOSED UPON A FINDING  
19 OF GUILT IN A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION COMMENCED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS  
20 OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT MAY ORDER A DEFENDANT TO REPAY TO THE  
21 CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD ANY PUBLIC MATCHING FUNDS OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF  
22 ANY CRIMINAL CONDUCT.

23 5. ALL SUCH PROSECUTIONS FOR CRIMINAL ACTS UNDER THIS TITLE SHALL BE  
24 PROSECUTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

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

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

31 1. A LIST OF THE PARTICIPATING AND NONPARTICIPATING CANDIDATES IN  
32 COVERED ELECTIONS AND THE VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH CANDIDATE IN THOSE  
33 ELECTIONS;

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

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

38 4. ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECT OF THIS TITLE ON THE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS FOR  
39 ALL OFFICES COVERED UNDER SECTION 14-203 OF THIS TITLE, INCLUDING ITS  
40 EFFECT ON THE SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF PRIVATE FINANCING, THE LEVEL OF  
41 CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES, VOTER PARTICIPATION, THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES,  
42 THE CANDIDATES' ABILITIES TO CAMPAIGN EFFECTIVELY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, AND  
43 THE DIVERSITY OF CANDIDATES SEEKING AND ELECTED TO OFFICE;

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

48 6. ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD DEEMS RELE-  
49 VANT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

45 (II) BEFORE REPAYING UNSPENT PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUNDS, A PARTICIPATING  
46 CANDIDATE MAY MAKE POST-ELECTION EXPENDITURES ONLY FOR ROUTINE ACTIV-  
47 ITIES INVOLVING NOMINAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH WINDING UP A CAMPAIGN AND  
48 RESPONDING TO THE POST-ELECTION AUDIT. SUCH EXPENDITURES MAY INCLUDE:  
49 PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS AND RENT; REASONABLE STAFF SALARIES AND  
50 CONSULTANT FEES FOR RESPONDING TO A POST-ELECTION AUDIT; REASONABLE  
51 MOVING EXPENSES RELATED TO CLOSING A CAMPAIGN OFFICE; A HOLIDAY CARD  
52 MAILING TO CONTRIBUTORS, CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF MEMBERS; THANK  
53 YOU NOTES FOR CONTRIBUTORS, CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF MEMBERS;  
54 PAYMENT OF TAXES AND OTHER REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH  
55 APPLICABLE TAX LAWS; AND INTEREST EXPENSES. ROUTINE POST-ELECTION  
56 EXPENDITURES THAT MAY BE PAID FOR WITH UNSPENT CAMPAIGN FUNDS DO NOT

1 INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS POST-ELECTION MAILINGS OTHER THAN AS SPECIFICALLY  
2 PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH; MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS; MAKING BONUS  
3 PAYMENTS OR GIFTS TO STAFF MEMBERS OR VOLUNTEERS; OR HOLDING ANY POST-E-  
4 LECTION DAY EVENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY MEAL OR ANY PARTY.  
5 UNSPENT CAMPAIGN FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED FOR TRANSITION OR INAUGURATION  
6 ACTIVITIES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

49 3. IF ANY SUCH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHOULD DISQUALIFY ANY SUCH  
50 CANDIDATE OR RULE THE PETITION OR CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING OR NOMINATING  
51 ANY SUCH CANDIDATE INVALID, IT SHALL FORTHWITH NOTIFY THE STATE BOARD OF  
52 ELECTIONS OF SUCH DECISION.

53 4. IF ANY SUCH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL BE NOTIFIED OF A DECI-  
54 SION OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION DISQUALIFYING ANY SUCH CANDI-  
55 DATE OR DECLARING ANY SUCH PETITION INVALID OR REVERSING ANY SUCH DECI-  
56 SION BY SUCH BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR ANOTHER COURT, SUCH BOARD OF

1 ELECTIONS SHALL FORTHWITH NOTIFY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF SUCH  
2 DECISION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 S 8. The tax law is amended by adding a new section 630-d to read as  
17 follows:

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

29 S 9. Severability. If any clause, sentence, subdivision, paragraph,  
30 section or part of title II of article 14 of the election law, as added  
31 by section three of this act be adjudged by any court of competent  
32 jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or  
33 invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation  
34 to the clause, sentence, subdivision, paragraph, section or part thereof  
35 directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have  
36 been rendered.

37 S 10. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however,  
38 candidates for state comptroller will be eligible to participate in the  
39 public financing system beginning with the 2017 election, all state  
40 legislature candidates will be eligible to participate in the public  
41 financing system beginning with the 2019 election and all state candi-  
42 dates and constitutional convention delegates will be eligible to  
43 participate in the public financing system beginning with the 2021  
44 election.