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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM GRANTS  
FOR GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) (a) There is created within  
2 the Citizens' Election Program, established under section 9-702 of the  
3 general statutes, a voucher system under which the candidate  
4 committee of a candidate for nomination to the office of Governor in  
5 2026, or thereafter, may receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund,  
6 established under section 9-701 of the general statutes, for the  
7 candidate's campaign for said nomination prior to the holding of the  
8 state convention of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of  
9 choosing a candidate for nomination for the office of Governor, which  
10 grant is based on the total amount represented by all vouchers such  
11 candidate committee has been assigned by eligible contributors under  
12 the provisions of this section.

13 (b) (1) Not later than March 1, 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, the  
14 State Elections Enforcement Commission shall issue to each elector, as

15 defined in section 9-1 of the general statutes, whose name, as of  
16 December thirty-first of the prior year, appeared on an active registry  
17 list of any municipality in this state four vouchers worth twenty-five  
18 dollars each. Each week thereafter until the one-hundred-fifth day  
19 preceding the day of the primary in 2026, and quadrennially thereafter,  
20 the commission shall issue four vouchers worth twenty-five dollars each  
21 to any individual who was admitted as an elector after December thirty-  
22 first of the prior year and who had not previously been issued vouchers.

23 (2) On and after March 1, 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, any  
24 individual who is not an elector may apply to the commission to be  
25 issued four vouchers worth twenty-five dollars each if such individual  
26 is permitted under the provisions of chapter 155 or 157 of the general  
27 statutes to make a contribution, as defined in section 9-601a of the  
28 general statutes, has been a Connecticut resident for at least thirty days  
29 preceding such application and has not previously been issued  
30 vouchers.

31 (3) Not later than March 1, 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, the  
32 commission shall notify, by mail, each elector whose name appeared on  
33 the inactive registry list of any municipality in this state of such elector's  
34 inactive status and such elector's opportunity to be issued vouchers  
35 from the commission.

36 (c) The commission shall prescribe the form to be used for each  
37 voucher, which shall include the following information on such  
38 voucher's face:

39 (1) The words "Citizens' Election Program Participating Candidate  
40 for Governor Voucher", an indication that such voucher is worth  
41 twenty-five dollars, statements that such voucher has no cash value and  
42 is nontransferable and a space in which the commission shall print an  
43 expiration date for such voucher, which shall not be later than the  
44 seventh day prior to the opening of any state convention held in the year  
45 in which such voucher is issued;

46 (2) The words "I am assigning this voucher to the qualified candidate

47 printed here:" and a space in which the individual assigning such  
48 voucher shall print the name of the qualified candidate; and

49 (3) The words "I attest that I obtained this voucher properly and make  
50 this assignment freely and not in exchange for payment of any kind. I  
51 am aware that assignment may not be changed and there is no  
52 guarantee of availability of funds. Assignment is complete upon  
53 delivery to the candidate or his or her registered campaign  
54 representative. Vouchers may only be assigned to qualified candidates."  
55 and spaces in which the individual assigning such voucher shall sign  
56 such individual's name and print the date of such assignment.

57 (d) (1) Any individual to whom a voucher has been issued may assign  
58 such voucher to a participating candidate, as described in subsection (b)  
59 of section 9-703 of the general statutes, by (A) signing such individual's  
60 name and dating the voucher where indicated thereon, and (B)  
61 delivering the signed and dated voucher either to the participating  
62 candidate or to a campaign representative of such candidate, which  
63 campaign representative registers with the commission for such  
64 purpose. An individual may assign to the same participating candidate  
65 one or more of the vouchers issued to such individual. A voucher may  
66 only be assigned by the individual to whom such voucher was issued  
67 and shall not be assigned by proxy, power of attorney or other agent of  
68 any such individual. A valid assignment of a voucher is irrevocable.

69 (2) No voucher may be assigned to a participating candidate after the  
70 seventh day prior to the opening of the state convention of such  
71 candidate's party in 2026, and quadrennially thereafter. A participating  
72 candidate or his or her registered campaign representative may solicit  
73 assignment of vouchers in the same manner such candidate or the  
74 candidate committee of such candidate is permitted to solicit qualifying  
75 contributions.

76 (3) No voucher may be assigned to a participating candidate in return  
77 for cash or any other consideration. No voucher may be purchased, sold,  
78 given, gifted or otherwise transferred, and any offer to purchase, sell,

79 give, gift or otherwise transfer a voucher is prohibited. A voucher has  
80 no cash value and shall not be construed to be an asset, income or  
81 property.

82 (4) If the individual to whom the commission issues a voucher ceases  
83 to be a resident of Connecticut or is no longer permitted under the  
84 provisions of chapter 155 or 157 of the general statutes to make  
85 contributions, any such voucher that has not already been assigned to a  
86 participating candidate shall expire. An individual who assigns any  
87 voucher to a participating candidate assumes the risk that such  
88 assignment is irrevocable and that such voucher may not be redeemed  
89 by the participating candidate to whom such voucher was assigned due  
90 to any contingency, including, but not limited to, unavailability of funds  
91 or such candidate's death, disqualification, withdrawal of candidacy or  
92 participation in the Citizens' Election Program or failure to redeem such  
93 voucher with the commission.

94 (e) (1) On three dates selected by the commission between March 1,  
95 2026, and the fifth day prior to the opening of the state convention of the  
96 candidate's party held in 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, the  
97 commission shall accept deliveries of vouchers from participating  
98 candidates or their registered campaign representatives for purposes of  
99 redeeming such vouchers for grant funds.

100 (2) Not later than three business days after the commission accepts  
101 delivery of any voucher assigned to a participating candidate pursuant  
102 to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the commission shall disburse to  
103 the qualified candidate committee of such participating candidate grant  
104 funds in the total amount represented by all such vouchers being  
105 redeemed in such delivery, provided sufficient moneys in the Citizens'  
106 Election Fund are available to honor such redemptions and the  
107 commission verifies that such voucher was validly assigned to the  
108 participating candidate by an eligible contributor.

109 (f) All grant funds received by the qualified candidate committee of  
110 a participating candidate from redeemed vouchers shall be used in

111 compliance with the provisions of chapter 157 of the general statutes  
112 and any regulations adopted thereunder. Upon the closing of the state  
113 convention at which such participating candidate sought the  
114 nomination for Governor, any such grant funds that were not used shall  
115 be returned to the commission for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund,  
116 except that the qualified candidate committee may retain funds in an  
117 amount necessary to pay any debt or obligation incurred prior to the  
118 closing of such state convention.

119 (g) (1) Any record pertaining to the application for, issuance of,  
120 assignment of or redemption of a voucher under this section shall be  
121 subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined  
122 in section 1-200 of the general statutes. The provisions of chapters 155  
123 and 157 of the general statutes relating to (A) the reporting of  
124 contributions received by candidate committees shall apply to the  
125 reporting of vouchers received by such committees, (B) the reporting of  
126 expenditures of funds by candidate committees shall apply to the  
127 reporting of use of funds derived from redeemed vouchers by such  
128 committees, and (C) the publication of such reports for contributions  
129 and expenditures by the commission shall apply to the publication of  
130 such reports for voucher receipt and use of funds derived from voucher  
131 redemption.

132 (2) The provisions of section 9-7b of the general statutes, as amended  
133 by this act, relating to the commission's powers and duties shall apply  
134 to any situation in which an individual to whom a voucher was issued  
135 believes such individual's voucher was lost, stolen or fraudulently or  
136 improperly assigned or redeemed, or in which the commission is made  
137 aware of any duplication, counterfeiting or forgery of, destruction of,  
138 duress in the assignment of or any other improper act concerning such  
139 vouchers, and the commission may order appropriate relief to remedy  
140 such situation, including, but not limited to, voucher replacement,  
141 cancellation of voucher assignment or reimbursement of any  
142 improperly obtained grant funds from the redemption of any such  
143 voucher.

144 (h) The commission shall develop and conduct a state-wide public  
145 awareness campaign to educate the public regarding the  
146 implementation of the voucher system within the Citizens' Election  
147 Program for participating candidates for nomination to the office of  
148 Governor, including, but not limited to, availability of vouchers,  
149 eligibility for issuance of vouchers, rules and procedures regarding  
150 assignment of vouchers and transparency of all aspects of the voucher  
151 system.

152 (i) The commission shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
153 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, concerning (1) the means  
154 of delivery of vouchers issued by the commission under this section to  
155 eligible contributors, (2) the means of delivery of vouchers assigned by  
156 eligible contributors under this section to participating candidates or  
157 their registered campaign representatives, including through a secure  
158 online system the commission may develop for such purpose, (3) the  
159 means of delivery of vouchers received by such candidates or  
160 representatives to the commission for purposes of redeeming such  
161 vouchers for grant funds, and (4) procedures for the general  
162 administration of the voucher system within the Citizens' Election  
163 Program.

164 (j) Not later than January 1, 2027, and quadrennially thereafter, the  
165 commission shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of  
166 the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General  
167 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections detailing  
168 relevant statistics concerning the use of vouchers in the prior year's  
169 gubernatorial race, providing an analysis of the efficacy of the voucher  
170 system described in this section and making recommendations for  
171 legislation to address any concerns identified from such analysis.

172 Sec. 2. Subdivisions (2) to (14), inclusive, of subsection (a) of section  
173 9-7b of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted  
174 in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

175 (2) To levy a civil penalty not to exceed (A) two thousand dollars per

176 offense against any person the commission finds to be in violation of  
177 any provision of chapter 145, part V of chapter 146, part I of chapter 147,  
178 chapter 148, section 7-9, section 9-12, subsection (a) of section 9-17,  
179 section 9-19b, 9-19e, 9-19g to 9-19k, inclusive, 9-20, 9-21, 9-23a, 9-23g, 9-  
180 23h, 9-23j to 9-23o, inclusive, 9-23r, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, 9-35c,  
181 9-40a, 9-42, 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56, 9-59, 9-168d, 9-170, 9-171, 9-172, 9-232i to 9-  
182 232o, inclusive, 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, 9-409, 9-410, 9-412, 9-436, 9-  
183 436a, 9-453e to 9-453h, inclusive, 9-453k or 9-453o, (B) two thousand  
184 dollars per offense against any town clerk, registrar of voters, an  
185 appointee or designee of a town clerk or registrar of voters, or any other  
186 election or primary official whom the commission finds to have failed  
187 to discharge a duty imposed by any provision of chapter 146 or 147, (C)  
188 two thousand dollars per offense against any person the commission  
189 finds to have (i) improperly voted in any election, primary or  
190 referendum, and (ii) not been legally qualified to vote in such election,  
191 primary or referendum, or (D) two thousand dollars per offense or twice  
192 the amount of any improper payment or contribution, whichever is  
193 greater, against any person the commission finds to be in violation of  
194 any provision of chapter 155 or 157 or section 1 of this act. The  
195 commission may levy a civil penalty against any person under  
196 subparagraph (A), (B), (C) or (D) of this subdivision only after giving  
197 the person an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in  
198 accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive. In the case of failure  
199 to pay any such penalty levied pursuant to this subsection within thirty  
200 days of written notice sent by certified or registered mail to such person,  
201 the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford, on application of  
202 the commission, may issue an order requiring such person to pay the  
203 penalty imposed and such court costs, state marshal's fees and  
204 attorney's fees incurred by the commission as the court may determine.  
205 Any civil penalties paid, collected or recovered under subparagraph (D)  
206 of this subdivision for a violation of any provision of chapter 155  
207 applying to the office of the Treasurer shall be deposited on a pro rata  
208 basis in any trust funds, as defined in section 3-13c, affected by such  
209 violation.

210 (3) (A) To issue an order requiring any person the commission finds  
211 to have received any contribution or payment which is prohibited by  
212 any of the provisions of chapter 155 or 157, after an opportunity to be  
213 heard at a hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions of  
214 sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, to return such contribution or  
215 payment to the donor or payor, or to remit such contribution or payment  
216 to the state for deposit in the General Fund or the Citizens' Election  
217 Fund, whichever is deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes of  
218 chapter 155 or 157, as the case may be;

219 (B) To issue an order when the commission finds that an intentional  
220 violation of any provision of chapter 155 or 157 or section 1 of this act  
221 has been committed, after an opportunity to be heard at a hearing  
222 conducted in accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, which  
223 order may contain one or more of the following sanctions: (i) Removal  
224 of a treasurer, deputy treasurer or solicitor; (ii) prohibition on serving as  
225 a treasurer, deputy treasurer or solicitor; and (iii) in the case of a party  
226 committee or a political committee, suspension of all political activities,  
227 including, but not limited to, the receipt of contributions and the making  
228 of expenditures, provided the commission may not order such a  
229 suspension unless the commission has previously ordered the removal  
230 of the treasurer and notifies the officers of the committee that the  
231 commission is considering such suspension;

232 (C) To issue an order revoking any person's eligibility to be appointed  
233 or serve as an election, primary or referendum official or unofficial  
234 checker or in any capacity at the polls on the day of an election, primary  
235 or referendum, when the commission finds such person has  
236 intentionally violated any provision of the general statutes relating to  
237 the conduct of an election, primary or referendum, after an opportunity  
238 to be heard at a hearing conducted in accordance with sections 4-176e to  
239 4-184, inclusive;

240 (D) To issue an order to enforce the provisions of the Help America  
241 Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time, as the commission  
242 deems appropriate;



243 (E) To issue an order following the commission's determination of the  
244 right of an individual to be or remain an elector when such  
245 determination is made (i) pursuant to an appeal taken to the commission  
246 from a decision of the registrars of voters or board of admission of  
247 electors under section 9-311, or (ii) following the commission's  
248 investigation pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection;

249 (F) To issue a cease and desist order for violation of any general  
250 statute or regulation under the commission's jurisdiction and to take  
251 reasonable actions necessary to compel compliance with such statute or  
252 regulation;

253 (4) To issue an order to a candidate committee that receives moneys  
254 from the Citizens' Election Fund pursuant to chapter 157 or section 1 of  
255 this act, to comply with the provisions of chapter 157 and section 1 of  
256 this act, after an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in  
257 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive;

258 (5) (A) To inspect or audit at any reasonable time and upon  
259 reasonable notice the accounts or records of any treasurer or principal  
260 treasurer, except as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this  
261 subdivision, as required by chapter 155 or 157 and to audit any such  
262 election, primary or referendum held within the state; provided, (i) (I)  
263 not later than two months preceding the day of an election at which a  
264 candidate is seeking election, the commission shall complete any audit  
265 it has initiated in the absence of a complaint that involves a committee  
266 of the same candidate from a previous election, and (II) during the two-  
267 month period preceding the day of an election at which a candidate is  
268 seeking election, the commission shall not initiate an audit in the  
269 absence of a complaint that involves a committee of the same candidate  
270 from a previous election, and (ii) the commission shall not audit any  
271 caucus, as defined in subdivision (1) of section 9-372.

272 (B) When conducting an audit after an election or primary, the  
273 commission shall randomly audit not more than fifty per cent of  
274 candidate committees, which shall be selected through the process of a

275 weighted lottery conducted by the commission that takes into account  
276 the selection frequency of a district served by the office of state senator  
277 or state representative, as applicable, for the immediately preceding  
278 three regular elections for such office and increases or decreases the  
279 likelihood that such district will be selected for audit based on such  
280 selection frequency, except that the commissioner shall audit all  
281 candidate committees for candidates for a state-wide office.

282 (C) The commission shall notify, in writing, any committee of a  
283 candidate for an office in the general election, or of any candidate who  
284 had a primary for nomination to any such office not later than May  
285 thirty-first of the year immediately following such election. In no case  
286 shall the commission audit any such candidate committee that the  
287 commission fails to provide notice to in accordance with this  
288 subparagraph;

289 (6) To attempt to secure voluntary compliance, by informal methods  
290 of conference, conciliation and persuasion, with any provision of  
291 chapter 149, 151 to 153, inclusive, 155, 156 or 157, [or] any other  
292 provision of the general statutes relating to any such election, primary  
293 or referendum or section 1 of this act;

294 (7) To consult with the Secretary of the State, the Chief State's  
295 Attorney or the Attorney General on any matter which the commission  
296 deems appropriate;

297 (8) To refer to the Chief State's Attorney evidence bearing upon  
298 violation of any provision of chapter 149, 151 to 153, inclusive, 155, 156  
299 or 157, [or] any other provision of the general statutes pertaining to or  
300 relating to any such election, primary or referendum or section 1 of this  
301 act;

302 (9) To refer to the Attorney General evidence for injunctive relief and  
303 any other ancillary equitable relief in the circumstances of subdivision  
304 (8) of this subsection. Nothing in this subdivision shall preclude a  
305 person who claims that he is aggrieved by a violation of any provision  
306 of chapter 152 or any other provision of the general statutes relating to

307 referenda from pursuing injunctive and any other ancillary equitable  
308 relief directly from the Superior Court by the filing of a complaint;

309 (10) To refer to the Attorney General evidence pertaining to any  
310 ruling which the commission finds to be in error made by election  
311 officials in connection with any election, primary or referendum. Those  
312 remedies and procedures available to parties claiming to be aggrieved  
313 under the provisions of sections 9-323, 9-324, 9-328 and 9-329a shall  
314 apply to any complaint brought by the Attorney General as a result of  
315 the provisions of this subdivision;

316 (11) To consult with the United States Department of Justice and the  
317 United States Attorney for Connecticut on any investigation pertaining  
318 to a violation of this section, section 9-12, subsection (a) of section 9-17  
319 or section 9-19b, 9-19e, 9-19g, 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, 9-21, 9-23a, 9-23g, 9-23h,  
320 9-23j to 9-23o, inclusive, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, 9-35c, 9-40a, 9-42,  
321 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56 or 9-59 and to refer to said department and attorney  
322 evidence bearing upon any such violation for prosecution under the  
323 provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as  
324 amended from time to time;

325 (12) To inspect reports filed with town clerks pursuant to chapter 155  
326 and refer to the Chief State's Attorney evidence bearing upon any  
327 violation of law therein if such violation was committed knowingly and  
328 wilfully;

329 (13) To intervene in any action brought pursuant to the provisions of  
330 sections 9-323, 9-324, 9-328 and 9-329a upon application to the court in  
331 which such action is brought when in the opinion of the court it is  
332 necessary to preserve evidence of possible criminal violation of the  
333 election laws;

334 (14) To adopt and publish regulations pursuant to chapter 54 to carry  
335 out the provisions of section 9-7a, this section, [and] chapters 155 and  
336 157 and section 1 of this act; to issue upon request and publish advisory  
337 opinions in the Connecticut Law Journal upon the requirements of  
338 chapters 155 and 157, and to make recommendations to the General

339 Assembly concerning suggested revisions of the election laws;

340 Sec. 3. Section 9-622 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
341 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

342 The following persons shall be guilty of illegal practices and shall be  
343 punished in accordance with the provisions of section 9-623:

344 (1) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or by another  
345 person, gives or offers or promises to any person any money, gift,  
346 advantage, preferment, entertainment, aid, emolument or other  
347 valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or procuring any person to  
348 sign a nominating, primary or referendum petition or to vote or refrain  
349 from voting for or against any person or for or against any measure at  
350 any election, caucus, convention, primary or referendum;

351 (2) Any person who, directly or indirectly, receives, accepts, requests  
352 or solicits from any person, committee, association, organization or  
353 corporation, any money, gift, advantage, preferment, aid, emolument or  
354 other valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or procuring any  
355 person to sign a nominating, primary or referendum petition or to vote  
356 or refrain from voting for or against any person or for or against any  
357 measure at any such election, caucus, primary or referendum;

358 (3) Any person who, in consideration of any money, gift, advantage,  
359 preferment, aid, emolument or other valuable thing paid, received,  
360 accepted or promised to the person's advantage or any other person's  
361 advantage, votes or refrains from voting for or against any person or for  
362 or against any measure at any such election, caucus, primary or  
363 referendum;

364 (4) Any person who solicits from any candidate any money, gift,  
365 contribution, emolument or other valuable thing for the purpose of  
366 using the same for the support, assistance, benefit or expenses of any  
367 club, company or organization, or for the purpose of defraying the cost  
368 or expenses of any political campaign, primary, referendum or election;

369 (5) Any person who, directly or indirectly, pays, gives, contributes or  
370 promises any money or other valuable thing to defray or towards  
371 defraying the cost or expenses of any campaign, primary, referendum  
372 or election to any person, committee, company, club, organization or  
373 association, other than to a treasurer, except that this subdivision shall  
374 not apply to any expenses for postage, telegrams, telephoning,  
375 stationery, express charges, traveling, meals, lodging or photocopying  
376 incurred by any candidate for office or for nomination to office, so far as  
377 may be permitted under the provisions of this chapter;

378 (6) Any person who, in order to secure or promote the person's own  
379 nomination or election as a candidate, or that of any other person,  
380 directly or indirectly, promises to appoint, or promises to secure or  
381 assist in securing the appointment, nomination or election of any other  
382 person to any public position, or to any position of honor, trust or  
383 emolument; but any person may publicly announce the person's own  
384 choice or purpose in relation to any appointment, nomination or  
385 election in which the person may be called to take part, if the person is  
386 nominated for or elected to such office;

387 (7) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or through  
388 another person, makes a payment or promise of payment to a treasurer  
389 in a name other than the person's own, and any treasurer who  
390 knowingly receives a payment or promise of payment, or enters or  
391 causes the same to be entered in the person's accounts in any other name  
392 than that of the person by whom such payment or promise of payment  
393 is made;

394 (8) Any person who knowingly and wilfully violates any provision  
395 of this chapter;

396 (9) Any person who offers or receives a cash contribution in excess of  
397 one hundred dollars to promote the success or defeat of any political  
398 party, candidate or referendum question;

399 (10) Any person who solicits, makes or receives a contribution that is  
400 otherwise prohibited by any provision of this chapter;

401 (11) Any department head or deputy department head of a state  
402 department who solicits a contribution on behalf of, or for the benefit of,  
403 any candidate for state, district or municipal office or any political party;

404 (12) Any municipal employee who solicits a contribution on behalf  
405 of, or for the benefit of, any candidate for state, district or municipal  
406 office, any political committee or any political party, from (A) an  
407 individual under the supervision of such employee, or (B) the spouse or  
408 a dependent child of such individual;

409 (13) Any person who makes an expenditure, that is not an  
410 independent expenditure, for a candidate without the knowledge of  
411 such candidate. No candidate shall be civilly or criminally liable with  
412 regard to any such expenditure;

413 (14) Any chief of staff of a legislative caucus who solicits a  
414 contribution on behalf of or for the benefit of any candidate for state,  
415 district or municipal office from an employee of the legislative caucus;

416 (15) Any chief of staff for a state-wide elected official who solicits a  
417 contribution on behalf of or for the benefit of any candidate for state,  
418 district or municipal office from a member of such official's staff; [or]

419 (16) Any chief of staff for the Governor or Lieutenant Governor who  
420 solicits a contribution on behalf of or for the benefit of any candidate for  
421 state, district or municipal office from a member of the staff of the  
422 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or from any commissioner or deputy  
423 commissioner of any state agency;

424 (17) Any person who purchases or attempts to purchase, sells or  
425 attempts to sell, pays or attempts to pay consideration for, conveys or  
426 attempts to convey for consideration or receives or attempts to receive  
427 consideration for any voucher issued under section 1 of this act;

428 (18) Any person who obtains or exerts, or attempts to obtain or exert,  
429 unauthorized control over an individual to whom a voucher was issued  
430 under section 1 of this act, with intent to deprive such individual or a

431 prospective assignee of such voucher;

432 (19) Any person who, with intent to injure or defraud, attempts to  
433 falsely make, complete or alter a voucher issued under section 1 of this  
434 act or such voucher's assignment, or possess, utter, offer, dispose of or  
435 put off as true a voucher or written assigned voucher that such person  
436 knows is forged;

437 (20) Any person who, being other than the valid assignee of a voucher  
438 issued under section 1 of this act, receives, retains, possesses, conceals  
439 or disposes of a voucher issued to an individual knowing such voucher  
440 has been stolen and withholds or appropriates such voucher to the use  
441 of any person other than the individual to whom such voucher was  
442 issued; or

443 (21) Any person who attempts to sell, transfer, distribute, dispense or  
444 otherwise dispose of a stolen voucher issued under section 1 of this act,  
445 which voucher rightfully belongs to the individual to whom such  
446 voucher was issued or to the valid assignee of such voucher, or attempts  
447 to buy, receive, possess or obtain control of such a voucher with intent  
448 to sell, transfer, distribute, dispense or otherwise dispose of any such  
449 voucher.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 2	January 1, 2024	9-7b(a)(2) to (14)
Sec. 3	January 1, 2024	9-622

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) create within the Citizens' Election Program a voucher system for the purpose of making grant moneys available to participating candidates for Governor prior to the state conventions, (2) establish the State Elections Enforcement Commission's jurisdiction over the administration of such system, and (3) set forth certain illegal practices with regard to the use of vouchers issued under such system.

*[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.]*