

(a) The provisions of §§ 31-1 through 31-9 of this article known as the Fair Campaign Financing Act and providing for a system of fair campaign financing are of no effect and may not be implemented or enforced after July 1, [1985] 1991[, provided that the requirements of subsection (b) of this section are met].

(b) [The termination of the Fair Campaign Financing Act as provided in subsection (a) of this section is effective only if the General Assembly has enacted legislation that is effective on or before July 1, 1985, that establishes a program for the use of the funds in the Fair Campaign Financing Fund for a purpose as consistent as possible with some or all of the objectives that the Fair Campaign Financing Act was originally designed to attain] ANY MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND AFTER DISBURSEMENT TO CANDIDATES, AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND REGULATIONS, SHALL BE USED TO OFFSET THE EXPENSES OF THE DISBURSEMENT AND ANY REMAINING AFTER THAT SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS TO BE USED FOR VOTER EDUCATION PURPOSES.

31-11.

The Fair Campaign Financing Fund created by Chapter 729 of the Acts of 1974 shall be preserved and maintained until [the General Assembly enacts, not later than July 1, 1985, legislation establishing a program for the use of the Fund for a purpose, to be determined by the General Assembly, as consistent as possible with some or all of the objectives that the Fair Campaign Financing Act was originally designed to attain] THE FUND HAS BEEN DISBURSED AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND REGULATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

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Dear Mr. President: