STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 10, 2019

Introduced by Sen. METZGER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

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

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 14-116 of the election law, as 2 amended by chapter 260 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

2. a. Notwithstanding [the provisions of subdivision one of this 5 section, any corporation or an organization financially supported in whole or in part, by such corporation may make expenditures, including contributions, not otherwise prohibited by law, for political purposes, in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars in the aggregate in any calendar year; provided that no public utility shall use revenues 10 received from the rendition of public service within the state for 11 contributions for political purposes unless such cost is charged to the shareholders of such a public service corporation any other provision 12 of law to the contrary, no contribution, loan, loan guarantee or other 14 security for such a loan from any corporation, limited liability compa-15 ny, limited liability partnership or partnership, other than in the 16 regular course of the lender's business, may be accepted by a candidate or political committee, other than a corporation, limited liability 17 company, limited liability partnership or partnership that is a political committee, for all nominations to any office or election to any 20 office.

b. A loan made to a candidate or political committee, other than a 22 constituted committee, by any person, firm or association shall be repaid by the date of the primary, special or general election, as the case may be, or such loan shall be considered a contribution by such 25 person, firm or association including any person endorsing, cosigning, quaranteeing, collateralizing or other providing security for the loan.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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