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**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits certain candidates from receiving public financing for campaigns.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT concerning the public financing of elections, amending  
2 P.L.2007, c.60 and supplementing P.L.1974, c.26 (C.19:44A-27  
3 et seq.).  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:  
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8 1. Section 21 of P.L.2007, c.60 is amended to read as follows:

9 21. The New Jersey Fair and Clean Elections Pilot Project  
10 established by this act shall be reauthorized by the Legislature and  
11 the Governor in sufficient time for elections in 2009 to include:

12 a. candidates seeking election to the office of member of the  
13 Senate and candidates seeking election to the office of member of  
14 the General Assembly;

15 b. candidates seeking nomination for election to the office of  
16 member of the Senate and candidates seeking nomination for  
17 election to the office of member of the General Assembly, if this act  
18 is deemed a success; **[and]**

19 c. for any candidate nominated by direct petition pursuant to  
20 chapter 13 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, the same amount of  
21 funding as any candidate who is a member of a political party  
22 whose candidate for Governor received the greatest or next great  
23 number of votes in the most recent gubernatorial election, provided  
24 that: (1) a candidate nominated by direct petition who is a member  
25 of a political organization received 10 percent or more of the total  
26 number of votes cast in the legislative district from which the  
27 candidate sought to be elected in the general election held in 2007;  
28 or (2) a candidate independent of any such political organization or  
29 political party received 10 percent or more of the total number of  
30 votes cast in the legislative district from which the candidate sought  
31 to be elected in the general election held in 2007 and is also a  
32 candidate in 2009; and

33 d. a provision that any candidate who has been convicted of a  
34 crime in this State, or of an offense under the laws of another state  
35 or the United States which would have been a crime under the laws  
36 of this State, who is a current office holder under indictment for a  
37 crime in this State, or an offense under the laws of another state or  
38 the United States which would have been a crime under the laws of  
39 this State, or who has unsatisfied tax liens shall not be eligible to  
40 receive public funds.

41 As used in this section, "success" means that at least 50 percent  
42 of the candidates who were members of political parties and were  
43 seeking election for either the office of member of the Senate or the  
44 office of member of the General Assembly became certified

**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 candidates and did not withdraw from that designation.

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3 2. (New section) Any candidate for Governor who has been  
4 convicted of a crime in this State, or of an offense under the laws of  
5 another state or the United States which would have been a crime  
6 under the laws of this State, who is a current office holder under  
7 indictment for a crime in this State, or an offense under the laws of  
8 another state or the United States which would have been a crime  
9 under the laws of this State, or who has unsatisfied tax liens shall  
10 not be eligible to receive public funds under the provisions of this  
11 act, P.L.1974, c.26 (C.19:44A-27 et seq.).

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13 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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16 STATEMENT

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18 This bill would prohibit a candidate for the office of Governor  
19 who is a convicted criminal offender, a current office holder under  
20 indictment, or who has unsatisfied tax liens from receiving public  
21 funds for his or her campaign. The bill also provides that if the  
22 New Jersey Fair and Clean Elections Pilot Project is reauthorized  
23 for the 2009 election, it will include a provision that any candidate  
24 for the Legislature who is a convicted criminal offender, a current  
25 office holder under indictment, or who has unsatisfied tax liens is  
26 not eligible to receive public funds for his or her campaign.