

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1524

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2018 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman ANDREW ZWICKER**

**District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)**

**Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Assemblywoman SHAVONDA E. SUMTER**

**District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

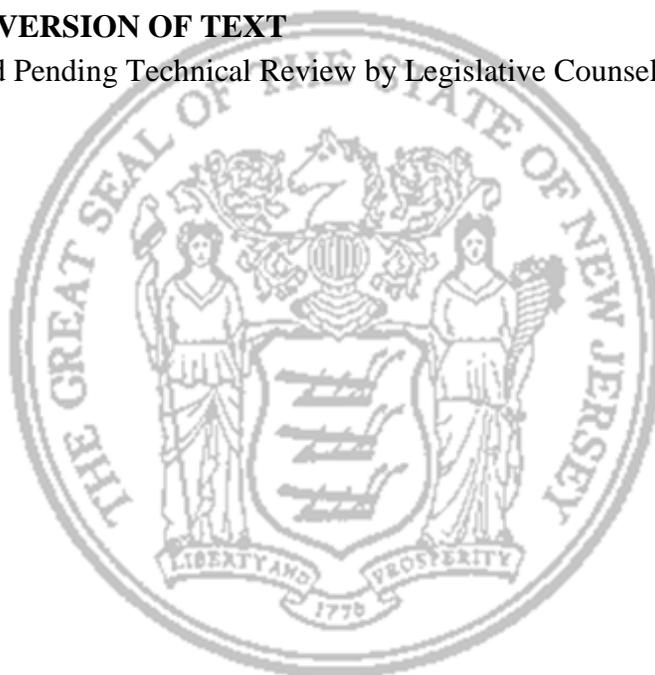
**Assemblymen DeAngelo, Mukherji, Chiaravalloti, Assemblywoman Schepisi and Assemblyman Johnson**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires disclosure by independent expenditure committees; raises certain campaign contribution limits; repeals ban on certain intraparty fund transfers.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/19/2019)**

A1524 ZWICKER, BENSON

2

1 AN ACT concerning campaign finance disclosures and limits,  
2 amending various parts of the statutory law and repealing section  
3 13 of P.L.2004, c.19.

4  
5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

7  
8 1. Section 3 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-3) is amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 3. As used in this act, unless a different meaning clearly  
11 appears from the context:

12 a. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1993, c.65.)

13 b. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1993, c.65.)

14 c. The term "candidate" means: (1) an individual seeking  
15 election to a public office of the State or of a county, municipality  
16 or school district at an election; except that the term shall not  
17 include an individual seeking party office; (2) an individual who  
18 shall have been elected or failed of election to an office, other than  
19 a party office, for which he sought election and who receives  
20 contributions and makes expenditures for any of the purposes  
21 authorized by section 17 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.2) during  
22 the period of his service in that office; and (3) an individual who  
23 has received funds or other benefits or has made payments solely  
24 for the purpose of determining whether the individual should  
25 become a candidate as defined in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this  
26 subsection.

27 d. The terms "contributions" and "expenditures" include all  
28 loans and transfers of money or other thing of value to or by any  
29 candidate, candidate committee, joint candidates committee,  
30 political committee, continuing political committee, independent  
31 expenditure committee, political party committee or legislative  
32 leadership committee, and all pledges or other commitments or  
33 assumptions of liability to make any such transfer; and for purposes  
34 of reports required under the provisions of this act shall be deemed  
35 to have been made upon the date when such commitment is made or  
36 liability assumed.

37 e. The term "election" means any election described in section  
38 4 of this act.

39 f. The term "paid personal services" means personal, clerical,  
40 administrative or professional services of every kind and nature  
41 including, without limitation, public relations, research, legal,  
42 canvassing, telephone, speech writing or other such services,  
43 performed other than on a voluntary basis, the salary, cost or  
44 consideration for which is paid, borne or provided by someone  
45 other than the committee, candidate or organization for whom such

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 services are rendered. In determining the value, for the purpose of  
2 reports required under this act, of contributions made in the form of  
3 paid personal services, the person contributing such services shall  
4 furnish to the treasurer through whom such contribution is made a  
5 statement setting forth the actual amount of compensation paid by  
6 said contributor to the individuals actually performing said services  
7 for the performance thereof. But if any individual or individuals  
8 actually performing such services also performed for the contributor  
9 other services during the same period, and the manner of payment  
10 was such that payment for the services contributed cannot readily  
11 be segregated from contemporary payment for the other services,  
12 the contributor shall in his statement to the treasurer so state and  
13 shall either (1) set forth his best estimate of the dollar amount of  
14 payment to each such individual which is attributable to the  
15 contribution of his paid personal services, and shall certify the  
16 substantial accuracy of the same, or (2) if unable to determine such  
17 amount with sufficient accuracy, set forth the total compensation  
18 paid by him to each such individual for the period of time during  
19 which the services contributed by him were performed. If any  
20 candidate is a holder of public office to whom there is attached or  
21 assigned, by virtue of said office, any aide or aides whose services  
22 are of a personal or confidential nature in assisting him to carry out  
23 the duties of said office, and whose salary or other compensation is  
24 paid in whole or part out of public funds, the services of such aide  
25 or aides which are paid for out of public funds shall be for public  
26 purposes only; but they may contribute their personal services, on a  
27 voluntary basis, to such candidate for election campaign purposes.

28 g. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1983, c.579.)

29 h. The term "political information" means any statement  
30 including, but not limited to, press releases, pamphlets, newsletters,  
31 advertisements, flyers, form letters, or radio or television programs  
32 or advertisements which reflects the opinion of the members of the  
33 organization on any candidate or candidates for public office, on  
34 any public question, or which contains facts on any such candidate,  
35 or public question whether or not such facts are within the personal  
36 knowledge of members of the organization.

37 i. The term "political committee" means any two or more  
38 persons acting jointly, or any corporation, partnership, or any other  
39 incorporated or unincorporated association which is organized to, or  
40 does, aid or promote the nomination, election or defeat of any  
41 candidate or candidates for public office, or which is organized to,  
42 or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public question in  
43 any election, if the persons, corporation, partnership or incorporated  
44 or unincorporated association raises or expends ~~【\$1,000.00】~~ \$2,400  
45 or more to so aid or promote the nomination, election or defeat of a  
46 candidate or candidates or the passage or defeat of a public  
47 question; provided that for the purposes of this act, the term  
48 "political committee" shall not include a "continuing political

1 committee," as defined by subsection n. of this section, a "political  
2 party committee," as defined by subsection p. of this section, a  
3 "candidate committee," as defined by subsection q. of this section, a  
4 "joint candidates committee," as defined by subsection r. of this  
5 section **[or]**, a "legislative leadership committee," as defined by  
6 subsection s. of this section, or an "independent expenditure  
7 committee," as defined by subsection t. of this section.

8 j. The term "public solicitation" means any activity by or on  
9 behalf of any candidate, political committee, continuing political  
10 committee, candidate committee, joint candidates committee,  
11 legislative leadership committee, independent expenditure  
12 committee, or political party committee whereby either (1)  
13 members of the general public are personally solicited for cash  
14 contributions not exceeding \$20.00 from each person so solicited  
15 and contributed on the spot by the person so solicited to a person  
16 soliciting or through a receptacle provided for the purpose of  
17 depositing contributions, or (2) members of the general public are  
18 personally solicited for the purchase of items having some tangible  
19 value as merchandise, at a price not exceeding \$20.00 per item,  
20 which price is paid on the spot in cash by the person so solicited to  
21 the person so soliciting, when the net proceeds of such solicitation  
22 are to be used by or on behalf of such candidate, political  
23 committee, continuing political committee, candidate committee,  
24 joint candidates committee, legislative leadership committee, independent expenditure committee, or political party committee.

25 k. The term "testimonial affair" means an affair of any kind or  
26 nature including, without limitation, cocktail parties, breakfasts,  
27 luncheons, dinners, dances, picnics or similar affairs directly or  
28 indirectly intended to raise campaign funds in behalf of a person  
29 who holds, or who is or was a candidate for nomination or election  
30 to a public office in this State, or directly or indirectly intended to  
31 raise funds in behalf of any political party committee or in behalf of  
32 a political committee, continuing political committee, candidate  
33 committee, joint candidates committee, independent expenditure  
34 committee, or legislative leadership committee.

35 l. The term "other thing of value" means any item of real or  
36 personal property, tangible or intangible, but shall not be deemed to  
37 include personal services other than paid personal services.

38 m. The term "qualified candidate" means:

39 (1) Joint candidates for election to the offices of Governor and  
40 Lieutenant Governor whose names appear on the general election  
41 ballot; who have deposited and expended \$150,000.00 pursuant to  
42 section 7 of P.L.1974, c.26 (C.19:44A-32); and who, not later than  
43 September 1 preceding a general election in which the offices of  
44 Governor and Lieutenant Governor are to be filled, (a) notify the  
45 Election Law Enforcement Commission in writing that the  
46 candidates intend that application will be made on the candidates'  
47 behalf for monies for general election campaign expenses under  
48

1 subsection b. of section 8 of P.L.1974, c.26 (C.19:44A-33), and (b)  
2 sign a statement of agreement, in a form to be prescribed by the  
3 commission, to participate in interactive gubernatorial election  
4 debates under the provisions of sections 9 through 11 of P.L.1989,  
5 c.4 (C.19:44A-45 through C.19:44A-47); or

6 (2) Joint candidates for election to the offices of Governor and  
7 Lieutenant Governor whose names do not appear on the general  
8 election ballot; who have deposited and expended \$150,000.00  
9 pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1974, c.26 (C.19:44A-32); and who,  
10 not later than September 1 preceding a general election in which the  
11 offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor are to be filled, (a)  
12 notify the Election Law Enforcement Commission in writing that  
13 the candidates intend that application will be made on the  
14 candidates' behalf for monies for general election campaign  
15 expenses under subsection b. of section 8 of P.L.1974, c.26  
16 (C.19:44A-33), and (b) sign a statement of agreement, in a form to  
17 be prescribed by the commission, to participate in interactive  
18 gubernatorial election debates under the provisions of sections 9  
19 through 11 of P.L.1989, c.4 (C.19:44A-45 through C.19:44A-47);  
20 or

21 (3) Any candidate for nomination for election to the office of  
22 Governor whose name appears on the primary election ballot; who  
23 has deposited and expended \$150,000.00 pursuant to section 7 of  
24 P.L.1974, c.26 (C.19:44A-32); and who, not later than the last day  
25 for filing petitions to nominate candidates to be voted upon in a  
26 primary election for a general election in which the office of  
27 Governor is to be filled, (a) notifies the Election Law Enforcement  
28 Commission in writing that the candidate intends that application  
29 will be made on the candidate's behalf for monies for primary  
30 election campaign expenses under subsection a. of section 8 of  
31 P.L.1974, c.26 (C.19:44A-33), and (b) signs a statement of  
32 agreement, in a form to be prescribed by the commission, to  
33 participate in two interactive gubernatorial primary debates under  
34 the provisions of sections 9 through 11 of P.L.1989, c.4 (C.19:44A-  
35 45 through C.19:44A-47); or

36 (4) Any candidate for nomination for election to the office of  
37 Governor whose name does not appear on the primary election  
38 ballot; who has deposited and expended \$150,000.00 pursuant to  
39 section 7 of P.L.1974, c.26 (C.19:44A-32); and who, not later than  
40 the last day for filing petitions to nominate candidates to be voted  
41 upon in a primary election for a general election in which the office  
42 of Governor is to be filled, (a) notifies the Election Law  
43 Enforcement Commission in writing that the candidate intends that  
44 application will be made on the candidate's behalf for monies for  
45 primary election campaign expenses under subsection a. of section  
46 8 of P.L.1974, c.26 (C.19:44A-33), and (b) signs a statement of  
47 agreement, in a form to be prescribed by the commission, to  
48 participate in two interactive gubernatorial primary debates under

1 the provisions of sections 9 through 11 of P.L.1989, c.4 (C.19:44A-  
2 45 through C.19:44A-47).

3 n. The term "continuing political committee" means any group  
4 of two or more persons acting jointly, or any corporation,  
5 partnership, or any other incorporated or unincorporated  
6 association, including a political club, political action committee,  
7 civic association or other organization, which in any calendar year  
8 contributes or expects to contribute at least ~~【\$2,500.00】~~ \$5,500 to  
9 the aid or promotion of the candidacy of an individual, or of the  
10 candidacies of individuals, for elective public office, or the passage  
11 or defeat of a public question or public questions, and which may be  
12 expected to make contributions toward such aid or promotion or  
13 passage or defeat during a subsequent election, provided that the  
14 group, corporation, partnership, association or other organization  
15 has been determined to be a continuing political committee under  
16 subsection b. of section 8 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-8); provided  
17 that for the purposes of this act, the term "continuing political  
18 committee" shall not include a "political party committee," as  
19 defined by subsection p. of this section, **【or】** a "legislative  
20 leadership committee," as defined by subsection s. of this section,  
21 or an "independent expenditure committee," as defined by  
22 subsection t. of this section.

23 o. The term "statement of agreement" means a written  
24 declaration, by a candidate for nomination for election to the office  
25 of Governor, or by joint candidates for election to the offices of  
26 Governor and Lieutenant Governor who intend that application will  
27 be made on behalf of the candidate for the office of Governor to  
28 receive monies for the primary election or on behalf of the  
29 candidates for the office of Governor and the office of Lieutenant  
30 Governor for general election campaign expenses under subsection  
31 a. or subsection b., respectively, of section 8 of P.L.1974, c.26  
32 (C.19:44A-33), that the candidates undertake to abide by the terms  
33 of any rules established by any private organization sponsoring a  
34 gubernatorial primary or general election debate, as appropriate, to  
35 be held under the provisions of sections 9 through 11 of  
36 P.L.1989, c.4 (C.19:44A-45 through C.19:44A-47) and in which the  
37 candidates are to participate. The statement of agreement shall  
38 include an acknowledgment of notice to the candidates who sign it  
39 that failure on the candidates' part to participate in any of the  
40 gubernatorial debates may be cause for the termination of the  
41 payment of such monies on the candidates' behalf and for the  
42 imposition of liability for the return to the commission of such  
43 monies as may previously have been so paid.

44 p. The term "political party committee" means the State  
45 committee of a political party, as organized pursuant to R.S.19:5-4,  
46 any county committee of a political party, as organized pursuant to  
47 R.S.19:5-3, or any municipal committee of a political party, as  
48 organized pursuant to R.S.19:5-2.

1 q. The term "candidate committee" means a committee  
2 established pursuant to subsection a. of section 9 of P.L.1973, c.83  
3 (C.19:44A-9) for the purpose of receiving contributions and making  
4 expenditures.

5 r. The term "joint candidates committee" means a committee  
6 established pursuant to subsection a. of section 9 of P.L.1973, c.83  
7 (C.19:44A-9) by at least two candidates for the same elective public  
8 offices in the same election in a legislative district, county,  
9 municipality or school district, but not more candidates than the  
10 total number of the same elective public offices to be filled in that  
11 election, for the purpose of receiving contributions and making  
12 expenditures. For the purpose of this subsection: the offices of  
13 member of the Senate and members of the General Assembly shall  
14 be deemed to be the same elective public offices in a legislative  
15 district; the offices of member of the board of chosen freeholders  
16 and county executive shall be deemed to be the same elective public  
17 offices in a county; and the offices of mayor and member of the  
18 municipal governing body shall be deemed to be the same elective  
19 public offices in a municipality.

20 s. The term "legislative leadership committee" means a  
21 committee established, authorized to be established, or designated  
22 by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate,  
23 the Speaker of the General Assembly or the Minority Leader of the  
24 General Assembly pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1993, c.65  
25 (C.19:44A-10.1) for the purpose of receiving contributions and  
26 making expenditures.

27 t. The term "independent expenditure committee" means a  
28 person, a group of two or more persons, or an organization  
29 organized under section 527 of the federal Internal Revenue Code  
30 (26 U.S.C. s.527) or under paragraph (4) of subsection c. of section  
31 501 of the federal Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. s.501) that  
32 does not fall within the definition of any other organization subject  
33 to the provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.), that  
34 engages in influencing or attempting to influence the outcome of  
35 any election or the nomination, election, or defeat of any person to  
36 any State or local elective public office, or the passage or defeat of  
37 any public question, or in providing political information on any  
38 candidate or public question, and raises or expends \$3,000 or more  
39 in the aggregate for any such purpose annually, but does not  
40 coordinate its activities with any candidate or political party.

41 u. The term "electioneering communication" means any  
42 communication that has a value of at least \$10,000 and refers to: (1)  
43 a clearly identified candidate for office and promotes or supports a  
44 candidate for that office or opposes a candidate for that office,  
45 regardless of whether the communication expressly advocates a  
46 vote for or against a candidate; or (2) a public question and  
47 promotes or supports the passage or defeat of that question,  
48 regardless of whether the communication expressly advocates a

1 vote for or against the passage of the question. The term includes  
2 communications published in any newspaper or periodical;  
3 broadcast on radio, television, or the Internet, or any public address  
4 system; placed on any billboard, outdoor facility, button, motor  
5 vehicle, window display, poster, card, pamphlet, leaflet, flyer, or  
6 other circular; or contained in any direct mailing, robotic phone  
7 calls, or mass e-mails.

8 v. The term “independent expenditure” means an expenditure  
9 by a person expressly advocating, or the functional equivalent  
10 thereof, the election or defeat of: (1) a clearly identified candidate  
11 that is not made in concert or cooperation with or at the request or  
12 suggestion of the candidate, the candidate’s committee, a political  
13 party committee, or an agent thereof; or (2) a public question that is  
14 not made in concert or cooperation with or at the request or  
15 suggestion of the sponsors, organizers, or committee supporting or  
16 opposing the question, a political party, or agents thereof. The  
17 “functional equivalent” of expressly advocating means specific  
18 advocacy that can be interpreted by a reasonable person as  
19 advocating the election or defeat of a candidate, or the passage or  
20 defeat of a public question, taking into account whether the  
21 communication involved mentions a candidate, a political party, or  
22 a challenger to a candidate, or takes a position on a candidate’s  
23 character, qualifications, or fitness for office, or that can be  
24 interpreted by a reasonable person as taking a position on the merits  
25 of a public question or taking a position in favor or against the  
26 passage or defeat of a public question.

27 (cf: P.L.2009, c.66, s.5)

28  
29 2. Section 8 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-8) is amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 8. a. (1) Each political committee shall make a full cumulative  
32 report, upon a form prescribed by the Election Law Enforcement  
33 Commission, of all contributions in the form of moneys, loans, paid  
34 personal services, or other things of value made to it and all  
35 expenditures made, incurred, or authorized by it in furtherance of  
36 the nomination, election, or defeat of any candidate, or in aid of the  
37 passage or defeat of any public question, or to provide political  
38 information on any candidate or public question, during the period  
39 ending 48 hours preceding the date of the report and beginning on  
40 the date on which the first of those contributions was received or  
41 the first of those expenditures was made, whichever occurred first.  
42 The cumulative report, except as hereinafter provided, shall contain  
43 the name and mailing address of each person or group from whom  
44 moneys, loans, paid personal services or other things of value have  
45 been contributed since 48 hours preceding the date on which the  
46 previous such report was made and the amount contributed by each  
47 person or group, and where the contributor is an individual, the  
48 report shall indicate the occupation of the individual and the name

1 and mailing address of the individual's employer. In the case of any  
2 loan reported pursuant to this subsection, the report shall contain  
3 the name and mailing address of each person who has cosigned such  
4 loan since 48 hours preceding the date on which the previous such  
5 report was made, and where an individual has cosigned such loans,  
6 the report shall indicate the occupation of the individual and the  
7 name and mailing address of the individual's employer. The  
8 cumulative report shall also contain the name and address of each  
9 person, firm or organization to whom expenditures have been paid  
10 since 48 hours preceding the date on which the previous such report  
11 was made and the amount and purpose of each such expenditure.  
12 The cumulative report shall be filed with the Election Law  
13 Enforcement Commission on the dates designated in section 16  
14 hereof.

15 The campaign treasurer of the political committee reporting shall  
16 certify to the correctness of each report.

17 Each campaign treasurer of a political committee shall file  
18 written notice with the commission of a contribution in excess of  
19 **[\$500]** \$1,400 received during the period between the 13th day  
20 prior to the election and the date of the election, and of an  
21 expenditure of money or other thing of value in excess of **[\$500]**  
22 \$1,400 made, incurred or authorized by the political committee to  
23 support or defeat a candidate in an election, or to aid the passage or  
24 defeat of any public question, during the period between the 13th  
25 day prior to the election and the date of the election. The notice of  
26 a contribution shall be filed in writing or by **[telegram]** electronic  
27 transmission within 48 hours of the receipt of the contribution and  
28 shall set forth the amount and date of the contribution, the name and  
29 mailing address of the contributor, and where the contributor is an  
30 individual, the individual's occupation and the name and mailing  
31 address of the individual's employer. The notice of an expenditure  
32 shall be filed in writing or by **[telegram]** electronic transmission  
33 within 48 hours of the making, incurring or authorization of the  
34 expenditure and shall set forth the name and mailing address of the  
35 person, firm or organization to whom or which the expenditure was  
36 paid and the amount and purpose of the expenditure.

37 (2) When a political committee or an individual seeking party  
38 office makes or authorizes an expenditure on behalf of a candidate,  
39 it shall provide immediate written notification to the candidate of  
40 the expenditure.

41 b. (1) A group of two or more persons acting jointly, or any  
42 corporation, partnership, or any other incorporated or  
43 unincorporated association including a political club, political  
44 action committee, civic association or other organization, which in  
45 any calendar year contributes or expects to contribute at least  
46 **[\$2,500.00]** \$5,500 to the aid or promotion of the candidacy of an  
47 individual, or of the candidacies of individuals, for elective public

1 office or the passage or defeat of a public question or public  
2 questions and which expects to make contributions toward such aid  
3 or promotion, or toward such passage or defeat, during a subsequent  
4 election shall certify that fact to the commission, and the  
5 commission, upon receiving that certification and on the basis of  
6 any information as it may require of the group, corporation,  
7 partnership, association or other organization, shall determine  
8 whether the group, corporation, partnership, association or other  
9 organization is a continuing political committee for the purposes of  
10 this act. If the commission determines that the group, corporation,  
11 partnership, association or other organization is a continuing  
12 political committee, it shall so notify that continuing political  
13 committee.

14 No person serving as the chairman of a political party committee  
15 or a legislative leadership committee shall be eligible to be  
16 appointed or to serve as the chairman of a continuing political  
17 committee.

18 (2) A continuing political committee shall file with the Election  
19 Law Enforcement Commission, not later than April 15, July 15,  
20 October 15 and January 15 of each calendar year, a cumulative  
21 quarterly report of all moneys, loans, paid personal services or other  
22 things of value contributed to it during the period ending on the  
23 15th day preceding that date and commencing on January 1 of that  
24 calendar year or, in the case of the cumulative quarterly report to be  
25 filed not later than January 15, of the previous calendar year, and all  
26 expenditures made, incurred, or authorized by it during the period,  
27 whether or not such expenditures were made, incurred or authorized  
28 in furtherance of the election or defeat of any candidate, or in aid of  
29 the passage or defeat of any public question or to provide  
30 information on any candidate or public question.

31 The cumulative quarterly report shall contain the name and  
32 mailing address of each person or group from whom moneys, loans,  
33 paid personal services or other things of value have been  
34 contributed and the amount contributed by each person or group,  
35 and where an individual has made such contributions, the report  
36 shall indicate the occupation of the individual and the name and  
37 mailing address of the individual's employer. In the case of any  
38 loan reported pursuant to this subsection, the report shall contain  
39 the name and address of each person who cosigns such loan, and  
40 where an individual has cosigned such loans, the report shall  
41 indicate the occupation of the individual and the name and mailing  
42 address of the individual's employer. The report shall also contain  
43 the name and address of each person, firm or organization to whom  
44 expenditures have been paid and the amount and purpose of each  
45 such expenditure. The treasurer of the continuing political  
46 committee reporting shall certify to the correctness of each  
47 cumulative quarterly report.

1 Each continuing political committee shall provide immediate  
2 written notification to each candidate of all expenditures made or  
3 authorized on behalf of the candidate.

4 If any continuing political committee submitting cumulative  
5 quarterly reports as provided under this subsection receives a  
6 contribution from a single source of more than **[\$500]** \$1,400 after  
7 the final day of a quarterly reporting period and on or before a  
8 primary, general, municipal, school or special election which occurs  
9 after that final day but prior to the final day of the next reporting  
10 period it shall, in writing or by **[telegram]** electronic transmission,  
11 report that contribution to the commission within 48 hours of the  
12 receipt thereof, including in that report the amount and date of the  
13 contribution; the name and mailing address of the contributor; and  
14 where the contributor is an individual, the individual's occupation  
15 and the name and mailing address of the individual's employer. If  
16 any continuing political committee makes or authorizes an  
17 expenditure of money or other thing of value in excess of **[\$500]**  
18 \$1,400, or incurs any obligation therefor, to support or defeat a  
19 candidate in an election, or to aid the passage or defeat of any  
20 public question, after March 31 and on or before the day of the  
21 primary election, or after September 30 and on or before the day of  
22 the general election, it shall, in writing or by **[telegram]** electronic  
23 transmission, report that expenditure to the commission within 48  
24 hours of the making, authorizing or incurring thereof.

25 A continuing political committee which ceases making  
26 contributions toward the aiding or promoting of the candidacy of an  
27 individual, or of the candidacies of individuals, for elective public  
28 office in this State or the passage or defeat of a public question or  
29 public questions in this State shall certify that fact in writing to the  
30 commission, and that certification shall be accompanied by a final  
31 accounting of any fund relating to such aiding or promoting  
32 including the final disposition of any balance in such fund at the  
33 time of dissolution. Until that certification has been filed, the  
34 committee shall continue to file the quarterly reports as provided  
35 under this subsection.

36 c. Each political party committee **[and each]**, legislative  
37 leadership committee, and independent expenditure committee shall  
38 file with the Election Law Enforcement Commission, not later than  
39 April 15, July 15, October 15 and January 15 of each calendar year,  
40 a cumulative quarterly report of all moneys, loans, paid personal  
41 services or other things of value contributed to it during the period  
42 ending on the 15th day preceding that date and commencing on  
43 January 1 of that calendar year or, in the case of the cumulative  
44 quarterly report to be filed not later than January 15, of the previous  
45 calendar year, and all expenditures made, incurred, or authorized by  
46 it during the period, whether or not such expenditures were made,  
47 incurred or authorized in furtherance of the election or defeat of any

1 candidate, or in aid of the passage or defeat of any public question  
2 or to provide information on any candidate or public question.

3 The cumulative quarterly report shall contain the name and  
4 mailing address of each person or group from whom moneys, loans,  
5 paid personal services or other things of value have been  
6 contributed and the amount contributed by each person or group,  
7 and where an individual has made such contributions, the report  
8 shall indicate the occupation of the individual and the name and  
9 mailing address of the individual's employer. In the case of any  
10 loan reported pursuant to this subsection, the report shall contain  
11 the name and address of each person who cosigns such loan, and  
12 where an individual has cosigned such loans, the report shall  
13 indicate the occupation of the individual and the name and mailing  
14 address of the individual's employer. The report shall also contain  
15 the name and address of each person, firm or organization to whom  
16 expenditures have been paid and the amount and purpose of each  
17 such expenditure. The treasurer of the political party committee or  
18 legislative leadership committee reporting shall certify to the  
19 correctness of each cumulative quarterly report.

20 **[If]** d. (1) Each independent expenditure committee shall  
21 make a full cumulative report, upon a form prescribed by the  
22 Election Law Enforcement Commission, of all contributions  
23 received in excess of \$300 in the form of moneys, loans, paid  
24 personal services, or other things of value made to it, and of all  
25 expenditures in excess of \$300 made, incurred, or authorized by it  
26 in influencing or attempting to influence the outcome of any  
27 election or the nomination, election, or defeat of any person to State  
28 or local elective public office or the passage or defeat of any public  
29 question, or in providing political information on any candidate or  
30 public question, during the period ending 48 hours preceding the  
31 date of the report and beginning on the date on which the first of  
32 those contributions was received or the first of those expenditures  
33 was made, whichever occurred first. The cumulative report, except  
34 as hereinafter provided, shall contain the name and mailing address  
35 of each person or group from whom moneys, loans, paid personal  
36 services or other things of value have been contributed since 48  
37 hours preceding the date on which such previous report was made  
38 and the amount contributed by each person or group in excess of  
39 \$300, and when the contributor is an individual, the report shall  
40 indicate the occupation of the individual and the name and mailing  
41 address of the individual's employer. In the case of any loan  
42 reported pursuant to this subsection, the report shall contain the  
43 name and mailing address of each person who has cosigned such  
44 loan since 48 hours preceding the date on which the previous such  
45 report was made, and when an individual has cosigned such loans,  
46 the report shall indicate the occupation of the individual and the  
47 name and mailing address of the individual's employer. The  
48 cumulative report shall also contain the name and address of each

1 person, firm, or organization to whom expenditures have been paid  
2 since 48 hours preceding the date on which the previous such report  
3 was made and the amount and purpose of each such expenditure.  
4 The cumulative report shall be filed with the Election Law  
5 Enforcement Commission on the dates designated in section 16 of  
6 P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-16).

7 (2) An independent expenditure committee shall disclose all  
8 expenditures made by it in excess of \$300, including, but not  
9 limited to, for electioneering communications, voter registration,  
10 get-out-the-vote efforts, polling, and research. The disclosures  
11 required by this paragraph shall be reported to the Election Law  
12 Enforcement Commission on the same schedule as required for  
13 political committees and continuing political committees pursuant  
14 to this section.

15 The treasurer of the reporting independent expenditure  
16 committee shall certify the correctness of each report and shall  
17 maintain all records of contributions and expenditures for a period  
18 of not less than four years.

19 e. When a political party committee [or a], legislative  
20 leadership committee [submitting cumulative quarterly reports as  
21 provided under this subsection] or independent expenditure  
22 committee receives a contribution from a single source of more than  
23 [\$500] \$1,400 after the final day of a quarterly reporting period  
24 and on or before a primary, general, municipal, school, or special  
25 election which occurs after that final day but prior to the final day  
26 of the next reporting period it shall, in writing or by [telegram]  
27 electronic transmission, report that contribution to the commission  
28 within 48 hours of the receipt thereof, including in that report the  
29 amount and date of the contribution; the name and mailing address  
30 of the contributor; and where the contributor is an individual, the  
31 individual's occupation and the name and mailing address of the  
32 individual's employer. [If] When a political party committee [or  
33 a], legislative leadership committee [submitting cumulative  
34 quarterly reports as provided under this subsection] , or an  
35 independent expenditure committee makes or authorizes an  
36 expenditure of money or other thing of value in excess of [\$800]  
37 \$1,400, or incurs any obligation therefor, to support or defeat a  
38 candidate in an election, or to aid the passage or defeat of any  
39 public question, after March 31 and on or before the day of the  
40 primary election, or after September 30 and on or before the day of  
41 the general election, it shall, in writing or by [telegram] electronic  
42 transmission, report that expenditure to the commission within 48  
43 hours of the making, authorizing or incurring thereof.

44 [d.] f. In any report filed pursuant to the provisions of this  
45 section the organization or committee reporting may exclude from  
46 the report the name of and other information relating to any  
47 contributor whose contributions during the period covered by the

1 report did not exceed \$300, provided, however, that (1) such  
2 exclusion is unlawful if any person responsible for the preparation  
3 or filing of the report knew that it was made with respect to any  
4 person whose contributions relating to the same election or issue  
5 and made to the reporting organization or committee aggregate, in  
6 combination with the contribution in respect of which such  
7 exclusion is made, more than \$300 and (2) any person who  
8 knowingly prepares, assists in preparing, files or acquiesces in the  
9 filing of any report from which the identification of a contributor  
10 has been excluded contrary to the provisions of this section is  
11 subject to the provisions of section 21 of **[this act]** P.L.1973, c.83  
12 (C.19:44A-21), but (3) nothing in this proviso shall be construed as  
13 requiring any committee or organization reporting pursuant to this  
14 act to report the amounts, dates or other circumstantial data  
15 regarding contributions made to any other organization or political  
16 committee, political party committee or campaign organization of a  
17 candidate.

18 g. Any report filed pursuant to the provisions of this section  
19 shall include an itemized accounting of all receipts and  
20 expenditures relative to any testimonial affairs held since the date  
21 of the most recent report filed, which accounting shall include the  
22 name and mailing address of each contributor in excess of \$300 to  
23 such testimonial affair and the amount contributed by each; in the  
24 case of an individual contributor, the occupation of the individual  
25 and the name and mailing address of the individual's employer; the  
26 expenses incurred; and the disposition of the proceeds of such  
27 testimonial affair.

28 The \$300 limit established in this subsection shall remain as  
29 stated in this subsection without further adjustment by the  
30 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993,  
31 c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).

32 (cf: P.L.2004, c.33, s.1)

33

34 3. Section 21 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-8.1) is amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 21. a. Each political committee, as defined in subsection i. of  
37 section 3 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-3), which aids or promotes  
38 the nomination for election or the election of a candidate or the  
39 passage or defeat of a public question, each independent  
40 expenditure committee, as defined in subsection t. of section 3 of  
41 P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-3), each continuing political committee  
42 as defined in subsection n. of section 3 of P.L.1973, c.83, and each  
43 legislative leadership committee as defined in subsection s. of  
44 section 3 of P.L.1973, c.83, shall submit to the commission a  
45 statement of registration which includes:

46 (1) the complete name or identifying title of the committee and  
47 the general category of entity or entities, including but not limited  
48 to business organizations, labor organizations, professional or trade

1 associations, candidate for or holder of public office, political party,  
2 ideological grouping or civic association, the interests of which are  
3 shared by the leadership, members, or financial supporters of the  
4 committee;

5 (2) the mailing address of the committee and the name and  
6 resident address of a resident of this State who shall have been  
7 designated by the committee as its agent to accept service of  
8 process; and

9 (3) a descriptive statement prepared by the organizers or officers  
10 of the committee that identifies (a) the names and mailing addresses  
11 of the persons having control over the affairs of the committee,  
12 including but not limited to persons in whose name or at whose  
13 direction or suggestion the committee solicits funds, and persons  
14 participating in any decision to make a contribution of such funds to  
15 any candidate, political committee or continuing political  
16 committee and, in the case of an independent expenditure  
17 committee, any decision to expend funds for the purpose of  
18 influencing or attempting to influence the outcome of any election  
19 or the nomination, election, or defeat of any person to State or local  
20 elective public office or the passage or defeat of any public  
21 question, or in providing political information on any candidate or  
22 public question; (b) the name and mailing address of any person not  
23 included among the persons identified under subparagraph (a) of  
24 this paragraph who, directly or through an agent, participated in the  
25 initial organization of the committee; (c) in the case of any person  
26 identified under subparagraph (a) or subparagraph (b) who is an  
27 individual, the occupation of that individual, the individual's home  
28 address, and the name and mailing address of the individual's  
29 employer, or, in the case of any such person which is a corporation,  
30 partnership, unincorporated association, or other organization, the  
31 name and mailing address of the organization; and (d) any other  
32 information which the Election Law Enforcement Commission may,  
33 under such regulations as it shall adopt pursuant to the provisions of  
34 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
35 seq.), require as being material to the fullest possible disclosure of  
36 the economic, political and other particular interests and objectives  
37 which the committee has been organized to or does advance. The  
38 commission shall be informed, in writing, of any change in the  
39 information required by this paragraph within three days of the  
40 occurrence of the change. Legislative leadership committees shall  
41 be exempt from the requirements of subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c)  
42 of this paragraph.

43 b. After submission of a statement of registration to the  
44 commission pursuant to this section, the committee shall use the  
45 complete name or identifying title on all documents submitted to  
46 the commission, in all solicitations for contributions, in all paid  
47 media advertisements purchased or paid for by the committee in  
48 support of or in opposition to any candidate or public question, and

1 in all contributions made by the committee to candidates or other  
2 committees and, in the case of an independent expenditure  
3 committee, any decision to expend funds for the purpose of  
4 influencing or attempting to influence the outcome of any election  
5 or the selection, nomination, election, or defeat of any person to  
6 State or local elective public office or the passage or defeat of any  
7 public question, or in providing political information on any  
8 candidate or public question.

9 c. Each report of contributions under section 8 of P.L.1973,  
10 c.83 (C.19:44A-8) by a political committee, continuing political  
11 committee, independent expenditure committee, or legislative  
12 leadership committee required under subsection a. of this section to  
13 submit a statement of registration shall include, in the case of each  
14 contributor who is an individual, the home address of the individual  
15 if different from the individual's mailing address, or, in the case of  
16 any contributor which is an organization, any information, in  
17 addition to that otherwise required, which the Election Law  
18 Enforcement Commission may, under such regulations as it shall  
19 adopt pursuant to the provisions of the "Administrative Procedure  
20 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), require as being  
21 material to the fullest possible disclosure of the economic, political  
22 and other particular interests and objectives which the contributing  
23 organization has been organized to or does advance.

24 d. Any political committee, continuing political committee,  
25 independent expenditure committee, or legislative leadership  
26 committee may at any time apply to the commission for approval of  
27 an abbreviation or acronym of its complete, official name or title for  
28 its exclusive use on documents which it shall submit to the  
29 commission. Upon verification that the abbreviation or acronym  
30 has not been approved for such use by any other political  
31 committee, continuing political committee, independent expenditure  
32 committee, or legislative leadership committee, the commission  
33 shall approve the abbreviation or acronym for such use by the  
34 applicant committee, and the committee, and any individual,  
35 corporation, partnership, membership organization or incorporated  
36 or unincorporated association which, under the provisions of  
37 P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et al.), submits any documents to the  
38 commission containing a reference to that committee, shall  
39 thereafter use that approved abbreviation or acronym in documents  
40 submitted to the commission. The commission shall, during its  
41 regular office hours, maintain for public inspection in its offices a  
42 current alphabetically arranged list of all such approved  
43 abbreviations and acronyms, indicating for each the name of the  
44 committee for which it stands, and shall make copies of the list  
45 available upon request.

46 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.21)

1       4. Section 10 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-10) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       10. Each political party committee shall, on or before July 1 in  
4 each year, designate a single organizational treasurer and an  
5 organizational depository and shall, not later than the tenth day after  
6 the designation of the organizational depository file the name and  
7 address of that depository, and of the organizational treasurer, with  
8 the Election Law Enforcement Commission.

9       Every political committee may designate a chairman of the  
10 committee, but no person serving as the chairman of a political  
11 party committee or a legislative leadership committee shall be  
12 eligible to be appointed or to serve as the chairman of a political  
13 committee. Every political committee shall, not later than the date  
14 on which it first receives any contribution or makes or incurs any  
15 expenditure in the furtherance or aid of the election or defeat of any  
16 candidate or the passage or defeat of any public question, appoint a  
17 single campaign treasurer and designate a campaign depository, but  
18 no person serving as the chairman of a political party committee or  
19 a legislative leadership committee shall be eligible to be appointed  
20 or to serve as the campaign treasurer of a political committee. Not  
21 later than the tenth day after the initial designation of the campaign  
22 depository, the committee shall file the name and address of the  
23 depository, and of the campaign treasurer, with the Election Law  
24 Enforcement Commission.

25       Every independent expenditure committee may designate a  
26 chairman of the committee, but no person serving as the chairman  
27 of a political party committee or a legislative leadership committee  
28 shall be eligible to be appointed or to serve as the chairman of an  
29 independent expenditure committee. No candidate, directly or  
30 indirectly, shall establish, authorize the establishment of, maintain,  
31 or participate in the management or control of any independent  
32 expenditure committee. Every independent expenditure committee,  
33 not later than the date on which it first receives any contribution or  
34 makes or incurs any expenditure for the purpose of influencing or  
35 attempting to influence the outcome of any election or the  
36 nomination, election, or defeat of any person to State or local  
37 elective public office or the passage or defeat of any public question  
38 or providing political information on any candidate or public  
39 question, shall appoint a single organizational treasurer and  
40 designate an organizational depository, but no person serving as the  
41 chairman of a political party committee or a legislative leadership  
42 committee shall be eligible to be appointed or to serve as the  
43 organizational treasurer of an independent expenditure committee.  
44 Not later than the 10th day after the initial designation of the  
45 organizational depository, the committee shall file the name and  
46 address of the depository, and of the organizational treasurer, with  
47 the Election Law Enforcement Commission.

1 Every continuing political committee shall, not later than the  
2 date on which it first receives any contribution or makes or incurs  
3 any expenditure in the furtherance or aid of the election or defeat of  
4 any candidate or the passage or defeat of any public question,  
5 appoint a single organizational treasurer and designate an  
6 organizational depository, provided that no person who is the  
7 chairman of a political party committee or a legislative leadership  
8 committee shall be eligible to be appointed or to serve as the  
9 organizational treasurer of a continuing political committee. Not  
10 later than the tenth day after the initial designation of the  
11 organizational depository, the committee shall file the name and  
12 address of the depository, and of the organizational treasurer, with  
13 the Election Law Enforcement Commission.

14 Every legislative leadership committee shall, not later than the  
15 date on which it first receives any contribution or makes or incurs  
16 any expenditure in the furtherance or aid of the election or defeat of  
17 any candidate or the passage or defeat of any public question,  
18 appoint a single organizational treasurer and designate an  
19 organizational depository. Not later than the tenth day after the  
20 initial designation of the organizational depository, the committee  
21 shall file the name and address of the depository, and of the  
22 organizational treasurer, with the Election Law Enforcement  
23 Commission.

24 Each organizational treasurer of a State political party committee  
25 or a legislative leadership committee shall be a trained treasurer,  
26 pursuant to subsection g. of section 6 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-  
27 6), or shall acquire such training within 90 days of appointment as  
28 an organizational treasurer. An organizational treasurer of any  
29 other political party committee or a continuing political committee  
30 or an independent expenditure committee and a campaign treasurer  
31 of a political committee may be a trained treasurer.

32 An organizational treasurer of a political party committee, a  
33 continuing political committee, an independent expenditure  
34 committee, or a legislative leadership committee and a campaign  
35 treasurer of a political committee may appoint deputy  
36 organizational or campaign treasurers as may be required and may  
37 designate additional organizational or campaign depositories. Such  
38 committees shall file the names and addresses of such deputy  
39 treasurers and additional depositories with the Election Law  
40 Enforcement Commission not later than the fifth day after their  
41 appointment or designation, respectively.

42 Any political party committee, any political committee, any  
43 independent expenditure committee, any continuing political  
44 committee, and any legislative leadership committee may remove  
45 its organizational or campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer. In the  
46 case of the death, resignation or removal of its organizational or  
47 campaign treasurer, the committee shall appoint a successor as soon

1 as practicable and shall file his name and address with the Election  
2 Law Enforcement Commission within three days.  
3 (cf: P.L.2004, c.22, s.3)  
4

5 5. Section 11 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-11) is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 11. No contribution of money or other thing of value, nor  
8 obligation therefor, including but not limited to contributions, loans  
9 or obligations of a candidate himself or of his family, shall be made  
10 or received, and no expenditure of money or other thing of value,  
11 nor obligation therefor, including expenditures, loans or obligations  
12 of a candidate himself or of his family, shall be made or incurred,  
13 directly or indirectly, to support or defeat a candidate in any  
14 election, or to aid the passage or defeat of any public question,  
15 except through:

16 a. The duly appointed campaign treasurer or deputy campaign  
17 treasurers of the candidate committee or joint candidates  
18 committee;

19 b. The duly appointed organizational treasurer or deputy  
20 organizational treasurers of a political party committee or a  
21 continuing political committee;

22 c. The duly appointed campaign treasurer or deputy campaign  
23 treasurers of a political committee; **【or】**

24 d. The duly appointed organizational treasurer or deputy  
25 organizational treasurer of a legislative leadership committee; or

26 e. The duly appointed organizational treasurer or deputy  
27 organizational treasurer of an independent expenditure committee.

28 It shall be lawful, however, for any person, not acting in concert  
29 with any other person or group, to expend personally from his own  
30 funds a sum which is not to be repaid to him for any purpose not  
31 prohibited by law, or to contribute his own personal services and  
32 personal traveling expenses, to support or defeat a candidate or to  
33 aid the passage or defeat of a public question; provided, however,  
34 that any person making such expenditure shall be required to report  
35 his or her name and mailing address and the amount of all such  
36 expenditures and expenses, except personal traveling expenses, if  
37 the total of the money so expended, exclusive of such traveling  
38 expenses, exceeds \$500, and also, where the person is an individual,  
39 to report the individual's occupation and the name and mailing  
40 address of the individual's employer, to the Election Law  
41 Enforcement Commission at the same time and in the same manner  
42 as a political committee subject to the provisions of section 8 of  
43 **【this act】** P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-8). Such expenditure made  
44 during the period between the 13th day prior to the election and the  
45 date of the election shall be filed in writing or by telegram within  
46 48 hours of the making, incurring or authorization of the  
47 expenditure and shall set forth the name and mailing address of the

1 person, firm or organization to whom or which the expenditure was  
2 paid and the amount and purpose of the expenditure.

3 No contribution of money shall be made in currency, except  
4 contributions in response to a public solicitation, provided that  
5 cumulative currency contributions of up to \$200 may be made to a  
6 candidate committee or joint candidates committee, a political  
7 committee, a continuing political committee, an independent  
8 expenditure committee, a legislative leadership committee or a  
9 political party committee if the contributor submits with the  
10 currency contribution a written statement of a form as prescribed by  
11 the commission, indicating the contributor's name, mailing address  
12 and occupation and the amount of the contribution, including the  
13 contributor's signature and the name and mailing address of the  
14 contributor's employer. Adjustments to the \$200 limit established  
15 in this paragraph which have been made by the Election Law  
16 Enforcement Commission, pursuant to section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65  
17 (C.19:44A-7.2), prior to the effective date of P.L.2004, c.28 are  
18 rescinded. The \$200 limit established in this paragraph shall  
19 remain as stated in this paragraph without further adjustment by the  
20 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993,  
21 c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).

22 Any anonymous contribution received by a campaign treasurer  
23 or deputy campaign treasurer shall not be used or expended, but  
24 shall be returned to the donor, if his identity is known, and if no  
25 donor is found, the contribution shall escheat to the State.

26 No person, partnership or association, either directly or through  
27 an agent, shall make any loan or advance, the proceeds of which  
28 that person, partnership or association knows or has reason to know  
29 or believe are intended to be used by the recipient thereof to make a  
30 contribution or expenditure, except by check or money order  
31 identifying the name, mailing address and occupation or business of  
32 the maker of the loan, and, if the maker is an individual, the name  
33 and mailing address of that individual's employer; provided,  
34 however, that such loans or advances to a single individual, up to a  
35 cumulative amount of \$50 in any calendar year, may be made in  
36 currency.

37 (cf: P.L.2004, c.33, s.2)

38

39 6. Section 18 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.3) is amended to  
40 read as follows:

41 18. a. No individual, other than an individual who is a  
42 candidate, no corporation of any kind organized and incorporated  
43 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other  
44 than the United States, no labor organization of any kind which  
45 exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of  
46 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the  
47 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual  
48 aid or protection in connection with employment, or any group

1 shall: (1) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of  
2 value to a candidate who has established only a candidate  
3 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or  
4 candidate committee which in the aggregate exceeds **[\$2,600]**  
5 \$3,000 per election, or (2) pay or make any contribution of money  
6 or other thing of value to candidates who have established only a  
7 joint candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy  
8 campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee, which in the  
9 aggregate exceeds **[\$2,600]** \$3,000 per election per candidate, or  
10 (3) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value  
11 to a candidate who has established both a candidate committee and  
12 a joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy  
13 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates  
14 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds **[\$2,600]** \$3,000 per  
15 election. No candidate who has established only a candidate  
16 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or  
17 candidate committee shall knowingly accept from an individual,  
18 other than an individual who is a candidate, a corporation of any  
19 kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any  
20 other state or any country other than the United States, a labor  
21 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the  
22 purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing  
23 with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of  
24 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with  
25 employment, or any group any contribution of money or other thing  
26 of value which in the aggregate exceeds **[\$2,600]** \$3,000 per  
27 election, and no candidates who have established only a joint  
28 candidates committee, or their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign  
29 treasurer, or joint candidates committee, shall knowingly accept  
30 from any such source any contribution of money or other thing of  
31 value which in the aggregate exceeds **[\$2,600]** \$3,000 per election  
32 per candidate, and no candidate who has established both a  
33 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee, the  
34 campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate  
35 committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly accept  
36 from any such source any contribution of money or other thing of  
37 value which in the aggregate exceeds **[\$2,600]** \$3,000 per election.

38 b. (1) No political committee or continuing political  
39 committee shall: (a) pay or make any contribution of money or  
40 other thing of value to a candidate who has established only a  
41 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign  
42 treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate for  
43 nomination for election for the office of Governor or candidates for  
44 election for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor,  
45 which in the aggregate exceeds **[\$8,200]** \$9,300 per election, or (b)  
46 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to  
47 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,

1 their campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer, or the joint  
2 candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~  
3 \$9,300 per election per candidate, or (c) pay or make any  
4 contribution of money or other thing of value to a candidate who  
5 has established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates  
6 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or  
7 candidate committee or joint candidates committee, which in the  
8 aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per election. No candidate who  
9 has established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,  
10 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a  
11 candidate for nomination for election for the office of Governor or  
12 candidates for election for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant  
13 Governor, shall knowingly accept from any political committee or  
14 continuing political committee any contribution of money or other  
15 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per  
16 election, and no candidates who have established only a joint  
17 candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign  
18 treasurer, or joint candidates committee, shall knowingly accept  
19 from any such source any contribution of money or other thing of  
20 value which in the aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per election  
21 per candidate, and no candidate who has established both a  
22 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee, the  
23 campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate  
24 committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly accept  
25 from any such source any contribution of money or other thing of  
26 value which in the aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per election.

27 (2) The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a candidate,  
28 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate  
29 committee or joint candidates committee of any contribution of  
30 money or other thing of value from a political committee or  
31 continuing political committee under the provisions of paragraph  
32 (1) of this subsection shall also be applicable to the knowing  
33 acceptance of any such contribution from the county committee of a  
34 political party by a candidate or the campaign treasurer, deputy  
35 campaign treasurer, candidate committee or joint candidates  
36 committee of a candidate for any elective public office in another  
37 county or, in the case of a candidate for nomination for election or  
38 for election to the office of member of the Legislature, in a  
39 legislative district in which, according to the federal decennial  
40 census upon the basis of which legislative districts shall have been  
41 established, less than 20% of the population resides within the  
42 county of that county committee. In addition, all contributor  
43 reporting requirements and other restrictions and regulations  
44 applicable to a contribution of money or other thing of value by a  
45 political committee or continuing political committee under the  
46 provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et al.) shall likewise be

1 applicable to the making or payment of such a contribution by such  
2 a county committee.

3 The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a candidate,  
4 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate  
5 committee or joint candidates committee of any contribution of  
6 money or other thing of value from a political committee or  
7 continuing political committee under the provisions of paragraph  
8 (1) of this subsection, except that the amount of any contribution of  
9 money or other thing of value shall be in an amount which in the  
10 aggregate does not exceed \$25,000, shall also be applicable to the  
11 knowing acceptance of any such contribution from the county  
12 committee of a political party by a candidate, or the campaign  
13 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate committee or joint  
14 candidates committee of a candidate, for nomination for election or  
15 for election to the office of member of the Legislature in a  
16 legislative district in which, according to the federal decennial  
17 census upon the basis of which legislative districts shall have been  
18 established, at least 20% but less than 40% of the population resides  
19 within the county of that county committee. In addition, all  
20 contributor reporting requirements and other restrictions and  
21 regulations applicable to a contribution of money or other thing of  
22 value by a political committee or continuing political committee  
23 under the provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et al.) shall  
24 likewise be applicable to the making or payment of such a  
25 contribution by such a county committee.

26 With respect to the limitations in this paragraph, the Legislature  
27 finds and declares that:

28 (a) Persons making contributions to the county committee of a  
29 political party have a right to expect that their money will be used,  
30 for the most part, to support candidates for elective office who will  
31 most directly represent the interest of that county;

32 (b) The practice of allowing a county committee to use funds  
33 raised with this expectation to make unlimited contributions to  
34 candidates for the Legislature who may have a limited, or even  
35 nonexistent, connection with that county serves to undermine public  
36 confidence in the integrity of the electoral process;

37 (c) Furthermore, the risk of actual or perceived corruption is  
38 raised by the potential for contributors to circumvent limits on  
39 contributions to candidates by funneling money to candidates  
40 through county committees;

41 (d) The State has a compelling interest in preventing the  
42 actuality or appearance of corruption and in protecting public  
43 confidence in democratic institutions by limiting amounts which a  
44 county committee may contribute to legislative candidates whose  
45 districts are not located in close proximity to that county; and

46 (e) It is, therefore, reasonable for the State to promote this  
47 compelling interest by limiting the amount a county committee may  
48 give to a legislative candidate based upon the degree to which the

1 population of the legislative district overlaps with the population of  
2 that county.

3 c. (1) No candidate who has established only a candidate  
4 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate  
5 committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution of money or other  
6 thing of value to another candidate who has established only a  
7 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign  
8 treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate for  
9 nomination for election for the office of Governor or candidates for  
10 election for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor,  
11 which in the aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per election, or (b)  
12 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to  
13 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,  
14 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint  
15 candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~  
16 \$9,300 per election per candidate in the recipient committee, or (c)  
17 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a  
18 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a  
19 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy  
20 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates  
21 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per  
22 election. No candidate who has established only a candidate  
23 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or  
24 candidate committee, other than a candidate for nomination for  
25 election for the office of Governor or candidates for election to the  
26 offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, shall knowingly  
27 accept from another candidate who has established only a candidate  
28 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or  
29 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of  
30 value which in the aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per election,  
31 and no candidates who have established only a joint candidates  
32 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or  
33 joint candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such  
34 source any contribution of money or other thing of value which in  
35 the aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per election per candidate in  
36 the recipient committee, and no candidate who has established both  
37 a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee, the  
38 campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate  
39 committee or joint candidates committee, shall knowingly accept  
40 from any such source any contribution of money or other thing of  
41 value which in the aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per election.

42 (2) No candidates who have established only a joint candidates  
43 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or  
44 joint candidates committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution  
45 of money or other thing of value to another candidate who has  
46 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,  
47 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a

1 candidate for nomination for election for the office of Governor or  
2 candidates for election for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant  
3 Governor, which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each  
4 candidate in the contributing joint candidates committee, **[\$8,200]**  
5 \$9,300 per election, or (b) pay or make any contribution of money  
6 or other thing of value to candidates who have established only a  
7 joint candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy  
8 campaign treasurer or joint candidates committee, which in the  
9 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the  
10 contributing joint candidates committee, **[\$8,200]** \$9,300 per  
11 election per candidate in the recipient joint candidates committee,  
12 or (c) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of  
13 value to a candidate who has established both a candidate  
14 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign  
15 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers or candidate committee or  
16 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, on the  
17 basis of each candidate in the contributing joint candidates  
18 committee, **[\$8,200]** \$9,300 per election. No candidate who has  
19 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,  
20 deputy campaign treasurer, or candidate committee, other than a  
21 candidate for nomination for election for the office of Governor or  
22 candidates for election for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant  
23 Governor, shall knowingly accept from other candidates who have  
24 established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign  
25 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint candidates committee,  
26 any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
27 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the  
28 contributing committee, **[\$8,200]** \$9,300 per election, and no  
29 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,  
30 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint  
31 candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source  
32 any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
33 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the  
34 contributing joint candidates committee, **[\$8,200]** \$9,300 per  
35 election per candidate in the recipient joint candidates committee,  
36 and no candidate who has established both a candidate committee  
37 and a joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy  
38 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates  
39 committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any  
40 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
41 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the  
42 contributing joint candidates committee, **[\$8,200]** \$9,300 per  
43 election.

44 (3) No candidate who has established both a candidate  
45 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign  
46 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or  
47 joint candidates committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution

1 of money or other thing of value to another candidate who has  
2 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,  
3 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a  
4 candidate for nomination for election for the office of Governor or  
5 candidates for election for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant  
6 Governor, which in the aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per  
7 election, or (b) pay or make any contribution of money or other  
8 thing of value to candidates who have established only a joint  
9 candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign  
10 treasurer or joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate  
11 exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per election per candidate in the recipient  
12 joint candidates committee, or (c) pay or make any contribution of  
13 money or other thing of value to a candidate who has established  
14 both a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee, the  
15 campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate  
16 committee or joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate  
17 exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per election. No candidate who has  
18 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,  
19 deputy campaign treasurer, or candidate committee, other than a  
20 candidate for nomination for election for the office of Governor or  
21 candidates for election for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant  
22 Governor, shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has  
23 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates  
24 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or  
25 candidate committee or joint candidates committee, any  
26 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
27 aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per election, and no candidates  
28 who have established only a joint candidates committee, their  
29 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates  
30 committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any  
31 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
32 aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per election per candidate in the  
33 recipient joint candidates committee, and no candidate who has  
34 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates  
35 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or  
36 candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly  
37 accept from any such source any contribution of money or other  
38 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds ~~【\$8,200】~~ \$9,300 per  
39 election.

40 (4) Expenditures by a candidate for nomination for election or  
41 for election to the office of member of the Legislature or to an  
42 office of a political subdivision of the State, or by the campaign  
43 treasurer, deputy treasurer, candidate committee or joint candidates  
44 committee of such a candidate, which are made in furtherance of the  
45 nomination or election, respectively, of another candidate for the  
46 same office in the same legislative district or the same political  
47 subdivision shall not be construed to be subject to any limitation

1 under this subsection; for the purposes of this sentence, the offices  
2 of member of the State Senate and member of the General  
3 Assembly shall be deemed to be the same office.

4 d. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to  
5 impose any limitation on contributions by a candidate, or by a  
6 corporation, 100% of the stock in which is owned by a candidate or  
7 the candidate's spouse, child, parent or sibling residing in the same  
8 household, to that candidate's campaign.

9 e. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution  
10 to be attributed as given to or by each candidate in a joint  
11 candidates committee, the amount of the contribution to or by such  
12 a committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the  
13 committee.

14 (cf: P.L.2009, c.66, s.12)

15

16 7. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this  
19 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and  
20 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any  
21 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any  
22 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
23 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers  
24 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or  
25 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,  
26 no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate  
27 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group, shall  
28 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to  
29 the campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of  
30 the State committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer,  
31 deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative  
32 leadership committee, which in the aggregate exceeds **【\$25,000】**  
33 \$28,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee  
34 when that is the only committee established by the candidates,  
35 **【\$25,000】** \$28,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates  
36 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint  
37 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,  
38 **【\$25,000】** \$28,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign  
39 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the  
40 State committee of a political party or campaign treasurer, deputy  
41 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative  
42 leadership committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, a  
43 corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws  
44 of this State or any other state or any country other than the United  
45 States, a labor organization of any kind which exists or is  
46 constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective  
47 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,  
48 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or

1 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a  
2 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint  
3 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of  
4 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds  
5 **【\$25,000】** \$28,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates  
6 committee when that is the only committee established by the  
7 candidates, **【\$25,000】** \$28,000 per year per candidate in the joint  
8 candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a  
9 joint candidates committee when both are established by a  
10 candidate, **【\$25,000】** \$28,000 per year from that candidate.

11 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make  
12 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign  
13 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State  
14 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds  
15 **【\$72,000】** \$82,000 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy  
16 campaign treasurer or other representative of the State committee of  
17 a political party shall knowingly accept from the national committee  
18 of a political party any contribution of money or other thing of  
19 value which in the aggregate exceeds **【\$72,000】** \$82,000 per year.

20 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and  
21 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any  
22 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any  
23 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
24 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers  
25 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or  
26 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,  
27 no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate  
28 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group, shall  
29 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to  
30 any county committee of a political party, which in the aggregate  
31 exceeds **【\$37,000】** \$42,000 per year, or in the case of a joint  
32 candidates committee when that is the only committee established  
33 by the candidates, **【\$37,000】** \$42,000 per year per candidate in the  
34 joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee  
35 and a joint candidates committee when both are established by a  
36 candidate, **【\$37,000】** \$42,000 per year from that candidate. No  
37 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other  
38 representative of a county committee of a political party shall  
39 knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of any kind  
40 organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other  
41 state or any country other than the United States, a labor  
42 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the  
43 purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing  
44 with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of  
45 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with  
46 employment, a political committee, a continuing political  
47 committee, a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee

1 or any other group, any contribution of money or other thing of  
2 value which in the aggregate exceeds **[\$37,000]** \$42,000 per year,  
3 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only  
4 committee established by the candidates, **[\$37,000]** \$42,000 per  
5 year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case  
6 of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when  
7 both are established by a candidate, **[\$37,000]** \$42,000 per year  
8 from that candidate.

9 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and  
10 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any  
11 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any  
12 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
13 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers  
14 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or  
15 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,  
16 no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate  
17 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group shall  
18 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to  
19 any municipal committee of a political party, which in the aggregate  
20 exceeds **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per year, or in the case of a joint  
21 candidates committee when that is the only committee established  
22 by the candidates, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per year per candidate in the  
23 joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee  
24 and a joint candidates committee when both are established by a  
25 candidate, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per year from that candidate. No  
26 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other  
27 representative of a municipal committee of a political party shall  
28 knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of any kind  
29 organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other  
30 state or any country other than the United States, a labor  
31 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the  
32 purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing  
33 with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of  
34 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with  
35 employment, a political committee, a continuing political  
36 committee, a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee  
37 or any other group, any contribution of money or other thing of  
38 value which in the aggregate exceeds **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per year, or  
39 in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only  
40 committee established by the candidates, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per year  
41 per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a  
42 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both  
43 are established by a candidate, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per year from that  
44 candidate.

45 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay  
46 or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a  
47 municipal committee of a political party in a municipality not

1 located in that county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of  
2 aggregate contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing  
3 political committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal  
4 committee of a political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy  
5 campaign treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee  
6 of a political party in any municipality shall knowingly accept from  
7 any county committee of a political party in any county other than  
8 the county in which the municipality is located any contribution of  
9 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds the  
10 amount of contributions permitted to be so paid or made under that  
11 subsection.

12 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution  
13 to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates  
14 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee  
15 shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.  
16 (cf: P.L.2004, c.174, s.4)

17

18 8. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate  
21 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate  
22 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other  
23 thing of value to a political committee, other than a political  
24 committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the  
25 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or a  
26 continuing political committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in  
27 the case of such a political committee, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per  
28 election, or in the case of a continuing political committee,  
29 **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per year, and no candidates who have established  
30 only a joint candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy  
31 campaign treasurer or joint candidates committee shall pay or make  
32 any contribution of money or other thing of value to such a political  
33 committee or continuing political committee which in the aggregate  
34 exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200  
35 per election per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in  
36 the case of a continuing political committee, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per  
37 year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no  
38 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a  
39 joint candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of  
40 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in  
41 the case of such a political committee, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per election  
42 from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing political  
43 committee, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per year from that candidate. No  
44 political committee, other than a political committee which is  
45 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a  
46 public question in any election, or a continuing political committee,  
47 shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a

1 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or  
2 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of  
3 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political  
4 committee, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per election, or in the case of a  
5 continuing political committee, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per year, and no  
6 such political committee or continuing political committee shall  
7 knowingly accept from candidates who have established only a joint  
8 candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign  
9 treasurer, or joint candidates committee, any contribution of money  
10 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case  
11 of such a political committee, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per election per  
12 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a  
13 continuing political committee, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per year per  
14 candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no such political  
15 committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept  
16 from a candidate who has established both a candidate committee  
17 and a joint candidates committee any contribution of money or  
18 other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of  
19 such a political committee, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per election from that  
20 candidate, or in the case of a continuing political committee,  
21 **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per year from that candidate. For the purpose of  
22 determining the amount of a contribution to be attributed as given  
23 by each candidate in a joint candidates committee, the amount of  
24 the contribution by such a committee shall be divided equally  
25 among all the candidates in the committee.

26 b. No political committee, other than a political committee  
27 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat  
28 of a public question in any election, and no continuing political  
29 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other  
30 thing of value to another political committee, other than a political  
31 committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the  
32 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another  
33 continuing political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in  
34 the case of a recipient continuing political committee, **[\$7,200]**  
35 \$8,200 per year, or in the case of a recipient political committee,  
36 **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per election. No political committee, other than a  
37 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote  
38 the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, and no  
39 continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from another  
40 political committee, other than a political committee which is  
41 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a  
42 public question in any election, or another continuing political  
43 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which  
44 in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing  
45 political committee, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per year, or in the case of a  
46 recipient political committee, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per election.

1 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and  
2 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any  
3 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any  
4 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
5 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees  
6 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or  
7 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,  
8 nor any other group, shall pay or make any contribution of money  
9 or other thing of value to a political committee, other than a  
10 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote  
11 the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or a  
12 continuing political committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in  
13 the case of such a political committee, **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per  
14 election, or in the case of a continuing political committee,  
15 **[\$7,200]** \$8,200 per year, and no such political committee or  
16 continuing political committee shall knowingly accept any  
17 contribution in excess of those amounts from an individual or from  
18 such corporation, labor organization, or other group.  
19 (cf: P.L.2001, c.384, s.3)

20

21 9. Section 12 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-12) is amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 12. An organizational or campaign treasurer or deputy  
24 organizational or campaign treasurer of a candidate committee or  
25 joint candidates committee, a political committee, a continuing  
26 political committee, an independent expenditure committee, a  
27 political party committee or a legislative leadership committee shall  
28 make a written record of all funds which he receives as  
29 contributions to the candidate committee, joint candidates  
30 committee, political committee, continuing political committee,  
31 independent expenditure committee, political party committee or  
32 legislative leadership committee, including in that record the name  
33 and mailing address of the contributor, the amount and date of the  
34 contribution, and where the contributor is an individual, the  
35 occupation of the individual and the name and mailing address of  
36 the individual's employer. The organizational or campaign treasurer  
37 shall retain that record for a period of not less than four years. All  
38 funds so received shall be deposited by the campaign or  
39 organizational treasurer or deputy campaign or organizational  
40 treasurer in a campaign depository of the candidate committee or  
41 joint candidates committee, the continuing political committee,  
42 political committee, independent expenditure committee, political  
43 party committee or legislative leadership committee no later than  
44 the tenth calendar day following receipt of such funds; except that  
45 any such treasurer or deputy treasurer may, when authorized by the  
46 candidate, candidates or committee of which he is the campaign or  
47 organizational treasurer or deputy campaign or organizational  
48 treasurer, transfer any such funds to the duly designated campaign

1 or organizational treasurer or deputy campaign or organizational  
2 treasurer of another candidate or committee, for inclusion in the  
3 campaign depository thereof, without first so depositing them;  
4 provided, however, that the amount so transferred shall not be in  
5 excess of the amount that may be contributed by one candidate to  
6 another candidate in an election pursuant to section 18 of P.L.1993,  
7 c.65 (C.19:44A-11.3), but this proviso shall not be construed to  
8 prohibit a county or municipal committee of a political party from  
9 making a contribution or contributions, or from transferring funds  
10 as hereinabove authorized, to any candidate, candidate committee,  
11 joint candidates committee, political committee, continuing political  
12 committee, independent expenditure committee, political party  
13 committee, or legislative leadership committee. A record of all  
14 nondeposited funds so transferred shall be attached to the statement  
15 required under this section, identifying them as to source and  
16 amount in the same manner as deposited funds.

17 (cf: P.L.1995, c.178, s.1)

18

19 10. Section 16 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-16) is amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 16. a. The campaign treasurer of each candidate committee and  
22 joint candidates committee shall make a full cumulative report,  
23 upon a form prescribed by the Election Law Enforcement  
24 Commission, of all contributions in the form of moneys, loans, paid  
25 personal services or other things of value, made to him or to the  
26 deputy campaign treasurers of the candidate committee or joint  
27 candidates committee, and all expenditures paid out of the election  
28 fund of the candidate or candidates, during the period ending with  
29 the second day preceding the date of the cumulative report and  
30 beginning on the date of the first of those contributions, the date of  
31 the first of those expenditures, or the date of the appointment of the  
32 campaign treasurer, whichever occurred first. The report shall also  
33 contain the name and mailing address of each person or group from  
34 whom moneys, loans, paid personal services or other things of value  
35 were contributed after the second day preceding the date of the  
36 previous cumulative report and the amount contributed by each  
37 person or group, and where an individual has made such  
38 contributions, the report shall indicate the occupation of the  
39 individual and the name and mailing address of the individual's  
40 employer. In the case of any loan reported pursuant to this section,  
41 the report shall further contain the name and mailing address of  
42 each person who cosigns such loan, the occupation of the person  
43 and the name and mailing address of the person's employer. If no  
44 moneys, loans, paid personal services or other things of value were  
45 contributed, the report shall so indicate, and if no expenditures were  
46 paid or incurred, the report shall likewise so indicate. The  
47 campaign treasurer and the candidate or several candidates shall  
48 certify the correctness of the report.

1       b. During the period between the appointment of the campaign  
2 treasurer and the election with respect to which contributions are  
3 accepted or expenditures made by him, the campaign treasurer shall  
4 file his cumulative campaign report (1) on the 29th day preceding  
5 the election, and (2) on the 11th day preceding the election; and  
6 after the election he shall file his report on the 20th day following  
7 such election. Concurrent with the report filed on the 20th day  
8 following an election, or at any time thereafter, the campaign  
9 treasurer of a candidate committee or joint candidates committee  
10 may certify to the Election Law Enforcement Commission that the  
11 election fund of such candidate committee or joint candidates  
12 committee has wound up its business and been dissolved, or that  
13 business regarding the late election has been wound up but the  
14 candidate committee or joint candidates committee will continue for  
15 the deposit and use of contributions in accordance with section 17  
16 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.2). Certification shall be  
17 accompanied by a final accounting of such election fund, or of the  
18 transactions relating to such election, including the final disposition  
19 of any balance remaining in such fund at the time of dissolution or  
20 the arrangements which have been made for the discharge of any  
21 obligations remaining unpaid at the time of dissolution. Until the  
22 candidate committee or joint candidates committee is dissolved,  
23 each such treasurer shall continue to file reports in the form and  
24 manner herein prescribed.

25       The Election Law Enforcement Commission shall promulgate  
26 regulations providing for the termination of post-election campaign  
27 reporting requirements applicable to political committees, candidate  
28 committees and joint candidates committees. The requirements to  
29 file quarterly reports after the first post-election report may be  
30 waived by the commission, notwithstanding that the certification  
31 has not been filed, if the commission determines under any  
32 regulations so promulgated that the outstanding obligations of the  
33 political committee, candidate committee or joint candidates  
34 committee do not exceed 10% of the expenditures of the campaign  
35 fund with respect to the election or \$1,000.00, whichever is less, or  
36 are likely to be discharged or forgiven.

37       A candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall file  
38 with the Election Law Enforcement Commission, not later than  
39 April 15, July 15, October 15 of each calendar year in which the  
40 candidate or candidates in control of the committee does or do not  
41 run for election or reelection and January 15 of each calendar year  
42 in which the candidate or candidates does or do run for election or  
43 reelection, a cumulative quarterly report of all moneys, loans, paid  
44 personal services or other things of value contributed to it or to the  
45 candidate or candidates during the period ending on the 15th day  
46 preceding that date and commencing on January 1 of that calendar  
47 year or, in the case of the cumulative quarterly report to be filed not  
48 later than January 15, of the previous calendar year, and all

1 expenditures made, incurred, or authorized by it or the candidate or  
2 candidates during the period, whether or not such expenditures were  
3 made, incurred or authorized in furtherance of the election or defeat  
4 of any candidate, or in aid of the passage or defeat of any public  
5 question or to provide information on any candidate or public  
6 question. The commission may by regulation require any such  
7 candidate committee or joint candidates committee to file during  
8 any calendar year one or more additional cumulative reports of such  
9 contributions received and expenditures made as may be necessary  
10 to ensure that no more than five months shall elapse between the  
11 last day of a period covered by one such report and the last day of  
12 the period covered by the next such report.

13 The commission, on any form it shall prescribe for the reporting  
14 of expenditures by a candidate committee or joint candidates  
15 committee, shall provide for the grouping together of all  
16 expenditures under the category of "campaign expenses" under  
17 paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 17 of P.L.1993, c.65,  
18 identified as such, and for the grouping together, separately, of all  
19 other expenditures under the categories prescribed by paragraphs  
20 (2) through (6) of that subsection. The cumulative quarterly report  
21 due on April 15 in a year immediately after the year in which the  
22 candidate or candidates does or do run for election or reelection  
23 shall contain a report of all of the contributions received and  
24 expenditures made by the candidate or candidates since the 18th day  
25 after that election.

26 The cumulative quarterly report shall contain the name and  
27 mailing address of each person or group from whom moneys, loans,  
28 paid personal services or other things of value have been  
29 contributed and the amount contributed by each person or group,  
30 and where an individual has made such contributions, the report  
31 shall indicate the occupation of the individual and the name and  
32 mailing address of the individual's employer. In the case of any  
33 loan reported pursuant to this section, the report shall contain the  
34 name and address of each person who cosigns such loan, and where  
35 an individual has cosigned such loans, the report shall indicate the  
36 occupation of the individual and the name and mailing address of  
37 his employer. The report shall also contain the name and address of  
38 each person, firm or organization to whom expenditures have been  
39 paid and the amount and purpose of each such expenditure. The  
40 treasurer of the candidate committee or joint candidates committee  
41 and the candidate or candidates shall certify to the correctness of  
42 each cumulative quarterly report.

43 c. No candidate for elective public office shall be required to  
44 file a duplicate copy of the campaign treasurer's report with the  
45 county clerk of the county in which the candidate resides.

46 d. There shall be no obligation to file the reports required by  
47 this section on behalf of a candidate if such candidate files with the  
48 Election Law Enforcement Commission a sworn statement to the

1 effect that the total amount to be expended in behalf of his  
2 candidacy by the candidate committee, by any political party  
3 committee, by any political committee, or by any person shall not in  
4 the aggregate exceed \$2,000.00 or \$4,000 for any joint candidates  
5 committee containing two candidates or \$6,000 for any joint  
6 candidates committee containing three or more candidates. The  
7 sworn statement may be submitted at the time when the name and  
8 address of the campaign treasurer and depository is filed with the  
9 Election Law Enforcement Commission, provided that in any case  
10 the sworn statement is filed no later than the 29th day before an  
11 election. If a candidate who has filed such a sworn statement  
12 receives contributions from any one source aggregating more than  
13 \$300 he shall forthwith make report of the same, including the name  
14 and mailing address of the source and the aggregate total of  
15 contributions therefrom, and where the source is an individual, the  
16 occupation of the individual and the name and mailing address of  
17 the individual's employer, to the Election Law Enforcement  
18 Commission. The \$300 limit established in this subsection shall  
19 remain as stated in this subsection without further adjustment by the  
20 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993,  
21 c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).

22 e. There shall be no obligation imposed upon a candidate  
23 seeking election to a public office of a school district to file either  
24 the reports required under subsection b. of this section or the sworn  
25 statement referred to in subsection d. of this section, if the total  
26 amount expended and to be expended in behalf of his candidacy by  
27 the candidate committee, any political committee, any continuing  
28 political committee, or a political party committee or by any person,  
29 does not in the aggregate exceed \$2,000.00 per election or \$4,000  
30 for any joint candidates committee containing two candidates or  
31 \$6,000 for any joint candidates committee containing three or more  
32 candidates; provided, that if such candidate receives contributions  
33 from any one source aggregating more than \$300, he shall forthwith  
34 make a report of the same, including the name and mailing address  
35 of the source, the aggregate total of contributions therefrom, and  
36 where the source is an individual, the occupation of the individual  
37 and the name and mailing address of the individual's employer, to  
38 the commission.

39 The \$300 limit established in this subsection shall remain as  
40 stated in this subsection without further adjustment by the  
41 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993,  
42 c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).

43 f. In any report filed pursuant to the provisions of this section,  
44 the names and addresses of contributors whose contributions during  
45 the period covered by the report did not exceed \$300 may be  
46 excluded; provided, however, that (1) such exclusion is unlawful if  
47 any person responsible for the preparation or filing of the report  
48 knew that such exclusion was made with respect to any person

1 whose total contributions relating to the same election and made to  
2 the reporting candidate or to an allied campaign organization or  
3 organizations aggregate, in combination with the total contributions  
4 in respect of which such exclusion is made, more than \$300, and (2)  
5 any person who knowingly prepares, assists in preparing, files or  
6 acquiesces in the filing of any report from which the identity of any  
7 contributor has been excluded contrary to the provisions of this  
8 section is subject to the provisions of section 21 of this act, but (3)  
9 nothing in this proviso shall be construed as requiring any candidate  
10 committee or joint candidates committee reporting pursuant to this  
11 act to report the amounts, dates or other circumstantial data  
12 regarding contributions made to any other candidate committee,  
13 joint candidates committee, political committee, continuing political  
14 committee, political party committee or legislative leadership  
15 committee.

16 The \$300 limit established in this subsection shall remain as  
17 stated in this subsection without further adjustment by the  
18 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993,  
19 c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).

20 g. Any report filed pursuant to the provisions of this section  
21 shall include an itemized accounting of all receipts and  
22 expenditures relative to any testimonial affair held since the date of  
23 the most recent report filed, which accounting shall include the  
24 name and mailing address of each contributor in excess of \$300 to  
25 such testimonial affair and the amount contributed by each; in the  
26 case of any individual contributor, the occupation of the individual  
27 and the name and mailing address of the individual's employer; the  
28 expenses incurred; and the disposition of the proceeds of such  
29 testimonial affair.

30 The \$300 limit established in this subsection shall remain as  
31 stated in this subsection without further adjustment by the  
32 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993,  
33 c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).

34 h. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1993, c.65.)

35 i. Each campaign treasurer of a candidate committee or joint  
36 candidates committee shall file written notice with the commission  
37 of a contribution in excess of ~~【\$500】~~ \$1,400 received during the  
38 period between the 13th day prior to the election and the date of the  
39 election and of an expenditure of money or other thing of value in  
40 excess of ~~【\$800】~~ \$1,400 made, incurred or authorized by the  
41 candidate committee or joint candidates committee to support or  
42 defeat a candidate in an election, or to aid the passage or defeat of  
43 any public question, during the period between the 13th day prior to  
44 the election and the date of the election, provided that a candidate  
45 shall not be required to file written notice pursuant to this  
46 subsection of an expenditure made to support his or her own  
47 candidacy, or to support or defeat a candidate for the same office in  
48 an election. For the purposes of this subsection, the offices of

1 member of the Senate and member of the General Assembly shall  
2 be deemed to be the same office in a legislative district; the offices  
3 of member of the board of chosen freeholders and county executive  
4 shall be deemed to be the same office in a county; and the offices of  
5 mayor and member of the municipal governing body shall be  
6 deemed to be the same office in a municipality.

7 The notice of a contribution shall be filed in writing or by  
8 telegram within 48 hours of the receipt of the contribution and shall  
9 set forth the amount and date of the contribution, the name and  
10 mailing address of the contributor, and where the contributor is an  
11 individual, the occupation of the individual and the name and  
12 mailing address of the individual's employer. The notice of an  
13 expenditure shall be filed in writing or by telegram within 48 hours  
14 of the making, incurring or authorization of the expenditure and  
15 shall set forth the name and mailing address of the person, firm or  
16 organization to whom or which the expenditure was paid and the  
17 amount and purpose of the expenditure.

18 j. Each county shall provide on its Internet site a link to the  
19 Internet site for the Election Law Enforcement Commission for the  
20 purpose of providing public access to the reports that are required to  
21 be submitted to the commission pursuant to this section.

22 (cf: P.L.2014, c.58, s.1)

23

24 11. Section 18 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-18) is amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 18. If any former candidate or any political committee or any  
27 person or association of persons in behalf of such political  
28 committee, or any independent expenditure committee, or former  
29 candidate shall receive any contributions or make any expenditures  
30 with relation to any election after the date set in section 16 of **[this**  
31 **act]** P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-16) for the final report subsequent to  
32 such election, or shall conduct any testimonial affair or public  
33 solicitation for the purpose of raising funds to cover any part of the  
34 expenses of a candidate **[or]**, political committee, independent  
35 expenditure committee, or other organization in such election, all  
36 such contributions, expenditures, testimonial affairs or public  
37 solicitations shall be reported to the Election Law Enforcement  
38 Commission by the person or persons receiving such contributions  
39 or making such expenditures or conducting such testimonial affairs  
40 or public solicitations. Such report shall be made by any person  
41 receiving any such contribution or contributions, or making any  
42 such expenditure or expenditures, which in the aggregate total  
43 more than \$100.00, or conducting any testimonial affair or public  
44 solicitation of which the net proceeds exceed \$100.00; and shall be  
45 made within 20 days from the date upon which the aggregate of  
46 such contributions, expenditures or proceeds exceed \$100.00 for  
47 the period commencing with the 19th day following such election  
48 or with the date upon which any previous report was made pursuant

1 to this section, whichever is sooner. Such report shall be made in  
2 the same form and shall contain the same detail prescribed for any  
3 other report made pursuant to section 8 or 16 of **【this act】**  
4 P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-8 or C.19:44A-16).  
5 (cf: P.L.1983, c.579, s.17)  
6

7 12. Section 19 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-19) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 19. a. No person shall conduct any public solicitation as defined  
10 in this act except (1) upon written authorization of the campaign or  
11 organizational treasurer of the candidate committee or joint  
12 candidates committee, political committee, continuing political  
13 committee, political party committee, independent expenditure  
14 committee, or legislative leadership committee on whose behalf  
15 such solicitation is conducted, or (2) in accordance with the  
16 provisions of subsection c. of this section. A person with such  
17 written authorization may employ and accept the services of others  
18 as solicitors, and shall be responsible for reporting to the treasurer  
19 the information required under subsection b. of this section and for  
20 delivery to the treasurer the net proceeds of such solicitation in  
21 compliance with section 11 of **【this act】** P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-  
22 11). A contribution made through donation or purchase in response  
23 to a public solicitation conducted pursuant to written authorization  
24 of a treasurer shall be deemed to have been made through such  
25 treasurer.

26 b. Whenever a public solicitation has been authorized by a  
27 treasurer during a period covered by a report required to be filed  
28 under sections 8 and 16 of **【this act】** P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-8  
29 and C.19:44A-16), there shall be filed with such report and as a part  
30 thereof an itemized report on any such solicitation of which the net  
31 proceeds exceed \$200, in such form and detail as required by the  
32 rules of the Election Law Enforcement Commission, which report  
33 shall include:

34 (1) The name and mailing address of the person authorized to  
35 conduct such solicitation, the method of solicitation and, where the  
36 person is an individual, the occupation of the individual and the  
37 name and mailing address of the individual's employer;

38 (2) The gross receipts and expenses involved in the solicitation  
39 including the actual amount paid for any items purchased for resale  
40 in connection with the solicitation, or, if such items or any portion  
41 of the cost thereof was donated, the estimated actual value thereof  
42 and the actual amount paid therefor, and the names and addresses of  
43 any such donors. If it is not practicable for such itemized report to  
44 be completed in time to be included with the report due under  
45 sections 8 and 16 of **【this act】** P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-8 and  
46 C.19:44A-16) for the period during which such solicitation was  
47 held, then such itemized report may be omitted from said report and

1 if so omitted shall be included in the report for the next succeeding  
2 period.

3 Adjustments to the \$200 limit established in this subsection  
4 which have been made by the Election Law Enforcement  
5 Commission, pursuant to section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-  
6 7.2), prior to the effective date of P.L.2004, c.28 are rescinded. The  
7 \$200 limit established in this subsection shall remain as stated in  
8 this subsection without further adjustment by the commission in the  
9 manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).

10 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b. of this  
11 section, it shall be lawful for any natural person, not acting in  
12 concert with any other person or group, to make personally a public  
13 solicitation the entire proceeds of which, without deduction for the  
14 expenses of solicitation, are to be expended by him personally or  
15 under his personal direction to finance any lawful activity in  
16 support of or opposition to any candidate or public question or to  
17 provide political information on any candidate or public question or  
18 to seek to influence the content, introduction, passage or defeat of  
19 legislation; provided, however, that any individual making such  
20 solicitation who receives gross contributions exceeding \$200 in  
21 respect to activities relating to any one election shall be required to  
22 make a report stating (1) the amount so collected, (2) the method of  
23 solicitation, (3) the purpose or purposes for which the funds so  
24 collected were expended and the amount expended for each such  
25 purpose and (4) the individual's name and mailing address, the  
26 individual's occupation and the name and mailing address of the  
27 individual's employer. Adjustments to the \$200 limit established in  
28 this subsection which have been made by the Election Law  
29 Enforcement Commission, pursuant to section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65  
30 (C.19:44A-7.2), prior to the effective date of P.L.2004, c.28 are  
31 rescinded. The \$200 limit established in this subsection shall  
32 remain as stated in this subsection without further adjustment by the  
33 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993,  
34 c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).

35 Such report shall be made to the Election Law Enforcement  
36 Commission at the same time and in the same manner as a political  
37 committee, continuing political committee, political party  
38 committee, independent expenditure committee, or a legislative  
39 leadership committee subject to the provisions of section 8 of **[this**  
40 **act]** P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-8).

41 d. Contributions or purchases made in response to a public  
42 solicitation conducted in conformity with the requirements and  
43 conditions of **[this act]** P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.) shall  
44 not be deemed anonymous within the meaning of sections 11 and 20  
45 of **[this]** the act.

46 e. No person contributing in good faith to a public solicitation  
47 not duly authorized in compliance with the provisions of **[this act]**

1 P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.) shall be liable to any penalty  
2 under **【this】** the act by reason of having made such contribution.  
3 (cf: P.L.2004, c.28, s.6)

4  
5 13. Section 20 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-20) is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 20. No contribution of money or other thing of value, nor  
8 obligation therefor, shall be made, and no expenditure of money or  
9 other thing of value, nor obligation therefor, shall be made or  
10 incurred whether anonymously, in a fictitious name, or by one  
11 person or group in the name of another, to support or defeat a  
12 candidate in an election or to aid the passage or defeat of any public  
13 question or to provide political information on any candidate or  
14 public question or to seek to influence the content, introduction,  
15 passage or defeat of legislation.

16 No individual, either alone or jointly with one or more other  
17 individuals, and no corporation, partnership, membership  
18 organization or other incorporated or unincorporated association  
19 shall loan or advance to any individual, group of individuals,  
20 corporation, partnership, membership organization or other  
21 incorporated or unincorporated association any money or other  
22 thing of value expressly for the purpose of inducing the recipient  
23 thereof, or any other individual, group, corporation, partnership,  
24 organization or association, to make a contribution, either directly  
25 or indirectly, of money or other thing of value to a candidate or the  
26 candidate committee or joint candidates committee of a candidate.

27 No person shall contribute, or purport to contribute, to any  
28 candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee,  
29 political committee, continuing political committee, independent  
30 expenditure committee, political party committee or legislative  
31 leadership committee funds or property which does not actually  
32 belong to him and is not in his full custody and control; which has  
33 been given or furnished to him by any other person or group for the  
34 purpose of making a contribution thereof, except in the case of  
35 group contributions by persons who are members of the  
36 contributing group; or which has been loaned or advanced expressly  
37 for the purpose of inducing the making of a contribution to a  
38 candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee.

39 No treasurer, candidate or member of a candidate committee,  
40 joint candidates committee, political committee, continuing political  
41 committee, independent expenditure committee, political party  
42 committee or legislative leadership committee shall solicit or  
43 knowingly accept, agree to accept or concur in or abet the  
44 solicitation or acceptance of any contribution contrary to the  
45 provisions of this section.

46 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.11)

1       14. Section 13 of P.L.2004, c.19 (C.19:44A-11.3a) is repealed

2

3       15. This act shall take effect on the January 1 next following the  
4 date of enactment.

5

6

7

STATEMENT

8

9       This bill revises "The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and  
10 Expenditures Reporting Act" to institute new reporting  
11 requirements on certain organizations, and increase the limits on the  
12 amount of money that may be contributed by individuals,  
13 candidates, and committees to other candidates and committees.

14       Specifically, the bill would require disclosure by any  
15 independent expenditure committee. Such a committee is defined  
16 as any organization organized under section 527, or under  
17 paragraph (4) of subsection c. of section 501, of the federal Internal  
18 Revenue Code that engages in influencing or attempting to  
19 influence the outcome of any election or the nomination, election,  
20 or defeat of any person to any State or local elective public office or  
21 the passage or defeat of any public question, or in providing  
22 political information on any candidate or public question, and raises  
23 or expends \$3,000 or more for any such purpose. It would require  
24 these committees to report contribution and expenditure information  
25 in excess of \$300 to the Election Law Enforcement Commission  
26 (ELEC). The bill would prohibit a candidate from establishing,  
27 authorizing the establishment of, maintaining, or participating  
28 directly or indirectly, in the management or control of any  
29 independent expenditure committee.

30       The bill defines the term "electioneering communication" to  
31 mean any communication that has a value of at least \$10,000 and  
32 refers to: 1) a clearly identified candidate for office and promotes or  
33 supports a candidate for that office or opposes a candidate for that  
34 office, regardless of whether the communication expressly  
35 advocates a vote for or against a candidate; or 2) a public question  
36 and promotes or supports the passage or defeat of that question,  
37 regardless of whether the communication expressly advocates a  
38 vote for or against the passage of the question. The term includes  
39 communications published in any newspaper or periodical; or  
40 broadcast on radio, television, the Internet, or any public address  
41 system; placed on any billboard, outdoor facility, button, motor  
42 vehicle, window display, poster, card, pamphlet, leaflet, flyer, or  
43 other circular; or contained in any direct mailing, robotic phone  
44 calls, or mass e-mails.

45       The term "independent expenditure" is defined in the bill to  
46 mean an expenditure by a person expressly advocating, or the  
47 functional equivalent thereof, the election or defeat of: 1) a clearly  
48 identified candidate that is not made in concert or cooperation with

1 or at the request or suggestion of the candidate, the candidate's  
2 committee, a political party committee, or an agent thereof; or 2) a  
3 public question that is not made in concert or cooperation with or at  
4 the request or suggestion of the sponsors, organizers, or committee  
5 supporting or opposing the question, a political party, or agents  
6 thereof. The "functional equivalent" of expressly advocating means  
7 specific advocacy that can be interpreted by a reasonable person as  
8 advocating the election or defeat of a candidate, or the passage or  
9 defeat of a public question, taking into account whether the  
10 communication involved mentions a candidate, a political party, or  
11 a challenger to a candidate, or takes a position on a candidate's  
12 character, qualifications, or fitness for office, or that can be  
13 interpreted by a reasonable person as taking a position on the merits  
14 of a public question or taking a position in favor or against the  
15 passage or defeat of the public question.

16 In addition the bill would:

17 1) increase the amount of money that can be contributed by an  
18 individual, a corporation or union, or a group to a candidate  
19 committee from \$2,600 to \$3,000 per election;

20 2) increase the amount of money that can be contributed by a  
21 political committee or a continuing political committee to a  
22 candidate committee from \$8,200 to \$9,300 per election;

23 3) increase the amount of money that can be contributed by an  
24 individual, a corporation or union, political committee, continuing  
25 political committee, candidate committee or joint candidates  
26 committee or any other group to: a) the State committee of a  
27 political party from \$25,000 to \$28,000 per year; b) a county  
28 committee of a political party from \$37,000 to \$42,000 per year;  
29 and c) a municipal committee of a political party from \$7,200 to  
30 \$8,200 per year;

31 4) increase the amount of money that the national committee of  
32 a political party can contribute to the State committee of a political  
33 party from \$72,000 to \$82,000 per year;

34 5) increase the amount of money that can be contributed by the  
35 candidate committee of one candidate to the candidate committee of  
36 another candidate from \$8,200 to \$9,300 per election; and

37 6) increase the amount of money that can be contributed to a  
38 political committee, or that one political committee or continuing  
39 political committee can contribute to another political committee or  
40 continuing political committee, from \$7,200 to \$8,200 per election  
41 or per year, as the case may be.

42 The bill also repeals the current prohibition on the transfer of  
43 funds between county political party committees between January  
44 1st and June 30th of each year.