

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 9-1.7 and 9-1.8 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.7) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.7)

7 Sec. 9-1.7. "Local political committee" means the  
8 candidate himself or any individual, trust, partnership,  
9 committee, association, corporation, or other organization or  
10 group of persons which:

11 (a) accepts contributions or grants or makes  
12 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate  
13 amount exceeding \$3,000 on behalf of or in opposition to a  
14 candidate or candidates for public office who are required  
15 by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act to file statements  
16 of economic interests with the county clerk, or on behalf  
17 of or in opposition to a candidate or candidates for  
18 election to the office of ward or township committeeman in  
19 counties of 3,000,000 or more population;

20 (b) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during  
21 any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000  
22 in support of or in opposition to any question of public  
23 policy to be submitted to the electors of an area

1 encompassing no more than one county. The \$3,000 threshold  
2 established in this paragraph (b) applies to any receipts  
3 or expenditures received or made with the purpose of  
4 securing a place on the ballot for, advocating the defeat  
5 or passage of, or engaging in electioneering communication  
6 regarding the question of public policy regardless of the  
7 method of initiation of the question of public policy and  
8 regardless of whether petitions have been circulated or  
9 filed with the appropriate office or whether the question  
10 has been adopted and certified by the governing body;

11 (c) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during  
12 any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000  
13 and has as its primary purpose the furtherance of  
14 governmental, political or social values, is organized on a  
15 not-for-profit basis, and which publicly endorses or  
16 publicly opposes a candidate or candidates for public  
17 office who are required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics  
18 Act to file statements of economic interest with the County  
19 Clerk or a candidate or candidates for the office of ward  
20 or township committeeman in counties of 3,000,000 or more  
21 population; or

22 (d) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during  
23 any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000  
24 for electioneering communications relating to any  
25 candidate or candidates described in paragraph (a) or any  
26 question of public policy described in paragraph (b).

1 (Source: P.A. 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)

2 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.8) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.8)

3 Sec. 9-1.8. "State political committee" means the  
4 candidate himself or any individual, trust, partnership,  
5 committee, association, corporation, or any other organization  
6 or group of persons which--

7 (a) accepts contributions or grants or makes expenditures  
8 during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding  
9 \$3,000 on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate or  
10 candidates for public office who are required by the Illinois  
11 Governmental Ethics Act to file statements of economic  
12 interests with the Secretary of State,

13 (b) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any  
14 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 in  
15 support of or in opposition to any question of public policy to  
16 be submitted to the electors of an area encompassing more than  
17 one county. The \$3,000 threshold established in this paragraph  
18 (b) applies to any receipts or expenditures received or made  
19 with the purpose of securing a place on the ballot for,  
20 advocating the defeat or passage of, or engaging in  
21 electioneering communication regarding the question of public  
22 policy regardless of the method of initiation of the question  
23 of public policy and regardless of whether petitions have been  
24 circulated or filed with the appropriate office or whether the  
25 question has been adopted and certified by the governing body,

1           (c) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any  
2 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 and has  
3 as its primary purpose the furtherance of governmental,  
4 political or social values, is organized on a not-for-profit  
5 basis, and which publicly endorses or publicly opposes a  
6 candidate or candidates for public office who are required by  
7 the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act to file statements of  
8 economic interest with the Secretary of State, or

9           (d) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any  
10 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 for  
11 electioneering communications relating to any candidate or  
12 candidates described in paragraph (a) or any question of public  
13 policy described in paragraph (b).

14       (Source: P.A. 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)