



## ***The Citizens' Election Program 2008 General Assembly Elections***

***Town Clerks and Registrars are Integral  
to the Success of the Citizens' Election Program***

### **Qualified Signatures on Petition Linked to Grants**

- **In addition to serving as the vehicle for ballot access, petitions for nomination now play a key role in the State Elections Enforcement Commission's determination of whether a petitioning candidate may receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Program for the candidate's campaign expenditures.**
- **The total number of qualified signatures on the nominating petition must be reported to the Secretary of the State. The State Elections Enforcement Commission will then use this number to determine the initial grant amount, if any, to award the petitioning candidate.**

The key percentages of signatures of qualified electors gathered by petitioning candidates seeking a grant from the Citizens' Election Program are:

- 10% of votes cast for same office in prior regular election.*
- 15% of votes cast for same office in prior regular election.*
- 20% of votes cast for same office in prior regular election.*

<b>Office Sought</b>	<b>Candidate Eligible for 1/3 Grant – Nominating Petition Signed by Electors Equaling at Least 10% of All Votes Cast for Office in Prior General Election</b>	<b>Candidate Eligible for 2/3 Grant – Nominating Petition Signed by Electors Equaling at Least 15% of All Votes Cast for Office in Prior General Election</b>	<b>Candidate Eligible for Full Grant – Nominating Petition Signed by Electors Equaling at Least 20% of All Votes Cast for Office in Prior General Election</b>
State Senator	\$28,333	\$55,667	\$85,000
State Representative	\$8,333	\$16,667	\$25,000

***Prepared by the State Elections Enforcement Commission. For more information about the Citizens' Election Program, visit [www.ct.gov/SEEC](http://www.ct.gov/SEEC) or call 860-256-2940.***