

1 AN ACT concerning the Election Code.

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 adding  
5 Section 9-25.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-25.5 new)

7 Sec. 9-25.5. Contributions from business entities, labor  
8 organizations, banks, and nonprofit corporations.

9 (a) It is unlawful for:

10 (1) Any business entity, labor organization, State  
11 or national bank, or nonprofit corporation organized by  
12 authority of any law of Congress or any state to make a  
13 contribution for the purpose of influencing the election  
14 of a person to any elective office or political party or  
15 for the purpose of influencing any primary election or  
16 political convention or caucus held to select candidates  
17 for any elective office.

18 (2) Any candidate or person knowingly to accept or  
19 receive any contribution prohibited by this Section.

20 (3) Any officer or any director of any business  
21 entity, labor organization, State or national bank, or  
22 nonprofit corporation organized by authority of any law  
23 of Congress or any state to consent to any contribution  
24 prohibited by this Section by any business entity, labor  
25 organization, State or national bank, or nonprofit  
26 corporation.

27 (b) In addition to any other administrative or civil  
28 remedy applicable under this Article, any officer, director,  
29 attorney, accountant, or other agent of the business entity,  
30 labor organization, State or national bank, or nonprofit  
31 corporation violating any provision of this Section or

1 authorizing the violation of this Section, or any person who  
2 violates or in any way knowingly aids or abets the violation  
3 of this Section, is guilty of a business offense punishable  
4 by a fine of \$10,000 or 3 times the amount contributed or  
5 expended, whichever is greater.

6 (c) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the  
7 employees, shareholders, or members of any business entity,  
8 labor organization, State or national bank, or nonprofit  
9 corporation organized under the authority of Congress or the  
10 laws of any state from establishing a committee that operates  
11 free of any support from any business entity, labor  
12 organization, State or national bank, or nonprofit  
13 corporation organized under the authority of Congress or the  
14 laws of any state, subject to the limitations otherwise  
15 provided in this Code.

16 (d) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a business  
17 entity, labor organization, State or national bank, or  
18 nonprofit corporation organized under the authority of  
19 Congress or the laws of any state from providing indirect  
20 support to any committee, except a political party or  
21 candidate, for administration and compliance with this  
22 Article. Such support does not include fundraising or related  
23 activity, except as provided in subsection (e).

24 (e) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a business  
25 entity, labor corporation, State or national bank, or  
26 nonprofit corporation organized under the authority of  
27 Congress or the laws of any state from providing indirect  
28 support to any committee, except a political party or  
29 candidate, for fundraising or related activity to the extent  
30 that such support is, in the aggregate, 10% or less of the  
31 contributions received by that committee per calendar year.

32 (f) Nothing in this Section Shall prohibit a business  
33 entity, labor organization, State or national bank, or  
34 nonprofit corporation organized under the authority of

1 Congress or the laws of this State, which sponsors a  
2 committee, from making an expenditure that qualifies as a  
3 contribution under this Article so long as the business  
4 entity, labor organization, State or national bank, or  
5 nonprofit corporation is reimbursed by its sponsored  
6 committee within 30 days of making the payment.

7 (g) It is unlawful for any business entity or State or  
8 national bank to make an expenditure for the purpose of  
9 influencing any election or political convention or caucus  
10 held to select candidates for any elective office, except  
11 that nothing in this Section prohibits nonprofit corporations  
12 organized solely for political purposes and with no  
13 shareholders from making expenditures independent from any  
14 candidate for office.

15 (h) This Section does not apply to elections to federal  
16 office under the jurisdiction of the Federal Election  
17 Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

18 (10 ILCS 5/9-7.5 rep.)

19 Section 10. The Election Code is amended by repealing  
20 Section 9-7.5.