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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1548

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1548 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Election Code is amended by adding Sections  
5 9-2.5 and 9-8.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-2.5 new)

7 Sec. 9-2.5. Single political committee; dissolution of  
8 committee.

9 (a) Except as provided by this Section, no public official  
10 or candidate for public office may establish more than one  
11 political committee for each office that public official or  
12 candidate occupies or is seeking.

13 (b) A public official with one or more pre-existing  
14 committees bound by the limits of any subsection of Section  
15 9-8.5 considering a candidacy for any office covered by the  
16 limits of any different subsection of Section 9-8.5 must form a

1 new committee, to be termed an exploratory committee. A  
2 pre-existing committee created for the primary purpose of  
3 aiding that candidate's election to other offices that ceases  
4 all fundraising after the creation of an exploratory committee  
5 may transfer funds without limit to an exploratory committee.  
6 Should the candidate decide against running for the new office,  
7 fail to qualify for the ballot at the next election, or lose  
8 the next election, any remaining funds held by the exploratory  
9 committee shall be returned to contributors or donated to  
10 charity, and the committee shall be closed, within 90 days.

11 (c) The public officials elected President of the Senate,  
12 Minority Leader of the Senate, Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives, and Minority Leader of the House of  
14 Representatives may each establish and operate one additional  
15 political committee for the purpose of supporting the election  
16 of candidates to the General Assembly. The committees provided  
17 for in this subsection (c) shall not be considered established  
18 by the President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate,  
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives, or Minority Leader of  
20 the House of Representatives for purposes of Section 9-8.5.

21 (d) A political committee established in accordance with  
22 subsection (a) or (b) must be dissolved within 30 days after  
23 (i) the candidate's withdrawal from the campaign or defeat for  
24 the nomination or election sought or (ii) the public official  
25 no longer holds the public office for which the committee was  
26 established. All funds of a committee that is not dissolved as

1 required by this subsection shall escheat to the State and be  
2 deposited into the State treasury.

3 (10 ILCS 5/9-8.5 new)

4 Sec. 9-8.5. Contribution limit.

5 (a) An individual, corporation, labor organization,  
6 association, or other group may not make one or more  
7 contributions, including cash and in-kind contributions, in  
8 excess of \$10,000 in the aggregate in one calendar year to any  
9 candidate for public office. A political committee of which a  
10 State or local political party is the sponsoring entity may not  
11 make one or more transfers in excess of \$10,000 in the  
12 aggregate in one calendar year to any candidate for public  
13 office. For the purpose of this Section, "candidate" includes  
14 the candidate personally and any one or more political  
15 committees established by, on behalf of, or to promote that  
16 candidate.

17 (b) An individual, corporation, labor organization,  
18 association, or other group may not make one or more  
19 contributions, including cash and in-kind contributions, in  
20 excess of \$10,000 in the aggregate in one calendar year to one  
21 or more committees in support of or in opposition to a question  
22 of public policy to be submitted to electors. A political  
23 committee of which a State or local political party is the  
24 sponsoring entity may not make one or more transfers in excess  
25 of \$10,000 in the aggregate in one calendar year to one or more

1 committees in support of or in opposition to a question of  
2 public policy to be submitted to electors.

3 (c) When (i) a corporation and any of its subsidiaries,  
4 branches, divisions, departments, or local units, (ii) a labor  
5 organization and any of its subsidiaries, branches, divisions,  
6 departments, or local units, or (iii) an association or any of  
7 its affiliates, subsidiaries, branches, divisions,  
8 departments, or local units contribute to one or more political  
9 committees or establish, maintain, or control more than one  
10 separate segregated fund qualified as a political committee,  
11 all of the related contributing entities shall be treated as a  
12 single contributing entity for the purposes of the limitations  
13 established by this Section.

14 (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit a  
15 candidate's or public official's contribution of his or her  
16 personal funds to the political committee established by that  
17 candidate or public official.

18 (e) The dollar amounts established in this Section shall be  
19 adjusted annually by the State Board of Elections in accordance  
20 with the federal Consumer Price Index.

21 (f) As used in this Section:

22 (1) "Association" means any group, club, meeting,  
23 collective, membership organization, collection of  
24 persons, entity organized under Section 501 or 527 of the  
25 Internal Revenue Code, or other entity other than a natural  
26 person, except that an association does not include a

1 political committee organized under this Article.

2 (2) "Corporation" includes a limited liability  
3 company, partnership, professional practice, cooperative,  
4 or sole proprietorship, whether organized on a for-profit  
5 or non-profit basis.

6 (3) "Labor organization" means any organization of any  
7 kind or any agency or employee representation committee or  
8 plan in which employees participate and that exists for the  
9 purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers  
10 concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of  
11 pay, hours of employment, or conditions of work."