

## Clean Elections will:

- Provide campaign finance reform that will improve our democratic process
- Equalize funding among candidates
- Give candidates a voluntary way to qualify for public funding
- Allow a greater number and variety of candidates to run for office
- Reduce the influence of special interests in political campaigns
- Allow candidates to spend more time talking to voters
- Re-engage the public in issues of concern to our state

## How do candidates qualify?

- Collect a specified number of \$5 qualifying contributions and signatures from registered voters in the candidate's district
- Agree to limit spending to the public financing, using none of their own money, and accepting no private contributions
- Contributions must be checks or money orders and will be audited

## What will candidates receive?

- Qualifying candidates receive a competitive amount for Primary and General Elections (generally \$7500 for a House race and \$20,000 for a Senate race, with a few exceptions for larger and more competitive districts)
- Limited one-to-one matching funds up to three times the original funding when outspent by a non-participating candidate

## How can Clean Elections be paid for?

There are a variety of possibilities, including:

- Revenue from a state tax check off program
- Fines for violations of election laws
- Sale of state surplus property
- A percentage of surplus of state's Rainy Day Fund
- A percentage of the Budget Digest
- A 10% surcharge on all civil and criminal penalties in excess of \$1000
- Allowing a tax credit for donations to the Clean Elections Fund