



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 270

LCO No. 3894



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE
CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 9-706 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2019*):

4 (d) In accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of this
5 section, the commission shall review the application [L] and determine
6 whether (1) the candidate committee for the applicant has received the
7 required qualifying contributions, (2) in the case of an application for a
8 grant from the fund for a primary campaign, the applicant has met the
9 applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying
10 for such grant and complied with the provisions of subsections (b) and
11 (c) of this section, (3) in the case of an application for a grant from the
12 fund for a general election campaign, the applicant has met the
13 applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying
14 for such moneys and complied with the provisions of subsections (b)
15 and (c) of this section, and (4) in the case of an application by a minor

16 party or petitioning party candidate for a grant from the fund for a
 17 general election campaign, the applicant qualifies as an eligible minor
 18 party candidate or an eligible petitioning party candidate, whichever is
 19 applicable. For each contribution received by the candidate committee
 20 of an applicant that the commission deems to not be a qualifying
 21 contribution, the commission shall advise such applicant of such
 22 determination and cite the reason under subsection (e) of section 9-704
 23 therefor. If the commission approves an application, the commission
 24 shall determine the amount of the grant payable to the candidate
 25 committee for the applicant pursuant to section 9-705 from the fund,
 26 and notify the State Comptroller and the candidate of such candidate
 27 committee, of such amount. If the timing of the commission's approval
 28 of the grant in relation to the Secretary of the State's determination of
 29 ballot status is such that the commission cannot determine whether the
 30 qualified candidate committee is entitled to the applicable full initial
 31 grant for the primary or election or the applicable partial grant for the
 32 primary or election, as the case may be, the commission shall approve
 33 the lesser applicable partial initial grant. The commission shall then
 34 authorize the payment of the remaining portion of the applicable grant
 35 after the commission has knowledge of the circumstances regarding
 36 the ballot status of the opposing candidates in such primary or
 37 election. Not later than two business days following notification by the
 38 commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State
 39 Treasurer for payment of any such approved amount to the qualified
 40 candidate committee from the fund.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	9-706(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To require the State Elections Enforcement Commission to advise candidates applying for grants under the Citizens' Election Program of why certain contributions are not deemed qualifying contributions.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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