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With an Introduction to
Arizona's Web-based Reporting System

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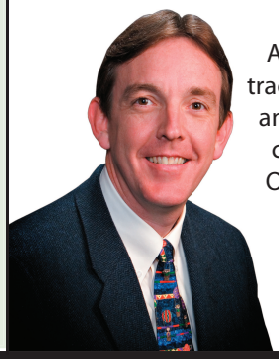

About this publication:

Accepting campaign contributions correctly and tracking expenditures is an essential part to running any campaign. This publication contains Arizona's campaign finance laws found in Arizona statute. Our staff is available to help you understand your filing requirements with this office.

Ken Bennett

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STATE OF ARIZONA

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Thank you for your interest in learning more about Arizona's campaign finance laws.

Adjusted campaign contribution limits for use in the 2009 - 2010 election cycle are included as the 2009 update to this publication. Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-905 specifically provides for the contribution limits to be adjusted for inflation by the Secretary of State every two years.

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Campaign Finance Web-based Reporting System

For SOS Committees Only

Welcome to the Arizona Secretary of State's Campaign Finance Reporting System

The next few screens will guide you through the process of entering your committee information, printing your committee's Statement of Organization, and creating user logins for your committee users.

You must submit a signed Statement of Organization to the Secretary of State. Once your completed Statement of Organization has been accepted, you will receive a confirmation email. No committee activity may begin until your committee's Statement of Organization is accepted by the Secretary of State.

Please be aware that you must submit by mail or in person the signed original printout of the form:

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Campaign Finance help desk

Campaign Finance Supervisor
Nancy Read (602) 364-1562

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The Campaign Finance Web-based Reporting System guide is for the exclusive use of political committees that file campaign finance reports only with the Secretary of State (SOS). This System is NOT a reporting program for political committees that file with County, City and/or Town filing agencies. This guide is printed as an introduction to basic political committee organization, filing and reporting requirements offered to SOS political committees through the web-based reporting system. This web-based program may be viewed on the Secretary of State's website at www.azsos.gov. Campaign Contributions and Expenses definitions and reporting requirements may be found in the Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 16, Chapter 6 (included in this publication) and may also be accessed through the Arizona State Legislature's website at www.azleg.gov. The content and information provided in this guide are subject to change as required by law.

To Get Started

Access the SOS Website

- Log on to Arizona Secretary of State website www.azsos.gov
  Click on:
  - Elections
  - Candidate and Committee Information
  - Campaign Finance
  - Committee Finance Reporting System

Help If you need help at any time, select the "Help" link in the upper right corner of the screen

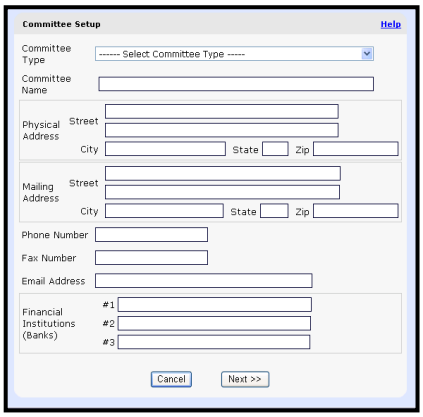
Login Screen

- Click on: **Create New Committee** to start a new committee. - OR -
- Enter your existing committee **User Name** and **Password** to login

There are four STEPS to Create New Committee:

1. Committee Setup
2. Committee Member Setup
3. User Setup
4. Print Statement of Organization or $500 Threshold Exemption Statement

STEP 1: Committee Setup



- Use the pull down menu to select **Committee Type**

Help Click on **Help** for information on the different types of committees

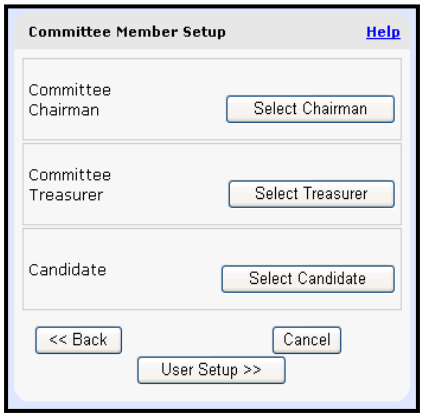
- Complete remaining fields
- Once complete, select **Next** Next >> to continue

STEP 2: Committee Member Setup

Follow the process below for selecting a Chairman, Treasurer and Candidate

- ✓ For Candidate Committees, the candidate may serve as both chairman and treasurer
- ✓ For $500 Threshold Committees, enter Sponsoring Organization, if any
- ✓ For ALL other committees, the chairman and treasurer must be different individuals

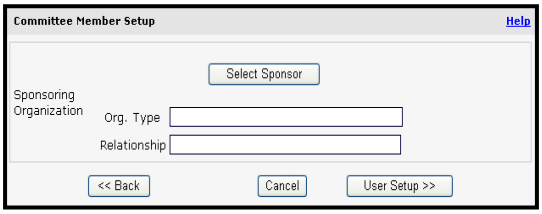
Example below for Statement of Organization



- To search for your Committee Members (Chairman, Treasurer, and if Candidate) click on one tab at a time
- Click on either
  Select Chairman Select Chairman
  Select Treasurer Select Treasurer
  Select Candidate Select Candidate

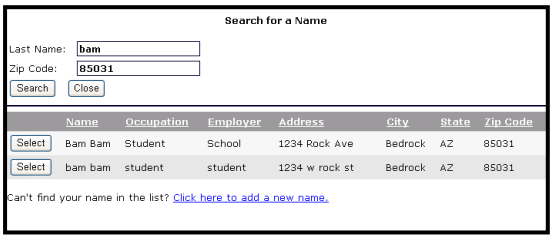
After selecting one, continue to the **Search for a Name** Instructions (see next page)

Example below for $500 Threshold Exemption Statement

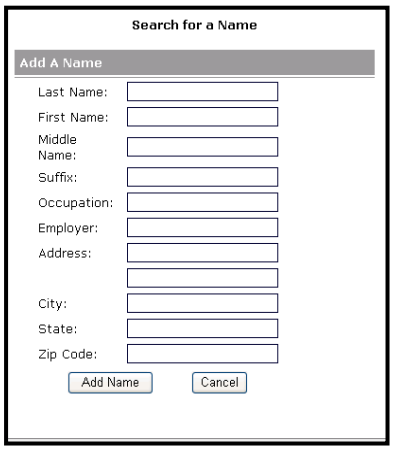


STEP 2: Committee Member Setup (continued)

- The **Search for a Name** screen will appear
- Type in the **Last Name** and **Zip Code** of either the Candidate, Treasurer or Chairman and click **Search** Search

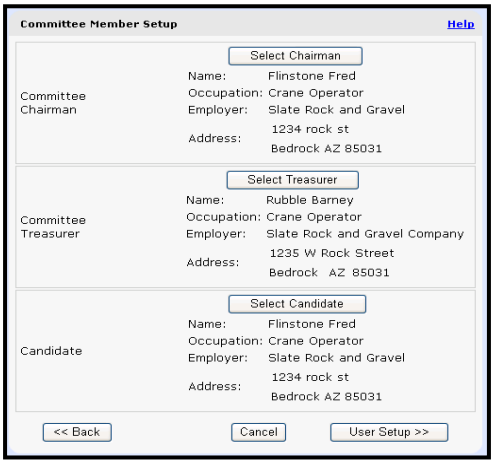


- If the name is found, the name will appear on the screen
- If found, **Select** the name (Chairman, Treasurer, or Candidate)
- If name is not found, click on the link **Click here to add a new name**



- The **Add a Name** window appears. To add a name, complete the required information, pressing the TAB key between fields
- Click on **Add Name** Add Name

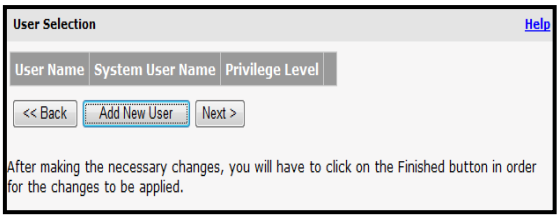
Note: The individual's information will now be added to the SOS Campaign Finance database



- Complete all required fields
- Complete the same process for Treasurer and Candidate
- Click **User Setup** User Setup >> to continue

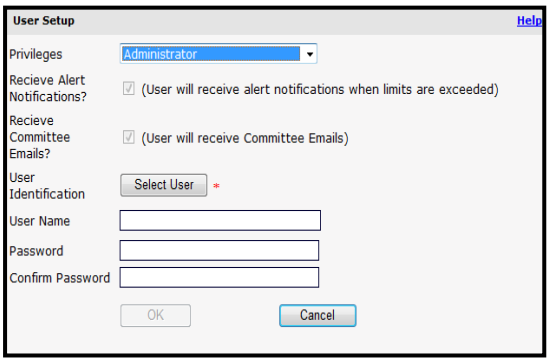
STEP 3: User Setup

As you begin **User Setup**, please remember there must be at least one user with **administrative** privileges; a warning message will appear if none are chosen



To add users:

- Click on **Add New User** Add New User

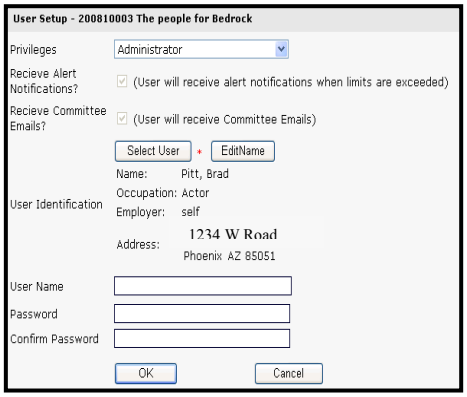


- Choose the Privilege Level from the pull down menu (REMEMBER - THERE MUST BE AT LEAST ONE **ADMINISTRATIVE** USER)

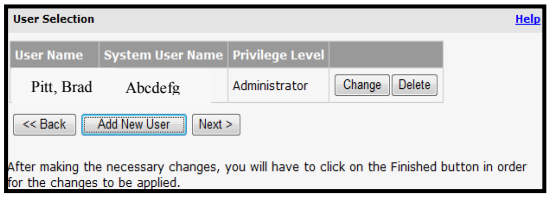
Help Click on **Help** for information on selecting a Privilege Level

- Click on **Select User**

- The **Search for a Name** window will appear for selecting the new user
  - ✓ Follow the instructions on pages 2 - 3 on how to **Search for a Name**



- The **User Setup** screen will be displayed with the user's information
- In the **User Name** field, enter a User Name that is at least 6 characters long
- In the **Password** field, enter a password that is at least 6 characters long
- In **Confirm Password**, re-type your password correctly
- Select **OK**



- The screen with the added users now appears
- Continue to add new users, if needed
- When done, select **Next** Next >> to continue to the next step

STEP 4: Statement of Organization or $500 Threshold Exemption Statement

- You have now created your committee
- Print the Statement of Organization or $500 Threshold Exemption Statement
  - Click on [Print Statement] to view and print the form. After printing the form, close the PDF window, the campaign finance system will log you out
- Obtain signatures of chairman, treasurer and candidate or designated individual on page 2. Standing Committees must add notarized signatures
- Submit the signed original printout of the form, either by mail or in person, to:

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Election Services Division
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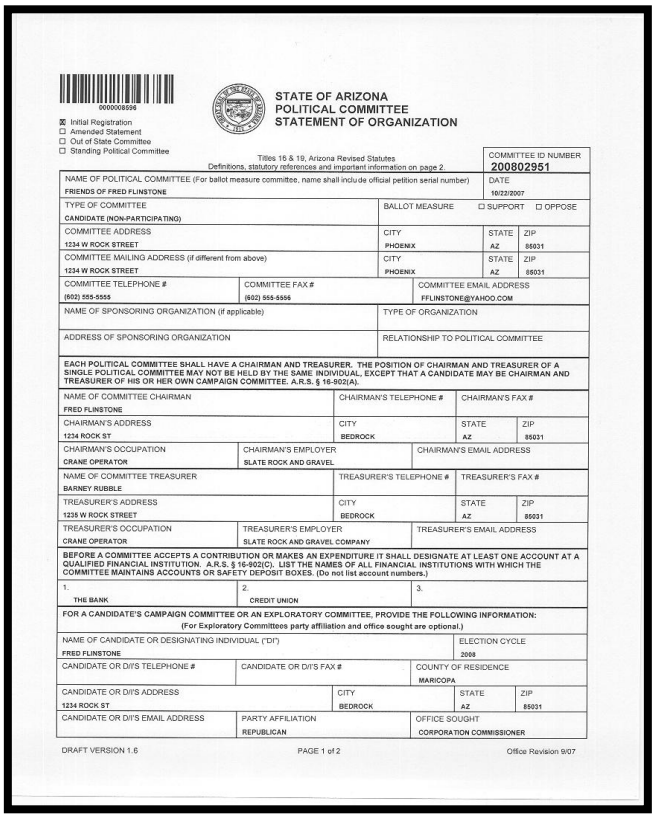
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2888



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☒ Initial Registration
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☐ Standing Political Committee

STATE OF ARIZONA
POLITICAL COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Titles 16 & 19, Arizona Revised Statutes
Definitions, statutory references and important information on page 2.

COMMITTEE ID NUMBER: 200802951

NAME OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE (For ballot measure committee, name shall include official petition serial number): FRIENDS OF FRED FLINSTONE		DATE: 10/22/2007	
TYPE OF COMMITTEE: CANDIDATE (NON-PARTICIPATING)	BALLOT MEASURE ☐ SUPPORT ☐ OPPOSE		
COMMITTEE ADDRESS: 1234 W ROCK STREET	CITY: PHOENIX	STATE: AZ	ZIP: 85031
COMMITTEE MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above): 1234 W ROCK STREET	CITY: PHOENIX	STATE: AZ	ZIP: 85031
COMMITTEE TELEPHONE #: (602) 555-5555	COMMITTEE FAX #: (602) 555-5556	COMMITTEE EMAIL ADDRESS: FFLINSTONE@YAHOO.COM	
NAME OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION (if applicable)	TYPE OF ORGANIZATION		
ADDRESS OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	RELATIONSHIP TO POLITICAL COMMITTEE		

EACH POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE A CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER. THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER OF A SINGLE POLITICAL COMMITTEE MAY NOT BE HELD BY THE SAME INDIVIDUAL, EXCEPT THAT A CANDIDATE MAY BE CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER OF HIS OR HER OWN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. A.R.S. § 16-902(A).

NAME OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: FRED FLINSTONE	CHAIRMAN'S TELEPHONE #	CHAIRMAN'S FAX #	
CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS: 1234 ROCK ST	CITY: BEDROCK	STATE: AZ	ZIP: 85031
CHAIRMAN'S OCCUPATION: CRANE OPERATOR	CHAIRMAN'S EMPLOYER: SLATE ROCK AND GRAVEL	CHAIRMAN'S EMAIL ADDRESS	
NAME OF COMMITTEE TREASURER: BARNEY RUBBLE	TREASURER'S TELEPHONE #	TREASURER'S FAX #	
TREASURER'S ADDRESS: 1235 W ROCK STREET	CITY: BEDROCK	STATE: AZ	ZIP: 85031
TREASURER'S OCCUPATION: CRANE OPERATOR	TREASURER'S EMPLOYER: SLATE ROCK AND GRAVEL COMPANY	TREASURER'S EMAIL ADDRESS	

BEFORE A COMMITTEE ACCEPTS A CONTRIBUTION OR MAKES AN EXPENDITURE IT SHALL DESIGNATE AT LEAST ONE ACCOUNT AT A QUALIFIED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. A.R.S. § 16-902(C). LIST THE NAMES OF ALL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH THE COMMITTEE MAINTAINS ACCOUNTS OR SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES. (Do not list account numbers.)

1. THE BANK	2. CREDIT UNION	3.

FOR A CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE OR AN EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
(For Exploratory Committees party affiliation and office sought are optional.)

NAME OF CANDIDATE OR DESIGNATING INDIVIDUAL ("DI"): FRED FLINSTONE		ELECTION CYCLE: 2008	
CANDIDATE OR DI'S TELEPHONE #	CANDIDATE OR DI'S FAX #	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: MARICOPA	
CANDIDATE OR DI'S ADDRESS: 1234 ROCK ST	CITY: BEDROCK	STATE: AZ	ZIP: 85031
CANDIDATE OR DI'S EMAIL ADDRESS	PARTY AFFILIATION: REPUBLICAN	OFFICE SOUGHT: CORPORATION COMMISSIONER	

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Committee ID: 200802951
Date: 10/22/2007
Form ID: 0000008696

STATE OF ARIZONA
POLITICAL COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT THE REQUIRED SIGNATURES BELOW:

BOX 1 All committees require the signature of both the chairman and treasurer. Standing Committees, see BOX 3 below.

CHAIRMAN'S AND TREASURER'S STATEMENT: We, the undersigned, have examined the information contained in this statement of organization and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete.

Date: _____ Chairman's signature: _____
Date: _____ Treasurer's signature: _____

BOX 2 *Complete and sign this additional box only if the committee is a candidate's campaign committee or exploratory committee.*

DESIGNATING INDIVIDUAL OR CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT: I authorize the above-named political committee as my political committee to receive contributions and make expenditures on my behalf.

Date: _____ DI's or Candidate's signature: _____

BOX 3 *Complete and notarize this box only if the committee has been in existence for more than one year and is filing for Standing Committee status.*

STANDING POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT (if applicable) (A.R.S. §16-902.1): I/we hereby declare the status of this political committee as a standing political committee.

Date: _____ Chairman's signature: _____
Date: _____ Treasurer's signature: _____

State of Arizona) ss. County of _____)
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____
_____ My Commission Expires: _____
Notary Public

State of Arizona) ss. County of _____)
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____
_____ My Commission Expires: _____
Notary Public

DEFINITION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE: A.R.S. § 16-901(19)
"Political committee" means a candidate or any association or combination of persons that is organized, conducted or combined for the purpose of influencing the result of any election or to determine whether an individual will become a candidate for election in this state or in any county, city, town, district or precinct in this state, that engages in political activity in behalf of or against a candidate for election or retention or in support of or opposition to an initiative, referendum or recall or any other measure or proposition and that applies for a serial number and circulates petitions and, in the case of a candidate for public office except those exempt pursuant to section 16-903, that receives contributions or makes expenditures in connection therewith, notwithstanding that the association or combination of persons may be a part of a larger association, combination of persons or sponsoring organization not primarily organized, conducted or combined for the purpose of influencing the result of any election in this state or in any county, city, town or precinct in this state.

NOTE FOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES:
An individual, acting alone, is not a political committee under Arizona law and need not file a statement of organization. If any additional person or persons join the effort (as defined above in A.R.S. § 16-901(19)) begun by an individual, the association of persons has become a "political committee" under Arizona law, and must file a statement of organization before accepting contributions, making expenditures, distributing literature or circulating petitions. A.R.S. § 16-902.01(A).

NOTE FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL EFFORTS:
Before circulating initiative, referendum or recall petitions, a political committee must file its statement of organization with the appropriate filing office. Signatures obtained on petitions prior to the filing of the statement of organization are void and shall not be counted in determining the legal sufficiency of the petition. A.R.S. §§ 19-114(B) and 19-202(C). Even though an individual, acting alone, may begin the initiative, referendum or recall effort, as soon as other persons join the effort, the association of persons must register as a political committee. The statement of organization must be filed regardless of whether the committee intends to accept contributions or make expenditures.

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Citizens Clean Elections Commission – Participating Candidates

Participating Candidates will initially see the notice to print the Application for Certification as a Participating Candidate before printing the Statement of Organization

- Click on Application for Certification [Application for Certification] to view and print the form. After printing the form, close the PDF window and the system will return to the campaign finance screen
- Click Next [Next >>] to view and print the Statement of Organization
- Click on [Print Statement] to view and print the form. After printing the form, close the PDF window and the campaign finance system will log you out

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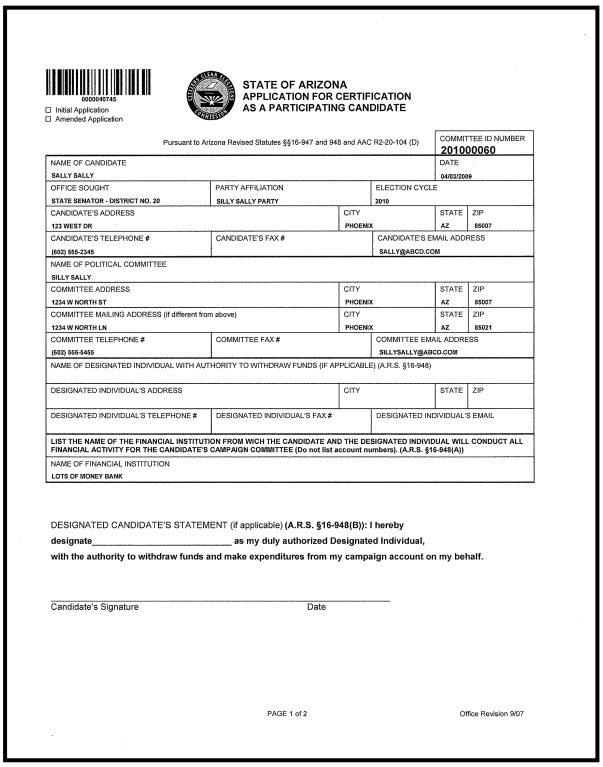

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☐ Initial Application
☐ Amended Application

STATE OF ARIZONA
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
AS A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §§16-947 and 948 and AAC R2-20-104 (D)

			COMMITTEE ID NUMBER 201000060	
NAME OF CANDIDATE SALLY SALLY			DATE 04/03/2009	
OFFICE SOUGHT STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 20	PARTY AFFILIATION SILLY SALLY PARTY	ELECTION CYCLE 2010		
CANDIDATE'S ADDRESS 123 WEST DR		CITY PHOENIX	STATE AZ	ZIP 85007
CANDIDATE'S TELEPHONE # (602) 555-2345	CANDIDATE'S FAX #	CANDIDATE'S EMAIL ADDRESS SALLY@ABCD.COM		
NAME OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE SILLY SALLY				
COMMITTEE ADDRESS 1234 W NORTH ST		CITY PHOENIX	STATE AZ	ZIP 85007
COMMITTEE MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above) 1234 W NORTH LN		CITY PHOENIX	STATE AZ	ZIP 85021
COMMITTEE TELEPHONE # (602) 866-6466	COMMITTEE FAX #	COMMITTEE EMAIL ADDRESS SILLYSALLY@ABCD.COM		
NAME OF DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL WITH AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE) (A.R.S. §16-948)				
DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL'S ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP
DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL'S TELEPHONE #	DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL'S FAX #	DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL'S EMAIL		
LIST THE NAME OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FROM WICH THE CANDIDATE AND THE DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL WILL CONDUCT ALL FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (Do not list account numbers). (A.R.S. §16-948(A))				
NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION LOTS OF MONEY BANK				

DESIGNATED CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT (if applicable) **(A.R.S. §16-948(B)): I hereby designate_____ as my duly authorized Designated Individual, with the authority to withdraw funds and make expenditures from my campaign account on my behalf.**

_____
Candidate's Signature Date

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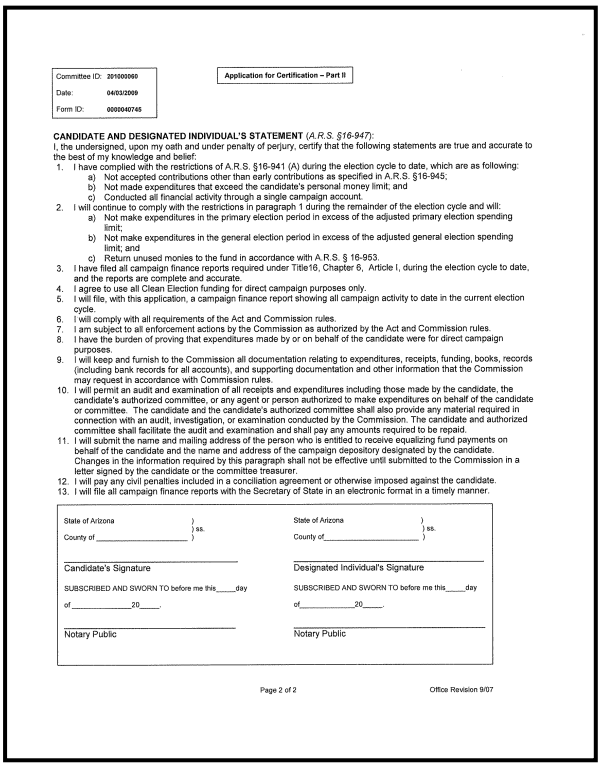

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Application for Certification – Part II

CANDIDATE AND DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL'S STATEMENT (*A.R.S. §16-947*):
I, the undersigned, upon my oath and under penalty of perjury, certify that the following statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. I have complied with the restrictions of A.R.S. §16-941 (A) during the election cycle to date, which are as following:
   a) Not accepted contributions other than early contributions as specified in A.R.S. §16-945;
   b) Not made expenditures that exceed the candidate's personal money limit; and
   c) Conducted all financial activity through a single campaign account.
2. I will continue to comply with the restrictions in paragraph 1 during the remainder of the election cycle and will:
   a) Not make expenditures in the primary election period in excess of the adjusted primary election spending limit;
   b) Not make expenditures in the general election period in excess of the adjusted general election spending limit; and
   c) Return unused monies to the fund in accordance with A.R.S. § 16-953.
3. I have filed all campaign finance reports required under Title16, Chapter 6, Article I, during the election cycle to date, and the reports are complete and accurate.
4. I agree to use all Clean Election funding for direct campaign purposes only.
5. I will file, with this application, a campaign finance report showing all campaign activity to date in the current election cycle.
6. I will comply with all requirements of the Act and Commission rules.
7. I am subject to all enforcement actions by the Commission as authorized by the Act and Commission rules.
8. I have the burden of proving that expenditures made by or on behalf of the candidate were for direct campaign purposes.
9. I will keep and furnish to the Commission all documentation relating to expenditures, receipts, funding, books, records (including bank records for all accounts), and supporting documentation and other information that the Commission may request in accordance with Commission rules.
10. I will permit an audit and examination of all receipts and expenditures including those made by the candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, or any agent or person authorized to make expenditures on behalf of the candidate or committee. The candidate and the candidate's authorized committee shall also provide any material required in connection with an audit, investigation, or examination conducted by the Commission. The candidate and authorized committee shall facilitate the audit and examination and shall pay any amounts required to be repaid.
11. I will submit the name and mailing address of the person who is entitled to receive equalizing fund payments on behalf of the candidate and the name and address of the campaign depository designated by the candidate. Changes in the information required by this paragraph shall not be effective until submitted to the Commission in a letter signed by the candidate or the committee treasurer.
12. I will pay any civil penalties included in a conciliation agreement or otherwise imposed against the candidate.
13. I will file all campaign finance reports with the Secretary of State in an electronic format in a timely manner.

State of Arizona) County of_____)) ss.	State of Arizona) County of_____)) ss.
_____ Candidate's Signature	_____ Designated Individual's Signature
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this_____day of_____20_____.	SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this_____day of_____20_____.
_____ Notary Public	_____ Notary Public

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Contact the Citizens Clean Elections Commission for additional information on Participating Candidates
1616 W. Adams, Suite 110
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 364-3477
www.azcleanelections.gov

Important additional information:

After your committee has filed the Statement of Organization with the Secretary of State's office, your committee will receive a confirming email (at the committee email address you provided) informing your committee that the Statement of Organization has been accepted. Once you have received this email, your political committee may accept contributions, make expenditures, distribute literature and obtain signatures on petitions.

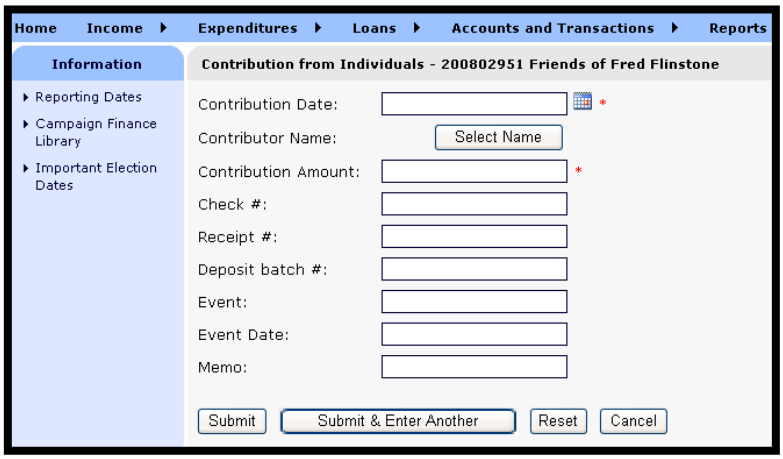
Introduction to the screens!

As you begin to use the web-based reporting system, please remember that an on-screen **HELP** assistance is always close and available. The detailed **HELP** feature is located on each screen in the upper right hand corner and will provide you with information about "what to do next" as you become familiar with the campaign finance reporting program. To report your committee's campaign contributions and expenditures, the committee will utilize the following "common" screens displayed below:

- **INCOME -** To record contributions, refunds and interest
- **EXPENDITURES -** For entering your committee's expenses paid
- **REPORTS -** To view or file campaign finance reports
- **COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT -** For maintenance to your committee information

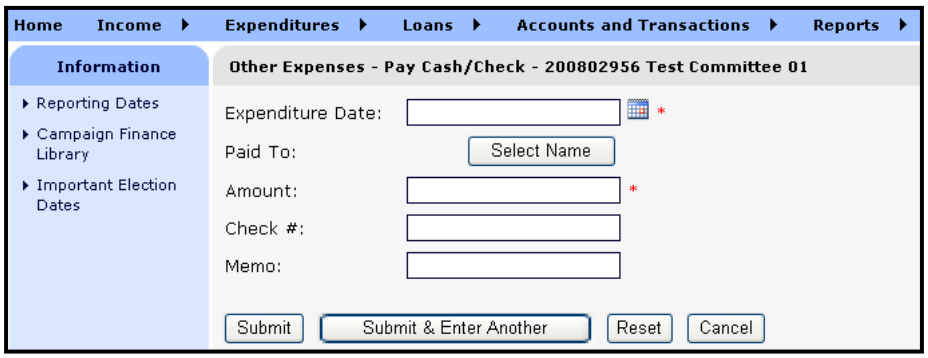
INCOME- Entering Committee's Income

Includes:
> Contributions
> Refunds, Credits, Rebates
> Interest and Dividends
> Shared Expense Payment from a Committee
> Other Income



EXPENDITURES - Entering Committee's Expenses

Includes:
> Immediate Cash/Check Expenditure
> Purchase on Terms/Credit
> Pay on Terms/Credit
> Add Sub-Vendor to Transaction
> Expend In-Kind Contribution
> Contribute to Another Committee
> Pay Another Committee for Shared Expense
> Give Refund



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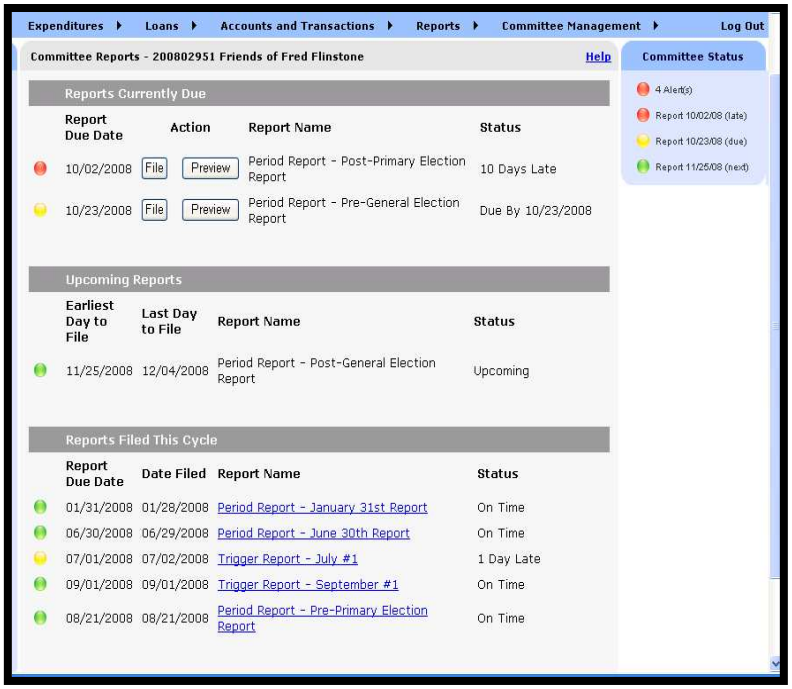

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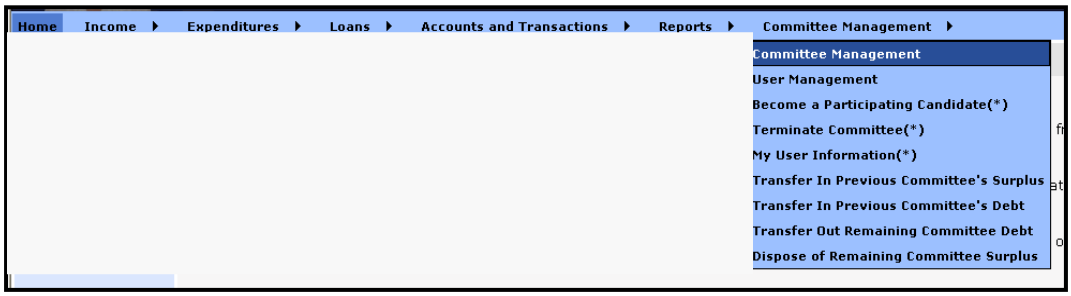

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CHAPTER 6
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES
ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 16-901. Definitions

In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Agent" means, with respect to any person other than a candidate, any person who has oral or written authority, either express or implied, to make or authorize the making of expenditures as defined in this section on behalf of a candidate, any person who has been authorized by the treasurer of a political committee to make or authorize the making of expenditures or a political consultant for a candidate or political committee.
2. "Candidate" means an individual who receives or gives consent for receipt of a contribution for his nomination for or election to any office in this state other than a federal office.
3. "Candidate's campaign committee" means a political committee designated and authorized by a candidate.
4. "Clearly identified candidate" means that the name, a photograph or a drawing of the candidate appears or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent by unambiguous reference.
5. "Contribution" means any gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or anything of value made for the purpose of influencing an election including supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer or supporting or opposing the circulation of a petition for a ballot measure, question or proposition or the recall of a public officer and:
   (a) Includes all of the following:
      (i) A contribution made to retire campaign debt.
      (ii) Money or the fair market value of anything directly or indirectly given or loaned to an elected official for the purpose of defraying the expense of communications with constituents, regardless of whether the elected official has declared his candidacy.
      (iii) The entire amount paid to a political committee to attend a fund-raising or other political event and the entire amount paid to a political committee as the purchase price for a fund-raising meal or item, except that no contribution results if the actual cost of the meal or fund-raising item, based on the amount charged to the committee by the vendor, constitutes the entire amount paid by the purchaser for the meal or item, the meal or item is for the purchaser's personal use and not for resale and the actual cost is the entire amount paid by the purchaser in connection with the event. This exception does not apply to auction items.
      (iv) Unless specifically exempted, the provision of goods or services without charge or at a charge that is less than the usual and normal charge for such goods and services.
   (b) Does not include any of the following:
      (i) The value of services provided without compensation by any individual who volunteers on behalf of a candidate, a candidate's campaign committee or any other political committee.
      (ii) Money or the value of anything directly or indirectly provided to defray the expense of an elected official meeting with constituents if the elected official is engaged in the performance of the duties of his office or provided by the state or a political subdivision to an elected official for communication with constituents if the elected official is engaged in the performance of the duties of his office.
      (iii) The use of real or personal property, including a church or community room used on a regular basis by members of a community for noncommercial purposes, that is obtained by an individual in the course of volunteering personal services to any candidate, candidate's committee or political party, and the cost of invitations, food and beverages voluntarily provided by an individual to any candidate, candidate's campaign committee or political party in rendering voluntary personal services on the individual's residential premises or in the church or community room for candidate-related or political party-related activities, to the extent that the cumulative value of the invitations, food and beverages provided by the individual on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed one hundred dollars with respect to any single election.
      (iv) Any unreimbursed payment for personal travel expenses made by an individual who on his own behalf volunteers his personal services to a candidate.
      (v) The payment by a political party for party operating expenses, party staff and personnel, party newsletters and reports, voter registration and efforts to increase voter turnout, party organization building and maintenance and printing and postage expenses for slate cards, sample ballots, other written materials that substantially promote three or more nominees of the party for public office and other election activities not related to a specific candidate, except that this item does not apply to costs incurred with respect to a display of the listing of candidates made on telecommunications systems or in newspapers, magazines or similar types of general circulation advertising.
      (vi) Independent expenditures.
      (vii) Monies loaned by a state bank, a federally chartered depository institution or a depository institution the deposits or accounts of which are insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or the national credit union administration, other than an overdraft made with respect to a checking or savings account, that is made in accordance with applicable law and in the ordinary course of business. In order for this

exemption to apply, this loan shall be deemed a loan by each endorser or guarantor, in that proportion of the unpaid balance that each endorser or guarantor bears to the total number of endorsers or guarantors, the loan shall be made on a basis that assures repayment, evidenced by a written instrument, shall be subject to a due date or amortization schedule and shall bear the usual and customary interest rate of the lending institution.

(viii) A gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or anything of value to a national or a state committee of a political party specifically designated to defray any cost for the construction or purchase of an office facility not acquired for the purpose of influencing the election of a candidate in any particular election.

(ix) Legal or accounting services rendered to or on behalf of a political committee or a candidate, if the only person paying for the services is the regular employer of the individual rendering the services and if the services are solely for the purpose of compliance with this title.

(x) The payment by a political party of the costs of campaign materials, including pins, bumper stickers, handbills, brochures, posters, party tabloids and yard signs, used by the party in connection with volunteer activities on behalf of any nominee of the party or the payment by a state or local committee of a political party of the costs of voter registration and get-out-the-vote activities conducted by the committee if the payments are not for the costs of campaign materials or activities used in connection with any telecommunication, newspaper, magazine, billboard, direct mail or similar type of general public communication or political advertising.

(xi) Transfers between political committees to distribute monies raised through a joint fund-raising effort in the same proportion to each committee's share of the fund-raising expenses and payments from one political committee to another in reimbursement of a committee's proportionate share of its expenses in connection with a joint fund-raising effort.

(xii) An extension of credit for goods and services made in the ordinary course of the creditor's business if the terms are substantially similar to extensions of credit to nonpolitical debtors that are of similar risk and size of obligation and if the creditor makes a commercially reasonable attempt to collect the debt, except that any extension of credit under this item made for the purpose of influencing an election which remains unsatisfied by the candidate after six months, notwithstanding good faith collection efforts by the creditor, shall be deemed receipt of a contribution by the candidate but not a contribution by the creditor.

(xiii) Interest or dividends earned by a political committee on any bank accounts, deposits or other investments of the political committee.

6. "Earmarked" means a designation, instruction or encumbrance that results in all or any part of a contribution or expenditure being made to, or expended on behalf of, a clearly identified candidate or a candidate's campaign committee.

7. "Election" means any election for any initiative, referendum or other measure or proposition or a primary, general, recall, special or runoff election for any office in this state other than the office of precinct committeeman and other than a federal office. For purposes of sections 16-903 and 16-905, the general election includes the primary election.

8. "Expenditures" includes any purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit or gift of money or anything of value made by a person for the purpose of influencing an election in this state including supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer or supporting or opposing the circulation of a petition for a ballot measure, question or proposition or the recall of a public officer and a contract, promise or agreement to make an expenditure resulting in an extension of credit and the value of any in-kind contribution received. Expenditure does not include any of the following:

(a) A news story, commentary or editorial distributed through the facilities of any telecommunications system, newspaper, magazine or other periodical publication, unless the facilities are owned or controlled by a political committee, political party or candidate.

(b) Nonpartisan activity designed to encourage individuals to vote or to register to vote.

(c) The payment by a political party of the costs of preparation, display, mailing or other distribution incurred by the party with respect to any printed slate card, sample ballot or other printed listing of three or more candidates for any public office for which an election is held, except that this subdivision does not apply to costs incurred by the party with respect to a display of any listing of candidates made on any telecommunications system or in newspapers, magazines or similar types of general public political advertising.

(d) The payment by a political party of the costs of campaign materials, including pins, bumper stickers, handbills, brochures, posters, party tabloids and yard signs, used by the party in connection with volunteer activities on behalf of any nominee of the party or the payment by a state or local committee of a political party of the costs of voter registration and get-out-the-vote activities conducted by the committee if the payments are not for the costs of campaign materials or activities used in connection with any telecommunications system, newspaper, magazine, billboard, direct mail or similar type of general public communication or political advertising.

(e) Any deposit or other payment filed with the secretary of state or any other similar officer to pay any portion

of the cost of printing an argument in a publicity pamphlet advocating or opposing a ballot measure.

9. "Exploratory committee" means a political committee that is formed for the purpose of determining whether an individual will become a candidate and that receives contributions or makes expenditures of more than five hundred dollars in connection with that purpose.
10. "Family contribution" means any contribution that is provided to a candidate's campaign committee by a parent, grandparent, spouse, child or sibling of the candidate or a parent or spouse of any of those persons.
11. "Filing officer" means the office that is designated by section 16-916 to conduct the duties prescribed by this chapter.
12. "Identification" means:
    (a) For an individual, his name and mailing address, his occupation and the name of his employer.
    (b) For any other person, including a political committee, the full name and mailing address of the person. For a political committee, identification includes the identification number issued on the filing of a statement of organization pursuant to section 16-902.01.
13. "Incomplete contribution" means any contribution received by a political committee for which the contributor's mailing address, occupation, employer or identification number has not been obtained and is not in the possession of the political committee.
14. "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by a person or political committee, other than a candidate's campaign committee, that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, that is made without cooperation or consultation with any candidate or committee or agent of the candidate and that is not made in concert with or at the request or suggestion of a candidate, or any committee or agent of the candidate. Independent expenditure includes an expenditure that is subject to the requirements of section 16-917 which requires a copy of campaign literature or advertisement to be sent to a candidate named or otherwise referred to in the literature or advertisement. An expenditure is not an independent expenditure if any of the following applies:
    (a) Any officer, member, employee or agent of the political committee making the expenditure is also an officer, member, employee or agent of the committee of the candidate whose election or whose opponent's defeat is being advocated by the expenditure or an agent of the candidate whose election or whose opponent's defeat is being advocated by the expenditure.
    (b) There is any arrangement, coordination or direction with respect to the expenditure between the candidate or the candidate's agent and the person making the expenditure, including any officer, director, employee or agent of that person.
    (c) In the same election the person making the expenditure, including any officer, director, employee or agent of that person, is or has been:
        (i) Authorized to raise or expend monies on behalf of the candidate or the candidate's authorized committees.
        (ii) Receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the candidate, the candidate's committees or the candidate's agent.
    (d) The expenditure is based on information about the candidate's plans, projects or needs, or those of his campaign committee, provided to the expending person by the candidate or by the candidate's agents or any officer, member or employee of the candidate's campaign committee with a view toward having the expenditure made.
15. "In-kind contribution" means a contribution of goods or services or anything of value and not a monetary contribution.
16. "Itemized" means that each contribution received or expenditure made is set forth separately.
17. "Literature or advertisement" means information or materials that are mailed, distributed or placed in some medium of communication for the purpose of influencing the outcome of an election.
18. "Personal monies" means any of the following:
    (a) Assets to which the candidate has a legal right of access or control at the time he becomes a candidate and with respect to which the candidate has either legal title or an equitable interest.
    (b) Salary and other earned income from bona fide employment of the candidate, dividends and proceeds from the sale of the stocks or investments of the candidate, bequests to the candidate, income to the candidate from trusts established before candidacy, income to the candidate from trusts established by bequest after candidacy of which the candidate is a beneficiary, gifts to the candidate of a personal nature that have been customarily received before the candidacy and proceeds received by the candidate from lotteries and other legal games of chance.
    (c) The proceeds of loans obtained by the candidate that are not contributions and for which the collateral or security is covered by subdivision (a) or (b) of this paragraph.
    (d) Family contributions.
19. "Political committee" means a candidate or any association or combination of persons that is organized, conducted or combined for the purpose of influencing the result of any election or to determine whether an individual will become a candidate for election in this state or in any county, city, town, district or precinct in this state, that engages in political activity in behalf of or against a candidate for election or retention or in support of or opposition to an initiative, referendum or recall or any other measure or proposition and that applies for a serial number and circulates petitions and, in the case of a candidate for public office except those exempt pursuant to section 16-903, that receives contributions or makes expenditures in connection therewith, notwithstanding that the association or combination of persons may be part of a larger association, combination of persons or sponsoring organization not primarily organized, conducted or combined for the purpose of influencing the result of any election in this state or in

any county, city, town or precinct in this state. Political committee includes the following types of committees:
(a) A candidate's campaign committee.
(b) A separate, segregated fund established by a corporation or labor organization pursuant to section 16-920, subsection A, paragraph 3.
(c) A committee acting in support of or opposition to the qualification, passage or defeat of a ballot measure, question or proposition.
(d) A committee organized to circulate or oppose a recall petition or to influence the result of a recall election.
(e) A political party.
(f) A committee organized for the purpose of making independent expenditures.
(g) A committee organized in support of or opposition to one or more candidates.
(h) A political organization.
(i) An exploratory committee.

20. "Political organization" means an organization that is formally affiliated with and recognized by a political party including a district committee organized pursuant to section 16-823.
21. "Political party" means the state committee as prescribed by section 16-825 or the county committee as prescribed by section 16-821 of an organization that meets the requirements for recognition as a political party pursuant to section 16-801 or section 16-804, subsection A.
22. "Sponsoring organization" means any organization that establishes, administers or contributes financial support to the administration of, or that has common or overlapping membership or officers with, a political committee other than a candidate's campaign committee.
23. "Standing political committee" means a political committee that is all of the following:
    (a) Active in more than one reporting jurisdiction in this state for more than one year.
    (b) Files a statement of organization as prescribed by section 16-902.01, subsection E.
    (c) Is any of the following as defined by paragraph 19 of this section:
        (i) A separate, segregated fund.
        (ii) A political party.
        (iii) A committee organized for the purpose of making independent expenditures.
        (iv) A political organization.
24. "Statewide office" means the office of governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, corporation commissioner or mine inspector.
25. "Surplus monies" means those monies of a political committee remaining after all of the committee's expenditures have been made and its debts have been extinguished.

§ 16-901.01 Limitations on certain unreported expenditures and contributions

A. For purposes of this chapter, "expressly advocates" means:
    1. Conveying a communication containing a phrase such as "vote for," "elect," "re-elect," "support," "endorse," "cast your ballot for," "(name of candidate) in (year)," "(name of candidate) for (office)," "vote against," "defeat," "reject," or a campaign slogan or words that in context can have no reasonable meaning other than to advocate the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidates, or
    2. Making a general public communication, such as in a broadcast medium, newspaper, magazine, billboard, or direct mailer referring to one or more clearly identified candidates and targeted to the electorate of that candidate(s):
        (a) That in context can have no reasonable meaning other than to advocate the election or defeat of the candidate(s), as evidenced by factors such as the presentation of the candidate(s) in a favorable or unfavorable light, the targeting, placement, or timing of the communication, or the inclusion of statements of the candidate(s) or opponents, or
        (b) In the sixteen-week period immediately preceding a general election.

B. A communication within the scope of subsection A, paragraph 2 shall not be considered as one that "expressly advocates" merely because it presents information about the voting record or position on a campaign issue of three or more candidates, so long as it is not made in coordination with a candidate, political party, agent of the candidate or party, or a person who is coordinating with a candidate or candidate's agent.

§ 16-902. Organization of political committees

A. Each political committee shall have a chairman and treasurer. The position of chairman and treasurer of a single political committee may not be held by the same individual, except that a candidate may be chairman and treasurer of his own campaign committee.
B. The name of each political committee shall include the name of any sponsoring organization, and, in the case of a candidate's campaign committee, the committee's name shall include the name of the candidate, or, if for an exploratory committee, the individual, who designated the committee pursuant to section 16-903.
C. Before a political committee accepts a contribution or makes an expenditure it shall designate one or more state banks, federally chartered depository institutions or depository institutions the deposits or accounts of which are insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or the national credit union administration as its campaign depository or depositories. The political committee shall notify the filing officer of the designation of the financial institution either at the time of filing the statement of organization pursuant to section 16-902.01 or within five business days after opening an account. All withdrawals or disbursements from these accounts require the signature of the treasurer or a designated agent of the political committee.

§ 16-902.01. Registration of political committees; contents; amendment

A. Each political committee that intends to accept contributions or make expenditures of more than five hundred dollars shall file a statement of organization with the filing officer before accepting contributions, making expenditures, distributing any campaign literature or circulating petitions. Each political committee that intends to accept contributions or make expenditures of five hundred dollars or less shall file a signed exemption statement in a form prescribed by the filing officer that states that intention before making any expenditures, accepting any contributions, distributing any campaign literature or circulating petitions. If a political committee that has filed a five hundred dollar threshold exemption statement receives contributions or makes expenditures of more than five hundred dollars, that political committee shall file a statement of organization with the filing officer within five business days after exceeding the five hundred dollar limit.

B. The statement of organization of a political committee shall include all of the following:
   1. The name, address and type of committee.
   2. The name, address, relationship and type of any sponsoring organization.
   3. The names, addresses, telephone numbers, occupations and employers of the chairman and treasurer of the committee.
   4. In the case of a candidate's campaign committee, the name, address, office sought and party affiliation of the candidate.
   5. A listing of all banks, safety deposit boxes or other depositories used by the committee.

C. Except as prescribed by subsection E of this section, on the filing of a statement of organization, a political committee shall be issued an identification number.

D. The political committee shall file an amended statement of organization reporting any change in the information prescribed in subsection B of this section within five business days after the change.

E. A standing political committee shall file a statement of organization with the secretary of state and in each jurisdiction in which the committee is active, and only the secretary of state shall issue an identification number for the committee. The statement of organization shall include a statement with the notarized signature of the chairman or treasurer of the standing political committee that declares the committee's status as a standing political committee. The secretary of state may charge an annual fee for the filing.

F. For a political committee that makes expenditures in an attempt to influence the results of a ballot proposition election, the statement of organization shall include in the name of the political committee the official serial number for the petition and a statement as to whether the political committee supports or opposes the passage of the ballot measure. On completion of the designation of statewide ballot propositions by number as prescribed in section 19-125, the secretary of state is authorized and shall amend the name of the political committee by attaching to the statement of organization the ballot proposition number as a substitute for the official serial number in the name of the political committee. The secretary of state shall promptly notify the political committee of the amended political committee name and shall make that information available to the public.

§ 16-902.02. Out-of-state political committees; registration; initial reporting

A political committee that files a statement of organization in this state as prescribed by section 16-902.01, that is registered in another state or pursuant to federal law and that intends to use in this state monies raised before filing its statement of organization shall also file complete copies of its previous campaign finance or other similar reports filed in those other jurisdictions that cover all contributions or receipts for the preceding two years.

§ 16-903. Candidate's campaign committees; exploratory committees; designation; candidate as agent; civil penalty

A. Each candidate who intends to receive contributions or make expenditures of more than five hundred dollars in connection with a campaign for office shall designate in writing a political committee for each election to serve as the candidate's campaign committee. The candidate shall make the designation pursuant to this subsection by filing a statement of organization before making any expenditures, accepting any contributions, distributing any campaign literature or circulating any petitions. Each candidate who intends to receive contributions or make expenditures of five hundred dollars or less shall file a signed exemption statement that states that intention before making any expenditures, accepting any contributions, distributing any campaign literature or circulating petitions. If a candidate who has filed a five hundred dollar exemption statement receives contributions or makes expenditures of more than five hundred dollars, that candidate shall file a statement of organization with the filing officer within five business days after exceeding the five hundred dollar limit.

B. An individual who receives contributions or makes expenditures of more than five hundred dollars for the purpose of determining whether the individual will become a candidate for election to an office in this state shall designate in writing a political committee to serve as the individual's exploratory committee. The individual shall make the designation pursuant to this subsection before making any expenditures, accepting any contributions or distributing any campaign literature.

C. An individual may have only one exploratory committee in existence at one time. A candidate may have only one campaign committee designated for each election, but a candidate may have more than one campaign committee simultaneously in existence.

D. A political committee that supports or has supported another candidate or more than one candidate may not be designated as a candidate's campaign committee.

E. Any candidate who receives a contribution or any loan for use in connection with the campaign of that candidate for election or who makes a disbursement in connection with that campaign shall be deemed as having received the

contribution or loan or as having made the disbursement as an agent of the candidate's campaign committee for purposes of this article.

F. An elected official is not deemed to have offered himself for nomination or election to an office or to have made a formal, public declaration of candidacy within the meaning of section 38-296 solely by his designation of a candidate campaign committee.

G. A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty imposed as prescribed in section 16-924 of three times the amount of money that has been received, expended or promised in violation of this section or up to three times the value in money for an equivalent of money or other things of value that have been received, expended or promised in violation of this section.

§ 16-904. Treasurer; duties; records; civil penalty

A. No expenditure may be made for or on behalf of a political committee without the authorization of the treasurer or his designated agent.

B. The treasurer shall maintain a record of all petty cash disbursements pursuant to subsection E, paragraph 4 of this section.

C. All receipts received by a political committee shall be deposited in an account designated pursuant to section 16-902, subsection C. All monies of a political committee shall be segregated from, and may not be commingled with, the monies of any individual other than contributions by an individual.

D. A political committee shall exercise its best efforts to obtain the required information for any incomplete contribution received that is required to be itemized on a campaign finance report pursuant to section 16-915, subsection A, paragraph 3. A political committee will not be deemed to have exercised best efforts to obtain the required information unless the treasurer or his agent has made at least one effort after the receipt of the contribution to obtain the missing information by a written request sent to the contributor or by oral contact with the contributor documented in writing and shall comply with the following:
   1. The request must clearly ask for the missing information and inform the contributor that the committee is required by law to obtain the mailing address, occupation and employer of each individual contributor and the mailing address and identification number of each political committee contributor.
   2. Any information required for the identification of a contributor received by the political committee after the contribution has been disclosed on a campaign finance report required pursuant to section 16-913 shall be reported on an amended report.

E. The treasurer of a political committee is the custodian of the committee's books and accounts and shall keep an account of all of the following:
   1. All contributions or other monies received by or on behalf of the political committee.
   2. The identification of any individual or political committee that makes any contribution together with the date and amount of each contribution and the date of deposit into a designated account.
   3. Cumulative totals contributed by each individual or political committee.
   4. The name and address of every person to whom any expenditure is made, the date, amount and purpose or reason for the expenditure and, except in the case of an expenditure by a candidate's campaign committee, the name of the candidate and the office sought by the candidate if the expenditure was made on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate.
   5. All periodic or other statements for each account designated pursuant to section 16-902, subsection C.

F. Unless specified by the contributor or contributors to the contrary, the treasurer shall record a contribution made by check, money order or other written instrument as a contribution by the person whose signature or name appears on the bottom of the instrument or who endorses the instrument before delivery to the committee. If a contribution is made by more than one person in a single written instrument, the treasurer shall record the amount to be attributed to each contributor as specified.

G. All contributions other than in-kind contributions must be made by a check drawn on the account of the actual contributor or by a money order or a cashier's check containing the name of the actual contributor or must be evidenced by a written receipt with a copy of the receipt given to the contributor and a copy maintained in the contribution records of the recipient.

H. The treasurer shall preserve all records required to be kept by this section and copies of all finance reports required to be filed by this article for three years after the filing of the finance report covering the receipts and disbursements evidenced by the records.

I. On request of the attorney general, the county, city or town attorney or the filing officer, the treasurer shall provide any of the records required to be kept pursuant to this section.

J. A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty imposed as prescribed in section 16-924 of three times the amount of money that has been received, expended or promised in violation of this section or three times the value in money for an equivalent of money or other things of value that has been received, expended or promised in violation of this section.

§ 16-905. Contribution limitations*; civil penalty; complaint

* See adjustments made to these limits by the Citizen's Clean Elections Act, A.R.S. 16-941(B) and the contributions limits chart on Page 29.

A. For an election other than for a statewide office, a contributor shall not give and an exploratory committee, a candidate or a candidate's campaign committee shall not accept contributions of more than:
   1. For an election for a legislative office, four hundred eighty-eight dollars from an individual.
   2. For an election other than for a legislative office, three hundred ninety dollars from an individual.

3. For an election for a legislative office, four hundred eighty-eight dollars from a single political committee, excluding a political party, not certified under subsection G of this section to make contributions at the higher limits prescribed by paragraph 5 of this subsection and subsection B, paragraph 3 of this section.
4. For an election other than for a legislative office, three hundred ninety dollars from a single political committee, excluding a political party, not certified under subsection G of this section to make contributions at the higher limits prescribed by subsection B, paragraph 3 of this section.
5. Two thousand dollars from a single political committee, excluding a political party, certified pursuant to subsection G of this section.

B. For an election for a statewide office, a contributor shall not give and an exploratory committee, a candidate or a candidate's committee shall not accept contributions of more than:
1. One thousand ten dollars from an individual.
2. One thousand ten dollars from a single political committee, excluding a political party, not certified under subsection G of this section to make contributions at the higher limits prescribed by subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section and paragraph 3 of this subsection.
3. Five thousand ten dollars from a single political committee excluding political parties certified pursuant to subsection G of this section.

C. A candidate shall not accept contributions from all political committees, excluding political parties, combined totaling more than:
1. For an election for a legislative office, sixteen thousand one hundred fifty dollars.
2. For an office other than a legislative office or a statewide office, ten thousand twenty dollars.
3. For a statewide office, one hundred thousand one hundred ten dollars.

D. A nominee of a political party shall not accept contributions from all political parties or political organizations combined totaling more than ten thousand twenty dollars for an election for an office other than a statewide office, and one hundred thousand one hundred ten dollars for an election for a statewide office.

E. An individual shall not make contributions totaling more than five thousand six hundred ten dollars in a calendar year to state and local candidates, political committees contributing to state or local candidates, and political committees advocating the election or defeat of state or local candidates. Contributions to political parties are exempt from the limitations of this subsection.

F. A candidate’s campaign committee or an individual’s exploratory committee shall not make a loan and shall not transfer or contribute money to any other campaign or exploratory committee that is designated pursuant to this chapter or 2 United States Code section 431 except as follows:
1. An exploratory committee may transfer monies to a subsequent candidate's campaign committee of the individual designating the exploratory committee, subject to the limits of subsection B of this section.
2. A candidate's campaign committee may transfer or contribute monies to another campaign committee designated by the same candidate as follows:
   (a) Subject to the contribution limits of this section, transfer or contribute monies from one committee to another if both committees have been designated for an election in the same year.
   (b) Without application of the contribution limits of this section, transfer or contribute monies from one committee to another designated for an election in a subsequent year.

G. Only political committees that received monies from five hundred or more individuals in amounts of ten dollars or more in the one year period immediately before application to the secretary of state for qualification as a political committee pursuant to this section may make contributions to candidates under subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section and subsection B, paragraph 3 of this section. The secretary of state shall obtain information necessary to make the determination that a committee meets the requirements of this subsection and shall provide written certification of the fact to the committee. A political committee certification is valid for two years. A candidate's campaign committee shall not accept a contribution pursuant to this subsection unless it is accompanied by a copy of the certification. All political committees that do not meet the requirements of this subsection are subject to the individual campaign contribution limits of subsection A, paragraphs 1 and 2 of this section and subsection B, paragraph 1 of this section.

H. The secretary of state biennially shall adjust to the nearest ten dollars the amounts in subsections A through E of this section by the percentage change in the consumer price index and publish the new amounts for distribution to election officials, candidates and campaign committees. For the purposes of this subsection, "consumer price index" means the consumer price index for all urban consumers, United States city average, that is published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

I. The following specific limitations and procedures apply:
1. The limits of subsections A through E of this section apply to each election for any office or offices which the candidate seeks.
2. The limits of subsections A , B and C of this section apply to the total contributions from all separate segregated funds established, as provided in section 16-920, by a corporation, labor organization, trade association, cooperative or corporation without capital stock.
3. A contribution by an unemancipated minor child shall be treated as a contribution by the child’s custodial parent or parents for determining compliance with subsection A, paragraphs 1 and 2, subsection B, paragraph 1 and subsection E of this section.
4. A contribution by an individual or a single political committee to two or more candidates in connection

with a joint fund-raising effort shall be divided among the candidates in direct proportion to each candidate campaign committee's share of the expenses for the fund-raising effort.

5. A candidate shall sign and file with the candidate's nomination paper a statement that the candidate has read all applicable laws relating to campaign financing and reporting.
6. An individual or political committee shall not use economic influence to induce members of an organization to make contributions to a candidate, collect contributions from members of an organization for transmittal to a candidate, make payments to candidates for public appearances or services which are ordinarily uncompensated or use any similar device to circumvent any of the limitations of this section.

J. A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty imposed as prescribed in section 16-924 of three times the amount of money that has been received, expended or promised in violation of this section or three times the value in money for an equivalent of money or other things of value that have been received, expended or promised in violation of this section.

K. Any qualified elector may file a sworn complaint with the attorney general or the county attorney of the county in which a violation of this section is believed to have occurred, and the attorney general or the county attorney shall investigate the complaint for possible action.

L. If the filing officer, attorney general or county attorney fails to institute an action within forty-five working days after receiving a complaint under subsection K of this section, the individual filing the complaint may bring a civil action in the individual's own name and at the individual's own expense, with the same effect as if brought by the filing officer, attorney general or county attorney. The individual shall execute a bond payable to the defendant if the individual fails to prosecute the action successfully. The court shall award to the prevailing party costs and reasonable attorney fees.

M. If a provision of this section or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the section which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section are severable.

N. The use of a candidate's personal monies, or the use of personal monies by an individual who designates an exploratory committee, is not subject to the limitations of this section.

§ 16-906. Loans; repayments; guarantors

A. A loan to a political committee or to a candidate made for the purpose of influencing an election that exceeds the lender's contribution limitations prescribed in section 16-905 remains unlawful whether or not it is repaid.

B. A loan to a political committee or to a candidate made for the purpose of influencing an election made within the contribution limitations prescribed in section 16-905 remains a contribution to the extent it remains unpaid. A loan is no longer a contribution to the extent it is repaid.

C. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, the making of a loan that is made for the purpose of influencing an election results in a contribution by each endorser or guarantor. The endorser's or guarantor's contribution is that portion of the total amount of the loan for which he agreed in writing to be liable or, if not stated in writing, the contribution is in the same proportion to the unpaid balance that each endorser or guarantor bears to the total number of endorsers or guarantors. Any reduction in the unpaid balance of the loan reduces proportionately the amount of the contribution of each endorser or guarantor.

D. A loan obtained by a candidate on which the candidate's spouse's signature is required if jointly owned assets are used as collateral or security is not considered a contribution from the candidate's spouse.

§ 16-907. Prohibited contributions; classification

A. Any person who makes a contribution in the name of another person or who knowingly permits his name to be used to effect such a contribution and any person who knowingly accepts a contribution made by one person in the name of another person is guilty of a class 6 felony.

B. Except for a contribution to a candidate's campaign committee, an individual or political committee shall not give and a political party or other political committee shall not accept an earmarked contribution.

C. For purposes of this article, a contribution from partnership funds shall only be made in the name of the individual partners who make the contribution.

D. A standing political committee shall not act as a campaign committee or a sponsoring organization for any candidate, initiative, referendum or recall but may contribute to other political committees as provided by law.

§ 16-912. Candidates and independent expenditures; campaign literature and advertisement sponsors; identification; civil penalty

A. A political committee that makes an expenditure for campaign literature or advertisements that expressly advocate the election or defeat of any candidate or that make any solicitation of contributions to any political committee shall be registered pursuant to this chapter at the time of distribution, placement or solicitation and shall include on the literature or advertisement the words "paid for by" followed by the name of the committee that appears on its statement of organization or five hundred dollar exemption statement.

B. If the expenditure for the campaign literature or advertisements by a political committee is an independent expenditure, the political committee, in addition to the disclosures required by subsection A of this section, shall include on the literature or advertisement the names and telephone numbers of the three political committees making the largest contributions to the political committee making the independent expenditure. If an acronym is used to name any political committee outlined in this section, the name of any sponsoring organization of the political committee shall also be printed or spoken. For purposes of determining the three contributors to be disclosed, the contributions of each

political committee to the political committee making the independent expenditure during the one year period before the election being affected are aggregated.

C. The provisions of subsection A of this section do not apply to bumper stickers, pins, buttons, pens and similar small items on which the statements required in subsection A of this section cannot be conveniently printed or to signs paid for by a candidate with campaign monies or by a candidate's campaign committee or to a solicitation of contributions by a separate segregated fund from those persons it may solicit pursuant to sections 16-920 and 16-921.

D. The disclosures required pursuant to this section shall be printed clearly and legibly in a conspicuous manner or, if the advertisement is broadcast on a telecommunications system, the disclosure shall be spoken.

E. A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of up to three times the cost of producing and distributing the literature or advertisement. This civil penalty shall be imposed as prescribed in section 16-924.

§ 16-912.01 Ballot measure committees; campaign literature and advertising funding; identification; disclosure; civil penalty; definition

A. A political committee that makes an expenditure in connection with any literature or advertisement to support or oppose a ballot proposition shall disclose in such literature or advertisement the four largest of its major funding sources as of the time the literature or advertisement is printed, recorded or otherwise produced for dissemination. If a political committee has fewer than four major funding sources, the committee shall disclose all major funding sources.

B. For purposes of this section, a major funding source of a political committee is any contributor that is not an individual person and that has made cumulative contributions of either:
   1. Ten thousand dollars or more for an expenditure in support of or opposition to a statewide ballot proposition or a ballot proposition of a political subdivision with a population of one hundred thousand persons or more.
   2. Five thousand dollars or more for an expenditure in support of or opposition to a ballot proposition of a political subdivision with a population of less than one hundred thousand persons.

C. If an out-of-state contributor or group of out-of-state contributors is a major funding source to a political committee disclosed pursuant to subsection A, the political committee shall state the contributor is an out-of-state contributor on its literature or advertisement in support of or in opposition to a ballot proposition.

D. Contributors that make contributions to more than one political committee that supports or opposes the same ballot proposition shall notify each political committee of the cumulative total of these contributions. Cumulative totals must be disclosed by each political committee that received contributions from the same contributor if the cumulative totals qualify as a major funding source to be disclosed pursuant to subsection A.

E. Any disclosure statement required by this section shall be printed clearly and legibly in a conspicuous manner in type at least as large as the majority of the printed text. If the communication is broadcast on radio, the information shall be spoken at the end of the communication. If the communication is broadcast on a telecommunications system, the information shall be both written and spoken at the end of the communication, except that if the disclosure statement is written for at least five seconds of a thirty second advertisement broadcast or ten seconds of a sixty second advertisement broadcast, a spoken disclosure statement is not required. If the communication is broadcast on a telecommunications system, the written disclosure statement shall be printed in letter equal to or larger than four per cent of the vertical picture height.

F. Subsection A does not apply to bumper stickers, pins, buttons, pens and similar small items on which the statements required in subsection A cannot be conveniently printed or to a communication by an organization solely to its members.

G. A committee shall change future literature and advertisements to reflect any change in funding sources that must be disclosed pursuant to subsection A.

H. This section only applies to advertisements the contents of which are more than fifty per cent devoted to one or more ballot propositions or proposed measures on the same subject.

I. Any committee that violates this section is liable in a civil action brought by the attorney general, county attorney or city or town attorney, as appropriate, or by any other person for a civil penalty of three times the total cost of the advertisement. A donor who does not accurately disclose its contributions is liable for a civil penalty of three times the amount donated.

J. For purposes of this section "Advertisement" means general public advertising through the print and electronic media, signs, billboards and direct mail.

§ 16-913. Campaign finance reports; reporting of receipts and disbursements; exemptions; civil penalty

A. Except as provided in subsection K of this section, each political committee shall file campaign finance reports setting forth the committee's receipts and disbursements according to the schedule prescribed in subsections B and C of this section.

B. In any calendar year during which there is a regularly scheduled election at which any candidates, measures, questions or propositions appear or may appear on the ballot, the political committee shall file each of the following campaign finance reports:
   1. A report covering the period beginning January 1 through May 31, filed no later than June 30.
   2. A preelection report, which shall be filed not less than twelve days before any election and which shall be complete through the twentieth day before the election.
   3. A postelection report, which shall be filed not more than thirty days after any election and which shall be complete through the twentieth day after the election.

C. In any other calendar year, the political committee shall file a report covering the period beginning twenty-one days after the date of the election in the preceding calendar year through December 31 of the nonelection year filed no later than January 31 of the following calendar year.

D. In the event that a political committee receives no contributions and makes no expenditures during a period in which it is required to file a campaign finance report, the committee treasurer or if the treasurer is unavailable the candidate, in lieu of filing a report required by subsection B of this section, may sign and file a form prescribed by the secretary of state indicating no activity during the specific reporting period.

E. In lieu of the reports prescribed in subsections B and C of this section, a candidate's political committee that remains active after an election due to outstanding debts may file a document no later than January 31 in a form prescribed by the secretary of state that states that the committee does not intend to receive any contributions or make any expenditures during the year. If a candidate's political committee does receive a contribution or make an expenditure during that year, the committee shall report as prescribed by subsection B or C of this section.

F. A judge who has filed a declaration of the desire to be retained in office is exempt from filing any report required by this section if the judge, not later than twelve days before the general election, files a statement signed and sworn to by the judge certifying that the judge has received no contributions, has made no expenditures and has no campaign committee and that the judge does not intend to receive contributions, make expenditures or have a campaign committee for the purpose of influencing the result of the vote on the question of the judge's retention. With respect to superior court judges, a statement filed pursuant to this subsection is effective until the earlier of twelve days before the third general election following the filing of this statement or the judge receives contributions, makes expenditures or authorizes a campaign committee. Such a statement filed by a supreme court justice or a court of appeals judge is effective until the earlier of twelve days before the fourth general election following the filing of this statement or the justice or judge receives contributions, makes expenditures or authorizes a campaign committee.

G. Reports in connection with special or recall elections shall conform to the filing deadlines set forth in subsection B of this section.

H. Except as provided in section 16-916, subsection B and subsection K of this section, a political committee shall comply with the requirements of this section in each jurisdiction in this state in which the committee has filed a statement of organization until the committee terminates pursuant to section 16-914, and its statements, designations and reports shall be filed with each officer with whom it has filed a statement of organization, as appropriate.

I. Each report required to be filed pursuant to this section shall be signed by the committee treasurer or the candidate or the designating individual if the treasurer is unavailable and shall contain the certification of the signer under penalty of perjury that the report is true and complete.

J. A political committee and the candidate, in the case of a candidate's campaign committee, or the designating individual, in the case of an exploratory committee, who violate this section are subject to the penalty prescribed in section 16-918.

K. A standing political committee shall file reports with the secretary of state and is exempt from filing a report with any other jurisdiction in which it is active. The reports shall be in an electronic format as prescribed by the secretary of state and shall be filed by delivery of a computer diskette or cd-rom that contains the report or by use of the internet. The secretary of state shall promptly make the reports available to the public on the internet and on paper by request. The standing committee shall file the following reports:

1. A preelection report that is due as prescribed by subsection B, paragraph 2 of this section shall be filed for each consolidated election date prescribed by section 16-204.
2. A postelection report that is due as prescribed by subsection B, paragraph 3 of this section shall be filed for each consolidated election date prescribed by section 16-204.
3. An annual report that is due by January 31 in the year immediately following the calendar year that is the subject of the report.

§ 16-914. Termination statement

A. Except as prescribed by subsection C of this section, a political committee may terminate only when the committee chairman and treasurer file a written statement with the officer with whom the committee's statement of organization is filed certifying under penalty of perjury that it will no longer receive any contributions or make any disbursements, that the committee has no outstanding debts or obligations and that any surplus monies have been disposed of pursuant to section 16-915.01 together with a statement of the manner of disposition of the surplus, the name and address of each recipient of surplus monies and the date and amount of each disposition of surplus monies. For a political committee that is an individual's exploratory committee or a candidate's campaign committee, the committee may transfer the committee's debts and obligations to a subsequent committee for that individual or candidate, as prescribed by section 16-915.01, and in that event may terminate without certifying that the committee has no outstanding debts or obligations.

B. After the filing of an appropriate termination statement, a political committee is not required to file any subsequent campaign finance reports and shall have no further receipts or disbursements without filing a new statement of organization.

C. A political committee may terminate its activities in a reporting jurisdiction and remain active in other jurisdictions by attaching a statement to the reporting jurisdiction's termination statement that is signed by the committee's chairman and treasurer, that attests to the intent to remain active in other jurisdictions and that contains a statement that the committee's remaining monies shall be used for activities in other jurisdictions

§ 16-914.01. Reporting of contributions by committees acting on ballot measures; civil penalty; definition

A. In addition to the requirements relating to election contributions prescribed in section 16-913, a committee acting in support of or opposition to the qualification, passage or defeat of an initiative or referendum or any other ballot measure, question or proposition shall give notice to the secretary of state for statewide measures and the local filing officer who is responsible for receiving campaign finance reports for filing for nonstatewide measures of any contribution or group of contributions to the committee that is made from a single source less than twenty days before the day of the election if it exceeds:
   1. A cumulative total of ten thousand dollars for a statewide ballot measure, question or proposition.
   2. Two thousand five hundred dollars for a nonstatewide ballot measure, question or proposition in a political subdivision with a population of one hundred thousand or more persons.
   3. Five hundred dollars for a nonstatewide ballot measure, question or proposition in a political subdivision with a population of less than one hundred thousand persons.

B. In addition to the requirements of section 16-913, a committee acting in support of or opposition to the qualification, passage or defeat of an initiative or referendum or any other ballot measure, question or proposition shall give notice to the secretary of state for statewide measures and the local filing officer who is responsible for receiving campaign finance reports for filing for nonstatewide measures the first time each of the following occurs:
   1. The committee has received contributions totaling ten thousand dollars or more.
   2. The committee has made expenditures totaling ten thousand dollars or more.
   3. The committee has received contributions totaling ten thousand dollars or more from a single source.
   4. The committee has received contributions totaling ten thousand dollars or more from different additional single sources.

C. The notices prescribed by this section shall be filed within twenty-four hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and other legal holidays, after the ten thousand dollar amount has been reached and shall include the identification of the contributors, the dates of receipt and the amounts of the contributions or the amount, recipient and purpose of the expenditures. Contributions subject to the notification requirements of this section shall be included in the next report filed pursuant to section 16-913.

D. A political committee that violates this section and a person who knowingly violates this section are liable in a civil action for a civil penalty of up to three times the amount improperly reported as prescribed by section 16-924.

E. For the purposes of this section, "single source" includes principals of the same partnership, corporation, limited partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or association.

§ 16-915. Contents of campaign finance reports

A. Each campaign finance report required by section 16-913 shall set forth all of the following:
   1. The amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the reporting period.
   2. For the reporting period and the election, the total amount of all receipts and an itemized list of all receipts in the following categories, together with the total of all receipts in each category:
      (a) Contributions from individuals.
      (b) Contributions from political committees.
      (c) For a candidate's campaign committee, the candidate's contribution or promise of personal monies, including loans guaranteed by the candidate.
      (d) All other loans.
      (e) Rebates, refunds and other offsets to operating expenditures.
      (f) Dividends, interest and other forms of receipts.
      (g) The value of in-kind contributions.
   3. The identification of each:
      (a) Individual who makes any contribution during the period covered by the report whose total contribution or contributions for that election have an aggregate amount exceeding twenty-five dollars together with the date and amount of the contributions, except as provided in subsection E of this section. Contributions of twenty-five dollars or less may be aggregated.
      (b) Political committee that makes a contribution during the period covered by the report together with the date and amount of the contribution.
      (c) Person who makes a loan during the period covered by the report, together with the identification of any endorser or guarantor of the loan and the amount endorsed or guaranteed by each, and the date and amount of the loan.
      (d) Person who provides any rebate, refund or other offset to operating expenditures during the period covered by the report together with the date and amount of the receipt.
      (e) Person who provides a dividend, interest or other receipt during the period covered by the report together with the date and amount of the receipt.
   4. For the reporting period and the election, the total amount of all disbursements and an itemized list of all disbursements in the following categories together with the total of all disbursements in each category:
      (a) Expenditures, other than a contract, promise or agreement to make an expenditure resulting in an extension of credit, made to meet committee operating expenses.
      (b) Transfers to other political committees.
      (c) For a candidate's campaign committee, the repayment of loans made or guaranteed by the candidate.
      (d) Repayment of all other loans.
      (e) Refunds of contributions received and other offsets to contributions.

(f) Loans made by the reporting political committee.
(g) The value of in-kind contributions received.
(h) Independent expenditures together with the information required pursuant to subsection F.
(i) Any other disbursements.

5. The name and address of each recipient of an expenditure made during the period covered by the report and, in the case of a disbursement to a political committee, the identification number issued on the filing of a statement of organization as prescribed by section 16-902.01, together with the date, amount of the expenditure and a clear description of the items or services purchased.
6. An itemized account of the campaign debts and extensions of credit that are owed by the candidate or political committee and that remain outstanding including the name and address of the obligee or creditor, the amount owed, whether the amount is certain or estimated and on what basis, and the purpose of the obligation. An obligation that is itemized on a campaign finance report shall be listed on all subsequent finance reports until extinguished.
7. The total sum of all receipts, together with the total receipts less offsets, and the total sum of all disbursements, together with the total disbursements less offsets, for both the period covered by the report and the election.

B. The amount of an in-kind contribution shall be equal to the usual and normal value on the date received by the political committee as determined by generally accepted accounting principles.

C. Campaign finance reports shall be cumulative for the election to which they relate, but if there has been no change during the period covered by a report in an item listed in a previous report for that election, only the amount need be carried forward.

D. A candidate's campaign committee or a political committee that makes contributions to candidates and that has received prior contributions from an individual or a political committee for an election shall show in each report for that election the cumulative total received from that source.

E. In the case of a political committee that receives contributions through a payroll deduction plan, that committee is not required to separately itemize each additional contribution received from the contributor during the reporting period. In lieu of the separate itemization required by subsection A, paragraph 2 of this section, the committee may report all of the following:
1. The aggregate amount of contributions received from the contributor through the payroll deduction plan during the reporting period.
2. The identification of the individual.
3. A statement of the amount deducted per pay period.

F. An independent expenditure report shall contain all of the following:
1. The name and address of any person to whom an independent expenditure was made.
2. The date and amount of the independent expenditure.
3. The purpose of the independent expenditure including a description of what was purchased.
4. The name of each candidate whose election or defeat was advocated by the expenditure and, for each such candidate, the office sought by the candidate and the year of the election.
5. The names, occupations, employers and amount contributed by each of the three contributors that contributed the most money within the preceding six months provided that if any other contributor contributed the same amount during this time period as any of the top three contributors the information shall be provided for that contributor as well. If any of these contributors is a political committee, the report shall include the names, occupations and employers of the committee's chairman and treasurer.
6. Under penalty of perjury, a certification stating whether or not the claimed independent expenditure is made in cooperation, consultation or concert with or at the request or suggestion of any candidate or any campaign committee or agent of that candidate.

§ 16-915.01. Disposal of surplus monies

A. A political committee shall dispose of surplus monies only as follows:
1. Retain surplus monies for use in a subsequent election, which includes a transfer by an individual's exploratory committee or a candidate's campaign committee to that individual's subsequent exploratory committee or that candidate's campaign committee designated for a subsequent election.
2. Return surplus monies to the contributor to the extent records are available permitting such return.
3. Contribute surplus monies to the county, state or local committee of a political party.
4. Donate the surplus monies to a charitable organization that qualifies under section 501(c)(3) of the United States internal revenue code.
5. In the case of a political committee other than an individual's exploratory committee or a candidate's committee, contribute surplus monies to a candidate's campaign committee if the contribution is within the limitations of section 16-905.
6. Donate surplus monies to a political committee other than an individual's exploratory committee or to a candidate's campaign committee.
7. Dispose of the surplus monies in any other lawful manner.

B. Surplus monies shall not be used for or converted to the personal use of the designating individual, in the case of an individual's exploratory committee, or a candidate, in the case of a candidate's campaign committee, or any person related to the candidate by blood or marriage. Nothing in this subsection precludes the repayment of a loan made by the designating individual or candidate to his campaign.

C. An individual's exploratory committee or a candidate's campaign committee may transfer its debts and obligations to that individual's subsequent exploratory committee or

that candidate's campaign committee designated for a subsequent election.

§ 16-916. Filing statements of contributions and expenditures; public inspection

A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, the statements, designations and reports required to be filed pursuant to this article shall be filed as follows:
   1. In the office of the secretary of state for political committees supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer elected statewide or to the legislature, supporting the circulation of petitions for ballot measures, questions and propositions appearing on a state general election ballot or recall of public officials elected statewide or to the legislature supporting or opposing candidates for state offices and members of the legislature, for justices of the supreme court, for judges of the court of appeals and for a statewide initiative or referendum or any measure or proposition appearing on a state general election ballot. The office of the Secretary of State shall post to its website in a format that is viewable by the public the campaign finance information prescribed by this section.
   2. With the county officer in charge of elections for political committees supporting or opposing the recall of public officers elected to county offices, school district governing boards, community college district governing boards or judges of the superior court, supporting the circulation of petitions for ballot measures, questions and propositions appearing on a county election ballot or for the recall of a public officer elected to county offices, school district governing boards, community college district governing boards or judges of the superior court supporting or opposing candidates for county offices, school district governing board members or ballot questions, community college district governing board members or ballot questions, judges of the superior court seeking retention, special taxing districts and a county initiative or referendum or any measure or proposition appearing on a county election ballot. For any county with a population of more than one hundred thousand persons that operates a website, the county officer in charge of elections shall post to that website in a format that is viewable by the public the campaign finance information prescribed by this section. The posting requirements of this paragraph do not apply to reports where less than five hundred dollars is spent.
   3. With the city or town clerk for political committees supporting or opposing the recall of public officers elected to city or town offices, supporting the circulation of petitions for ballot measures, questions and propositions appearing on a city or town election ballot or recall of public officers elected for city or town offices supporting or opposing candidates for city or town offices and for a city or town initiative or referendum or any measure or proposition appearing on a city or town election ballot. For any city or town with a population of more than two thousand five hundred persons that operates a website, the city or town shall post to that website in a format that is viewable by the public the campaign finance information prescribed by this section. The posting requirements of this paragraph do not apply to reports where less than five hundred dollars is spent.

B. An original and one copy of the reports required pursuant to section 16-913 for the office of member of the legislature shall be filed with the secretary of state. The secretary of state may provide through the procedures manual adopted pursuant to section 16-452 for an alternative method for providing public access to the reports prescribed by this section.

C. For all statements, designations and reports, the date of filing is the date of actual receipt by the officer with whom the document is required to be filed except as follows:
   1. For documents filed by certified mail with a United States mail postmark, the date of mailing constitutes the date of filing.
   2. For documents filed by commercial delivery services that provide a standardized delivery confirmation process, the date of delivery confirmation constitutes the date of filing.
   3. For documents filed by commercial delivery services that provide for electronic tracking of specific delivery packages, the date of electronic confirmation of delivery constitutes the date of filing.

D. If the date for filing any statement, designation or report required by this article is a Saturday, a Sunday or another legal holiday, the filing deadline is the next day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or another legal holiday.

§ 16-916.01. Electronic filing; statements of contributions and expenditures

A. Statements, designations and reports that are filed pursuant to this article in the office of the secretary of state in electronic format shall be filed using computer software that is provided or approved by the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall provide computer software to accommodate electronic filings and shall implement and maintain a system for the electronic collection, filing and dissemination of materials filed pursuant to section 16- 916, subsection A, paragraph 1. A county officer in charge of elections may implement an electronic filing system for statements, designations and reports that are required by this article to be filed with the county officer in charge of elections. Subsections B through F of this section apply to an electronic filing program operated by a county.

B. If the filings are complete and correct, any statements, designations or reports that are filed in the secretary of state's electronic filing format are deemed to comply with:
   1. The filing requirements of this chapter.
   2. The requirement that a filing be made under oath or be submitted with a written signature.

C. A statement, designation or report that is filed in electronic format is deemed to be filed under penalty of perjury if the printed format version of that document is required to be filed under penalty of perjury.

D. A person or political committee that submits any statement, designation or report pursuant to this chapter that is not properly formatted or that does not contain the information prescribed by this chapter has not complied with the reporting requirements of this chapter and is subject to penalties and enforcement as otherwise provided by law.
E. During the implementation of an electronic filing system, the county officer in charge of elections may require that statements, designations or reports be filed with an additional written or printed copy.
F. For an electronic filing system implemented by the secretary of state or other filing officer, the filing officer shall designate one or more approved transmittal formats and methods.

§ 16-917. Independent expenditures; in-kind contribution; civil penalty

A. A political committee that makes independent expenditures for literature or an advertisement relating to any one candidate or office within ten days before the day of any election to which the expenditures relate, shall send by certified mail a copy of the campaign literature or advertisement to each candidate named or otherwise referred to in the literature or advertisement twenty-four hours after depositing it at the post office for mailing, twenty-four hours after submitting it to a telecommunications system for broadcast or twenty-four hours after submitting it to a newspaper for printing.
B. The copy of the literature or advertisement sent to a candidate pursuant to subsection A of this section shall be a reproduction that is clearly readable, viewable or audible.
C. An expenditure by a political committee or a person that does not meet the definition of an independent expenditure is an in-kind contribution to the candidate and a corresponding expenditure by the candidate unless otherwise exempted.
D. A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of three times the cost of the literature or advertisement that was distributed in violation of this section. This civil penalty shall be imposed as prescribed in section 16-924.

§ 16-918. Campaign finance reports; notice; civil penalty; prohibition on candidacy

A. If a political committee fails to file a report in a timely manner as required by this chapter, the filing officer shall send written notice of the delinquency of the report to the political committee and the candidate, in the case of the candidate's campaign committee, or to the designating individual, in the case of an individual's exploratory committee. The notice shall be sent by certified mail within fifteen days after the filing officer determines there may be a failure to file a campaign finance report. The notice shall provide with reasonable particularity the nature of the failure and a statement of the penalties provided in this section.
B. A political committee, or in the case of a candidate's campaign committee, the candidate, or in the case of an exploratory committee, the designating individual, is liable for a late penalty of ten dollars for each day after failure to make or file a campaign finance report that is required pursuant to this chapter up to a maximum of four hundred fifty dollars. The filing officer shall not accept a campaign report unless any penalties owed as a result of this section or any penalties imposed pursuant to section 16-924 are paid with the report.
C. A political committee, or in the case of a candidate's campaign committee, the candidate, or in the case of an exploratory committee, the designating individual, that has failed to file within fifteen days after receiving a notice of delinquency pursuant to subsection A of this section is liable for a civil penalty of twenty-five dollars for each subsequent day that the filing is late. This penalty shall be assessed pursuant to section 16-924.
D. For purposes of this section, there is a failure to make and file a campaign finance report by the treasurer, the designating individual, in the case of an exploratory committee, the candidate, in the case of a candidate's campaign committee, and for all other political committees, the chairman, if any of the following occurs:
   1. The report is not filed in a timely manner as prescribed by section 16-913.
   2. The report is not signed in accordance with section 16-913.
   3. A good faith effort is not made to substantially complete the report as prescribed by section 16-915.
E. It is a defense to an enforcement action brought pursuant to this section if good cause is shown by the treasurer, the designating individual, in the case of an exploratory committee, or the candidate, in the case of a candidate's campaign committee, for the failure to make and file a campaign finance report. For purposes of this subsection, good cause includes an illness or absence from this state at the time the campaign finance report was due or the written notice of delinquency was delivered if the illness or absence reasonably prevented the treasurer, designating individual or candidate from filing the report or receiving the written notice.
F. In addition to the enforcement actions prescribed by this section, a person who was a candidate for nomination or election to any local or state office and who after written notice pursuant to this section failed to make and file a campaign finance report as required by this chapter is not eligible to be a candidate for nomination or election to any local or state office for five years after the last failure to make and file a campaign finance report occurred. This penalty shall be imposed as follows:
   1. A candidate's failure to make and file a campaign finance report with a filing officer for a jurisdiction is grounds for that filing officer to refuse the candidate's nomination paper for any public office in that jurisdiction as described in this subsection.
   2. A candidate's failure to make and file a campaign finance report with any filing officer is grounds for a filing officer from another jurisdiction to refuse the candidate's nomination paper for any public office on presentation of a certified copy of a final order issued pursuant to section 16-924.

G. For a standing political committee, in addition to any late penalty and civil penalty assessed pursuant to this section, if the standing political committee makes a late filing three or more times, the standing political committee is no longer eligible for consolidated filing status pursuant to section 16-913, subsection K and shall make all of its filings in each reporting jurisdiction in which it is active.

H. For any political committee that has failed to file three consecutive campaign finance reports with the secretary of state as prescribed by section 16-913, the secretary of state shall send the committee chairman and treasurer a written notice of intent to suspend the political committee. The notice of intent to suspend shall state that failure of the political committee to fully comply with all filing requirements for that committee, including any required payments, within thirty days of the date of the notice shall result in suspension of the political committee's authority to operate in this state. On suspension of the political committee's authority to operate, the secretary of state is no longer required to provide any further notice of delinquency to the political committee. This subsection does not reduce or eliminate the political committee's continuing obligation to make campaign finance filings and pay any fines, penalties, civil penalties or other sanctions that may continue to accrue as otherwise provided by law. This subsection does not apply to reports required pursuant to Article 2 of this chapter or to a candidate's campaign committee designated by that candidate pursuant to section 16-903 during that election cycle.

§ 16-919. Prohibition of contributions by corporations, limited liability company or labor organizations; exemption; classification; definitions

A. It is unlawful for a corporation or a limited liability company to make any contribution of money or anything of value for the purpose of influencing an election, and it is unlawful for the designating individual who formed an exploratory committee, an exploratory committee, a candidate or a candidate's campaign committee to accept any contribution of money or anything of value from a corporation or a limited liability company for the purpose of influencing an election. This subsection does not apply to political committees that are incorporated pursuant to title 10, chapters 24 through 40 and political committees that are organized as limited liability companies.

B. It is unlawful for a labor organization to make any contribution of money or anything of value for the purpose of influencing an election.

C. A corporation, limited liability company or labor organization which violates this section is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

D. The person through whom the violation is effected is guilty of a class 6 felony.

E. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a political committee that is incorporated only for the purposes of liability limitation may make contributions for the purpose of influencing an election. Notwithstanding the corporate status of a political committee, the chairman and treasurer of an incorporated political committee remain personally responsible for carrying out their respective duties under this article.

F. For the purposes of this section:
   1. "Election" means any election to any political office, any election to any political convention or caucus, or any primary election held for the purpose of selecting any candidate, political committee or other person for any political office, convention or caucus.
   2. "Employee" includes any employee, is not limited to the employees of a particular employer and includes any individual whose work has ceased as a consequence of, or in connection with, any current labor dispute or because of any unfair labor practice.
   3. "Employer" includes any person acting as an agent of an employer, directly or indirectly.
   4. "Labor organization" means any organization of any kind or any agency or employee representation committee or plan in which employees participate and which exists for the purpose in whole or in part of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment or conditions of work.

§ 16-920. Permitted expenditures by corporations and labor organizations

A. Expenditures for the following purposes shall not be construed to be political contributions prohibited by law:
   1. Communications by a corporation to its stockholders and executive or administrative personnel and their families, or by a labor organization to its members and their families, on any subject.
   2. Nonpartisan registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns by a corporation aimed at its stockholders and executive or administrative personnel and their families or by a labor organization aimed at its members and their families.
   3. The establishment, administration and solicitation of voluntary contributions to a separate segregated fund to be utilized for political purposes by a corporation, labor organization, membership organization, trade association, cooperative or corporation without capital stock.
   4. The establishment, administration and solicitation of voluntary contributions from employees of a corporation or limited liability company, including contributions made by payroll deduction, deposit or transfer or other similar method, and that are made directly to a separate segregated fund that is used for political purposes by a trade association of which the employing corporation or limited liability company is a member. Contributions received under this subsection shall be reported pursuant to section 16-915, subsection A, Paragraph 2, subdivision (a) or subsection E.
   5. Contributions for use to support or oppose an initiative or referendum measure or amendment to the constitution.

B. A membership organization, trade association, cooperative or corporation without capital stock may engage in the activities permitted in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection A of this section if such activities are directed toward its

members, stockholders or members of its members, its and its members' executive or administrative personnel, and their families.

§ 16-921. Unlawful contributions by corporations and labor organizations from a fund; procedures; definition

A. It is unlawful under any fund established by a corporation or labor organization pursuant to section 16-920, subsection A, paragraph 3:
   1. For such a fund to make a contribution or expenditure by utilizing money or anything of value secured by physical force, job discrimination, financial reprisals or the threat of force, job discrimination or financial reprisal or by dues, fees or other monies required as a condition of membership in a labor organization or as a condition of employment or by monies obtained in any commercial transaction.
   2. For any person soliciting an employee for a contribution to such a fund to fail to inform such employee of the political purposes of such fund at the time of such solicitation.
   3. For any person soliciting an employee for a contribution to such a fund to fail to inform such employee, at the time of such solicitation, of his right to refuse to so contribute without any reprisal.

B. Except as provided in subsections C, D and E of this section it is unlawful for a corporation, or a separate segregated fund established by a corporation, to solicit contributions to such a fund from any person other than its stockholders and their families and its executive or administrative personnel and their families and for a labor organization, or a separate segregated fund established by a labor organization, to solicit contributions to such a fund from any person other than its members and their families.

C. A corporation or a separate segregated fund established by such corporation may make no more than two written solicitations for contributions during the calendar year from any employee who is not a stockholder or executive or administrative personnel of such corporation or the families of such persons. A solicitation under this subsection may be made only by mail addressed to employees who are not stockholders or executive or administrative personnel at their residence.

D. An insurer that is licensed in this state or a separate segregated fund established by such insurer may make no more than two written solicitations for contributions during the calendar year from persons who are licensed insurance producers and with whom it has a contract to produce insurance business. Those solicitations are lawful only if the insurance producer has an exclusive contract with the insurer. This subsection does not change an insurance producer’s status as an independent contractor.

E. A labor organization or a separate segregated fund established by such labor organization may make no more than two written solicitations for contributions during the calendar year from any stockholder, executive or administrative personnel or employee of a corporation who is not a union member, or the families of such persons, if such labor organization represents members working for such corporation. A solicitation under this subsection may be made only by mail addressed to such stockholders, executive or administrative personnel or employees who are not union members at their residences.

F. This section shall not prevent a membership organization, cooperative or corporation without capital stock, or a separate segregated fund established by a membership organization, cooperative or corporation without capital stock, from soliciting contributions to such a fund from members of such organization, cooperative or corporation without capital stock.

G. This section shall not prevent a trade association, or a separate segregated fund established by a trade association, from soliciting contributions from the stockholders and executive or administrative personnel of the member corporations of such trade association and the families of such stockholders or personnel.

H. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any method of soliciting voluntary contributions or of facilitating the making of voluntary contributions to a separate segregated fund established by a corporation, permitted by law to corporations with regard to stockholders and executive or administrative personnel, shall also be permitted to labor organizations with regard to their members.

I. Any corporation, including its subsidiaries, branches, divisions and affiliates, that utilizes a method of soliciting voluntary contributions or facilitating the making of voluntary contributions shall make available such method, on written request and at a cost sufficient only to reimburse the corporation for the expenses incurred thereby, to a labor organization representing any members working for such corporation and its subsidiaries, branches, divisions and affiliates.

J. For the purposes of this section:
   1. "Exclusive contract" means either:
      (a) An insurance producer's contract with an insurer that prohibits the producer from soliciting insurance business for any other insurer.
      (b) An insurance producer's contract with an insurer that requires a first right of refusal on all lines of insurance business written by the insurer and solicited by the producer.
   2. "Executive or administrative personnel" means individuals who are employed by a corporation and who are paid on a salary, rather than hourly, basis and who have policymaking, managerial, professional or supervisory responsibilities.
   3 "Insurance producer" has the same meaning as prescribed in section 20-281.

§ 16-923. Volunteering services for expected compensation; classification

A person who voluntarily and unsolicitedly offers to work for and assist or in any manner voluntarily contributes to the nomination or election of a candidate or other person to any office in the state with the intent of having such candidate or person pay or in any manner compensate the person so offering

such work or services is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor unless another classification is specifically prescribed in this title.

§ 16-924. Civil penalties; attorney general; county, city or town attorney

A. Unless another penalty is specifically prescribed in this article, if the filing officer for campaign finance reports designated pursuant to section 16-916, subsection A has reasonable cause to believe that a person is violating any provision of this article, the secretary of state shall notify the attorney general for a violation regarding a statewide office or the legislature, the county officer in charge of elections shall notify the county attorney for that county for a violation regarding a county office or the city or town clerk shall notify the city or town attorney for a violation regarding a city or town office. The attorney general, county attorney or city or town attorney, as appropriate, may serve on the person an order requiring compliance with that provision. The order shall state with reasonable particularity the nature of the violation and shall require compliance within twenty days from the date of issuance of the order. The alleged violator has twenty days from the date of issuance of the order to request a hearing pursuant to title 41, chapter 6.

B. If a person fails to take corrective action within the time specified in the compliance order issued pursuant to subsection A, the attorney general, county attorney or city or town attorney, as appropriate, shall issue an order assessing a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars. The person alleged to have violated the compliance order has thirty days from the date of issuance of the order assessing the civil penalty to request a hearing pursuant to title 41, chapter 6.

C. Any party aggrieved by an order or decision of the attorney general, county attorney or city or town attorney, as appropriate, may appeal to the superior court as provided in title 12, chapter 7, article 6.

D. For purposes of this section, failure to comply with a compliance order issued by the attorney general, county attorney or city or town attorney, as appropriate, as prescribed in subsection A is deemed an intentional act.

§ 16-925. Deceptive mailings; civil penalty

A. In an attempt to influence the outcome of an election, an individual or committee shall not deliver or mail any document that falsely purports to be a mailing authorized, approved, required, sent or reviewed by or that falsely simulates a document from the government of this state, a county, city or town or any other political subdivision.

B. An individual or committee that violates this section is liable for a civil penalty equal to twice the total of the cost of the mailing or five hundred dollars, whichever is greater. The attorney general, the county attorney, the city or town attorney or other legal representative of the political subdivision, as appropriate, may assess the civil penalty.

ARTICLE 2. CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS ACT

§ 16-940. Findings and declarations

A. The people of Arizona declare our intent to create a clean elections system that will improve the integrity of Arizona state government by diminishing the influence of special-interest money, will encourage citizen participation in the political process, and will promote freedom of speech under the U.S. and Arizona Constitutions. Campaigns will become more issue-oriented and less negative because there will be no need to challenge the sources of campaign money.

B. The people of Arizona find that our current election-financing system:
   1. Allows Arizona elected officials to accept large campaign contributions from private interests over which they have governmental jurisdiction;
   2. Gives incumbents an unhealthy advantage over challengers;
   3. Hinders communication to voters by many qualified candidates;
   4. Effectively suppresses the voices and influence of the vast majority of Arizona citizens in favor of a small number of wealthy special interests;
   5. Undermines public confidence in the integrity of public officials;
   6. Costs average taxpayers millions of dollars in the form of subsidies and special privileges for campaign contributors;
   7. Drives up the cost of running for state office, discouraging otherwise qualified candidates who lack personal wealth or access to special-interest funding; and
   8. Requires that elected officials spend too much of their time raising funds rather than representing the public.

§ 16-941. Limits on spending and contributions for political campaigns

A. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a participating candidate:
   1. Shall not accept any contributions, other than a limited number of five-dollar qualifying contributions as specified in section 16-946 and early contributions as specified in section 16-945, except in the emergency situation specified in section 16-954, subsection F.
   2. Shall not make expenditures of more than a total of five hundred dollars of the candidate's personal monies for a candidate for legislature or more than one thousand dollars for a candidate for statewide office.
   3. Shall not make expenditures in the primary election period in excess of the adjusted primary election spending limit.
   4. Shall not make expenditures in the general election period in excess of the adjusted general election spending limit.
   5. Shall comply with section 16-948 regarding campaign accounts and section 16-953 regarding returning

unused monies to the citizens clean elections fund described in this article.

B. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a nonparticipating candidate:
   1. Shall not accept contributions in excess of an amount that is twenty per cent less than the limits specified in section 16-905, subsections A through E, as adjusted by the secretary of state pursuant to section 16-905, subsection H. Any violation of this paragraph shall be subject to the civil penalties and procedures set forth in section 16-905, subsections J through M and section 16-924.
   2. Shall comply with section 16-958 regarding reporting, including filing reports with the secretary of state indicating whenever (a) expenditures other than independent expenditures on behalf of the candidate, from the beginning of the election cycle to any date up to primary election day, exceed seventy per cent of the original primary election spending limit applicable to a participating candidate seeking the same office, or (b) contributions to a candidate, from the beginning of the election cycle to any date during the general election period, less expenditures made from the beginning of the election cycle through primary election day, exceed seventy per cent of the original general election spending limit applicable to a participating candidate seeking the same office. A nonparticipating candidate is exempt from this paragraph if there is no participating candidate running against that nonparticipating candidate.

C. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a candidate, whether participating or nonparticipating:
   1. If specified in a written agreement signed by the candidate and one or more opposing candidates and filed with the citizens clean elections commission, shall not make any expenditure in the primary or general election period exceeding an agreed-upon amount lower than spending limits otherwise applicable by statute.
   2. Shall continue to be bound by all other applicable election and campaign finance statutes and rules, with the exception of those provisions in express or clear conflict with this article.

D. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any person who makes independent expenditures related to a particular office cumulatively exceeding five hundred dollars in an election cycle, with the exception of any expenditure listed in section 16-920 and any independent expenditure by an organization arising from a communication directly to the organization's members, shareholders, employees, affiliated persons and subscribers, shall file reports with the secretary of state in accordance with section 16-958 so indicating, identifying the office and the candidate or group of candidates whose election or defeat is being advocated and stating whether the person is advocating election or advocating defeat.

§ 16-942. Civil penalties and forfeiture of office

A. The civil penalty for a violation of any contribution or expenditure limit in section 16-941 by or on behalf of a participating candidate shall be ten times the amount by which the expenditures or contributions exceed the applicable limit.

B. In addition to any other penalties imposed by law, the civil penalty for a violation by or on behalf of any candidate of any reporting requirement imposed by this chapter shall be one hundred dollars per day for candidates for the legislature and three hundred dollars per day for candidates for statewide office. The penalty imposed by this subsection shall be doubled if the amount not reported for a particular election cycle exceeds ten percent of the adjusted primary or general election spending limit. No penalty imposed pursuant to this subsection shall exceed twice the amount of expenditures or contributions not reported. The candidate and the candidate's campaign account shall be jointly and severally responsible for any penalty imposed pursuant to this subsection.

C. Any campaign finance report filed indicating a violation of section 16-941, subsections A or B or section 16-941, subsection C, paragraph 1 involving an amount in excess of ten percent of the sum of the adjusted primary election spending limit and the adjusted general election spending limit for a particular candidate shall result in disqualification of a candidate or forfeiture of office.

D. Any participating candidate adjudged to have committed a knowing violation of section 16-941, subsection A or subsection C, paragraph 1 shall repay from the candidate's personal monies to the fund all monies expended from the candidate's campaign account and shall turn over the candidate's campaign account to the fund.

E. All civil penalties collected pursuant to this article shall be deposited into the fund.

§ 16-943. Criminal violations and penalties

A. A candidate, or any other person acting on behalf of a candidate, who knowingly violates section 16-941 is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.

B. Any person who knowingly pays any thing of value or any compensation for a qualifying contribution as defined in section 16-946 is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.

C. Any person who knowingly provides false or incomplete information on a report filed under section 16-958 is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.

§ 16-944. Fees imposed on lobbyists

(This section repealed as per Ariz. Sess. Laws 2007, Ch. 277)

§ 16-945. Limits on early contributions

A. A participating candidate may accept early contributions only from individuals and only during the exploratory period and the qualifying period, subject to the following limitations:
   1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no contributor shall give, and no participating candidate shall accept, contributions from a contributor exceeding one hundred dollars during an election cycle.

2. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, early contributions to a participating candidate from all sources for an election cycle shall not exceed, for a candidate for governor, forty thousand dollars or, for other candidates, ten percent of the sum of the original primary election spending limit and the original general election spending limit.
3. Qualifying contributions specified in section 16-946 shall not be included in determining whether the limits in this subsection have been exceeded.

B. Early contributions specified in subsection A of this section and the candidate's personal monies specified in section 16-941, subsection A, paragraph 2 may be spent only during the exploratory period and the qualifying period. Any early contributions not spent by the end of the qualifying period shall be paid to the fund.

C. If a participating candidate has a debt from an election campaign in this state during a previous election cycle in which the candidate was not a participating candidate, then, during the exploratory period only, the candidate may accept, in addition to early contributions specified in subsection A of this section, contributions subject to the limitations in section 16-941, subsection B, paragraph 1, or may exceed the limit on personal monies in section 16-941, subsection A, paragraph 2, provided that such contributions and monies are used solely to retire such debt.

§ 16-946. Qualifying contributions

A. During the qualifying period, a participating candidate may collect qualifying contributions, which shall be paid to the fund.

B. To qualify as a "qualifying contribution," a contribution must be:
1. Made by a qualified elector as defined in section 16-121, who at the time of the contribution is registered in the electoral district of the office the candidate is seeking and who has not given another qualifying contribution to that candidate during that election cycle;
2. Made by a person who is not given anything of value in exchange for the qualifying contribution;
3. In the sum of five dollars, exactly;
4. Received unsolicited during the qualifying period or solicited during the qualifying period by a person who is not employed or retained by the candidate and who is not compensated to collect contributions by the candidate or on behalf of the candidate;
5. If made by check or money order, made payable to the candidate's campaign committee, or if in cash, deposited in the candidate's campaign committee's account; and
6. Accompanied by a three-part reporting slip that includes the printed name, registration address, and signature of the contributor, the name of the candidate for whom the contribution is made, the date, and the printed name and signature of the solicitor.

C. A copy of the reporting slip shall be given as a receipt to the contributor, and another copy shall be retained by the candidate's campaign committee. Delivery of an original reporting slip to the secretary of state shall excuse the candidate from disclosure of these contributions on campaign finance reports filed under article 1 of this chapter.

§ 16-947. Certification as a participating candidate

A. A candidate who wishes to be certified as a participating candidate shall, before the end of the qualifying period, file an application with the secretary of state, in a form specified by the citizens clean elections commission.

B. The application shall identify the candidate, the office that the candidate plans to seek, and the candidate's party, if any, and shall contain the candidate's signature, under oath, certifying that:
1. The candidate has complied with the restrictions of section 16-941, subsection A during the election cycle to date.
2. The candidate's campaign committee and exploratory committee have filed all campaign finance reports required under article 1 of this chapter during the election cycle to date and that they are complete and accurate.
3. The candidate will comply with the requirements of section 16-941, subsection A during the remainder of the election cycle and, specifically, will not accept private contributions.

C. The commission shall act on the application within one week. Unless, within that time, the commission denies an application and provides written reasons that all or part of a certification in subsection B of this section is incomplete or untrue, the candidate shall be certified as a participating candidate. If the commission denies an application for failure to file all complete and accurate campaign finance reports or failure to make the certification in subsection B, paragraph 3 of this section, the candidate may reapply within two weeks of the commission's decision by filing complete and accurate campaign finance reports and another sworn certification.

§ 16-948. Controls on participating candidates' campaign accounts

A. A participating candidate shall conduct all financial activity through a single campaign account of the candidate's campaign committee. A participating candidate shall not make any deposits into the campaign account other than those permitted under sections 16-945 or 16-946.

B. A candidate may designate other persons with authority to withdraw funds from the candidate's campaign account. The candidate and any person so designated shall sign a joint statement under oath promising to comply with the requirements of this title.

C. The candidate or a person authorized under subsection B of this section shall pay monies from a participating candidate's campaign account directly to the person providing goods or services to the campaign and shall identify, on a report filed pursuant to article 1 of this chapter, the full name and street address of the person and the nature of the goods and services and compensation for which payment has been made. Notwithstanding the

previous sentence, a campaign committee may establish one or more petty cash accounts, which in aggregate shall not exceed one thousand dollars at any time. No single expenditure shall be made from a petty cash account exceeding one hundred dollars.

D. Monies in a participating candidate's campaign account shall not be used to pay fines or civil penalties, for costs or legal fees related to representation before the commission, or for defense of any enforcement action under this chapter. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent a participating candidate from having a legal defense fund.

§ 16-949. Caps on spending from citizens clean elections fund

A. The commission shall not spend, on all costs incurred under this article during a particular calendar year, more than five dollars times the number of Arizona resident personal income tax returns filed during the previous calendar year. Tax reductions and tax credits awarded to taxpayers pursuant to section 16-954, subsections A and B shall not be considered costs incurred under this article for purposes of this section. The commission may exceed this limit during a calendar year, provided that it is offset by an equal reduction of the limit during another calendar year during the same four-year period beginning January 1 immediately after a gubernatorial election.

B. The commission may use up to ten percent of the amount specified in subsection A of this section for reasonable and necessary expenses of administration and enforcement, including the activities specified in section 16-956, subsection A, paragraphs 3 through 7 and subsections B and C. Any portion of the ten percent not used for this purpose shall remain in the fund.

C. The commission shall apply ten percent of the amount specified in subsection A of this section for reasonable and necessary expenses associated with voter education, including the activities specified in section 16-956, subsection A.

D. The state treasurer shall administer a citizens clean election fund from which costs incurred under this article shall be paid. The auditor general shall review the monies in, payments into, and expenditures from the fund no less often than every four years.

§ 16-950. Qualification for clean campaign funding

A. A candidate who has made an application for certification may also apply, in accordance with subsection B of this section, to receive funds from the citizens clean elections fund, instead of receiving private contributions.

B. To receive any clean campaign funding, the candidate must present to the secretary of state no later than one week after the end of the qualifying period a list of names of persons who have made qualifying contributions pursuant to section 16-946 on behalf of the candidate. The list shall be divided by county. At the same time, the candidate must tender to the secretary of state the original reporting slips identified in section 16-946, subsection C for persons on the list and an amount equal to the sum of the qualifying contributions collected. The secretary of state shall deposit the amount into the fund.

C. The secretary of state shall select at random a sample of five per cent of the number of non-duplicative names on the list and forward facsimiles of the selected reporting slips to the county recorders for the counties of the addresses specified in the selected slips. Within ten days, the county recorders shall provide a report to the secretary of state identifying as disqualified any slips that are unsigned or undated or that the recorder is unable to verify as matching a person who is registered to vote in the electoral district of the office the candidate is seeking on the date specified on the slip. The secretary of state shall multiply the number of slips not disqualified by twenty, and if the result is greater than one hundred ten per cent of the quantity required, shall approve the candidate for funds, and if the result is less than one hundred ten per cent of the quantity required, the secretary of state shall forward facsimiles of all of the slips to the county recorders for verification, and the county recorders shall check all slips in accordance with the process above. A county recorder shall not check slips already verified. A county recorder shall report verified totals daily to the secretary of state until a determination is made that a sufficient number of verified slips has been submitted. If a sufficient number of verified slips has been submitted to one or more county recorders, the county recorders may stop the verification process.

D. To qualify for clean campaign funding, a candidate must have been approved as a participating candidate pursuant to section 16-947 and have obtained the following number of qualifying contributions:
   1. For a candidate for legislature, two hundred.
   2. For candidate for mine inspector, five hundred.
   3. For a candidate for treasurer, superintendent of public instruction or corporation commission, one thousand five hundred.
   4. For a candidate for secretary of state or attorney general, two thousand five hundred.
   5. For a candidate for governor, four thousand.

E. To qualify for clean campaign funding, a candidate must have met the requirements of this section and either be an independent candidate or meet the following standards:
   1. To qualify for funding for a party primary election, a candidate must have properly filed nominating papers and nominating petitions with signatures pursuant to chapter 3, articles 2 and 3 of this title in the primary of a political organization entitled to continued representation on the official ballot in accordance with section 16-804.
   2. To qualify for clean campaign funding for a general election, a candidate must be a party nominee of such a political organization.

§ 16-951. Clean campaign funding

A. At the beginning of the primary election period, the commission shall pay from the fund to the campaign account of each candidate who qualifies for clean campaign funding:

1. For a candidate who qualifies for clean campaign funding for a party primary election, an amount equal to the original primary election spending limit;
2. For an independent candidate who qualifies for clean campaign funding, an amount equal to seventy percent of the sum of the original primary election spending limit and the original general election spending limit; or
3. For a qualified participating candidate who is unopposed for an office in that candidate's primary, in the primary of any other party, and by any opposing independent candidate, an amount equal to five dollars times the number of qualifying contributions for that candidate certified by the commission.

B. At any time after the first day of January of an election year, any candidate who has met the requirements of section 16-950 may sign and cause to be filed a nomination paper in the form specified by section 16-311, subsection A, with a nominating petition and signatures, instead of filing such papers after the earliest time set for filing specified by that subsection. Upon such filing and verification of the signatures, the commission shall pay the amount specified in subsection A of this section immediately, rather than waiting for the beginning of the primary election period.

C. At the beginning of the general election period, the commission shall pay from the fund to the campaign account of each candidate who qualifies for clean campaign funding for the general election, except those candidates identified in subsection A, paragraphs 2 or 3 or subsection D of this section, an amount equal to the original general election spending limit.

D. At the beginning of the general election period, the commission shall pay from the fund to the campaign account of a qualified participating candidate who has not received funds pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 3 of this section and who is unopposed by any other party nominee or any opposing independent candidate an amount equal to five dollars times the number of qualifying contributions for that candidate certified by the commission.

E. The special original general election spending limit, for a candidate who has received funds pursuant to subsection A, paragraphs 2 or 3 or subsection D of this section, shall be equal to the amount that the commission is obligated to pay to that candidate.

§ 16-952. Equal funding of candidates

A. Whenever during a primary election period a report is filed, or other information comes to the attention of the commission, indicating that a nonparticipating candidate who is not unopposed in that primary has made expenditures during the election cycle to date exceeding the original primary election spending limit, including any previous adjustments, the commission shall immediately pay from the fund to the campaign account of any participating candidate in the same party primary as the nonparticipating candidate an amount equal to any excess of the reported amount over the primary election spending limit as previously adjusted, less six per cent for a nonparticipating candidate's fund-raising expenses and less the amount of early contributions raised for that participating candidate for that office as prescribed by section 16-945. The primary election spending limit for all such participating candidates shall be adjusted by increasing it by the amount that the commission is obligated to pay to a participating candidate.

B. Whenever during a general election period a report has been filed, or other information comes to the attention of the commission, indicating that the amount a nonparticipating candidate who is not unopposed has received in contributions during the election cycle to date less the amount of expenditures the nonparticipating candidate made through the end of the primary election period exceeds the original general election spending limit, including any previous adjustments, the commission shall immediately pay from the fund to the campaign account of any participating candidate qualified for the ballot and seeking the same office as the nonparticipating candidate an amount equal to any excess of the reported difference over the general election spending limit, as previously adjusted, less six per cent for a nonparticipating candidate's fund-raising expenses. The general election spending limit for all such participating candidates shall be adjusted by increasing it by the amount that the commission is obligated to pay to a participating candidate.

C. For the purposes of subsections A and B of this section, the following expenditures reported pursuant to this article shall be treated as follows:
1. Independent expenditures against a participating candidate shall be treated as expenditures of each opposing candidate, for the purpose of subsection A of this section, or contributions to each opposing candidate, for the purpose of subsection B of this section.
2. Independent expenditures in favor of one or more nonparticipating opponents of a participating candidate shall be treated as expenditures of those nonparticipating candidates, for the purpose of subsection A of this section, or contributions to those nonparticipating candidates, for the purpose of subsection B of this section.
3. Independent expenditures in favor of a participating candidate shall be treated, for every opposing participating candidate, as though the independent expenditures were an expenditure of a nonparticipating opponent, for the purpose of subsection A of this section, or a contribution to a nonparticipating opponent, for the purpose of subsection B of this section.
4. Expenditures made during the primary election period by or on behalf of an independent candidate or a nonparticipating candidate who is unopposed in a party primary shall be deducted from the total amount of monies raised for purposes of determining the amount of equalizing funds, up to the amount of primary funds received by the participating candidate. Equalizing funds pursuant to subsection B of this section shall then be calculated and paid at the start of the general election period.

5. Expenditures made before the general election period that consist of a contract, promise or agreement to make an expenditure during the general election period resulting in an extension of credit shall be treated as though made during the general election period, and equalizing funds pursuant to subsection B of this section shall be paid at the start of the general election period.
6. Expenditures for or against a participating candidate promoting or opposing more than one candidate who is not running for the same office shall be allocated by the commission among candidates for different offices based on the relative size or length and relative prominence of the reference to candidates for different offices.

D. Upon applying for citizen funding pursuant to section 16-950, a participating candidate for the legislature in a one-party-dominant legislative district who is qualified for clean campaign funding for the party primary election of the dominant party may choose to reallocate a portion of funds from the general election period to the primary election period. At the beginning of the primary election period, the commission shall pay from the fund to the campaign account of a participating candidate who makes this choice an extra amount equal to fifty per cent of the original primary election spending limit, and the original primary election spending limit for the candidate who makes this choice shall be increased by the extra amount. For a primary election in which one or more participating candidates have made this choice, funds shall be paid under subsections A and B of this section only to the extent of any excess over the original primary election spending limit as so increased. If a participating candidate who makes this choice becomes qualified for clean campaign funding for the general election, the amount the candidate receives at the beginning of the general election period shall be reduced by the extra amount received at the beginning of the primary election period, and the original general election spending limit for that candidate shall be reduced by the extra amount. For a general election in which a participating candidate has made this choice, funds shall be paid under subsections A and B of this section only to the extent of any excess over the original general election spending limit, without such reduction, unless the candidate who has made this choice is the only participating candidate in the general election, in which case such funds shall be paid to the extent of excess over the original general election spending limit with such reduction. For the purpose of this subsection, A one-party-dominant legislative district is a district in which the number of registered voters registered in the party with the highest number of registered voters exceeds the number of registered voters registered to each of the other parties by an amount at least as high as ten per cent of the total number of voters registered in the district. The status of a district as a one-party-dominant legislative district shall be determined as of the beginning of the qualifying period.

E. If an adjusted spending limit reaches three times the original spending limit for a particular election, the commission shall not pay any further amounts from the fund to the campaign account of any participating candidate, and the spending limit shall not be adjusted further.

§ 16-953. Return of monies to the citizens clean elections fund

A. At the end of the primary election period, a participating candidate who has received monies pursuant to section 16-951, subsection A, paragraph 1 shall return to the fund all monies in the candidate's campaign account above an amount sufficient to pay any unpaid bills for expenditures made during the primary election period and for goods or services directed to the primary election.

B. At the end of the general election period, a participating candidate shall return to the fund all monies in the candidate's campaign account above an amount sufficient to pay any unpaid bills for expenditures made before the general election and for goods or services directed to the general election.

C. A participating candidate shall pay all uncontested and unpaid bills referenced in this section no later than thirty days after the primary or general election. A participating candidate shall make monthly reports to the commission concerning the status of the dispute over any contested bills. Any monies in a candidate's campaign account after payment of bills shall be returned promptly to the fund.

D. If a participating candidate is replaced pursuant to section 16-343, and the replacement candidate files an oath with the secretary of state certifying to section 16-947, subsection B, paragraph 3, the campaign account of the participating candidate shall be transferred to the replacement candidate and the commission shall certify the replacement candidate as a participating candidate without requiring compliance with section 16-950 or the remainder of section 16-947. If the replacement candidate does not file such an oath, the campaign account shall be liquidated and all remaining monies returned to the fund.

E. If a participating candidate who has received monies pursuant to section 16-951, subsection A, paragraph 1 does not qualify for the ballot for the primary election, the participating candidate shall:
1. Return to the fund all monies in the candidate's campaign account above the amount sufficient to pay any unpaid bills for the expenditures made before the date the candidate failed to qualify for the primary ballot.
2. Return to the commission, within fourteen days, all remaining assets purchased with public funds in that election cycle, including all political signs. The disqualified participating candidate is not required to return political signs purchased in a previous election cycle.
3. Repay any monies paid to a family member unless the participating candidate demonstrates that the payment made was for goods or services actually provided before disqualification of the candidate and the payment was for fair market value. For the purposes of this paragraph, "family member" means a parent, grandparent, spouse, child or sibling of the candidate or a parent or spouse of any of those persons.

§ 16-954. Clean elections tax reduction; return of excess monies

A. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998, a taxpayer who files on a state income tax return form may designate a five-dollar voluntary contribution per taxpayer to the fund by marking an optional check-off box on the first page of the form. A taxpayer who checks this box shall receive a five-dollar reduction in the amount of tax, and five dollars from the amount of taxes paid shall be transferred by the department of revenue to the fund. The department of revenue shall provide check-off boxes, identified as the clean elections fund tax reduction, on the first page of income tax return forms, for designations pursuant to this subsection.

B. Any taxpayer may make a voluntary donation to the fund by designating the fund on an income tax return form filed by the individual or business entity or by making a payment directly to the fund. Any taxpayer making a donation pursuant to this subsection shall receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit not to exceed twenty percent of the tax amount on the return or five hundred dollars per taxpayer, whichever is higher. Donations made pursuant to this section are otherwise not tax deductible and cannot be designated as for the benefit of a particular candidate, political party, or election contest. The department of revenue shall transfer to the fund all donations made pursuant to this subsection. The department of revenue shall provide a space, identified as the clean elections fund tax credit, on the first page of income tax return forms, for donations pursuant to this subsection.

C. Beginning January 1, 1999, an additional surcharge of ten percent shall be imposed on all civil and criminal fines and penalties collected pursuant to section 12-116.01 and shall be deposited into the fund.

D. At least once per year, the commission shall project the amount of monies that the fund will collect over the next four years and the time such monies shall become available. Whenever the commission determines that the fund contains more monies than the commission determines that it requires to meet current debts plus expected expenses, under the assumption that expected expenses will be at the expenditure limit in section 16-949, subsection A, and taking into account the projections of collections, the commission shall designate such monies as excess monies and so notify the state treasurer, who shall thereupon return the excess monies to the general fund.

E. At least once per year, the commission shall project the amount of citizen funding for which all candidates will have qualified pursuant to this article for the following calendar year. By the end of each year, the commission shall announce whether the amount that the commission plans to spend the following year pursuant to section 16-949, subsection A exceeds the projected amount of citizen funding. If the commission determines that the fund contains insufficient monies or the spending cap would be exceeded were all candidate's accounts to be fully funded, then the commission may include in the announcement specifications for decreases in the following parameters, based on the commission's projections of collections and expenses for the fund, made in the following order:

1. First, the commission may announce a decrease in the matching cap under section 16-952, subsection E from three times to an amount between three and one times.
2. Next, the commission may announce that the fund will provide equalization monies under section 16-952, subsections A and B as a fraction of the amounts there specified.
3. Finally, the commission may announce that the fund will provide monies under section 16-951 as a fraction of the amounts there specified.

F. If the commission cannot provide participating candidates with all monies specified under sections 16-951 and 16-952, as decreased by any announcement pursuant to subsection E of this section, then the commission shall allocate any reductions in payments proportionately among candidates entitled to monies and shall declare an emergency. Upon declaration of an emergency, a participating candidate may accept private contributions to bring the total monies received by the candidate from the fund and from such private contributions up to the adjusted spending limits, as decreased by any announcement made pursuant to subsection E of this section.

§ 16-955. Citizens clean election commission; structure

A. The citizens clean elections commission is established consisting of five members. No more than two members of the commission shall be members of the same political party. No more than two members of the commission shall be residents of the same county. No one shall be appointed as a member who does not have a registration pursuant to chapter 1 of this title that has been continuously recorded for at least five years immediately preceding appointment with the same political party or as an independent.

B. The candidates for vacant commissioner positions shall be persons who are committed to enforcing this article in an honest, independent and impartial fashion and to seeking to uphold public confidence in the integrity of the electoral system. Each candidate shall be a qualified elector who has not, in the previous five years in this state, been appointed to, been elected to or run for any public office, including precinct committeeman, or served as an officer of a political party.

C. Initially, the commission on appellate court appointments shall nominate five slates, each having three candidates, before January 1, 1999. No later than February 1, 1999, the governor shall select one candidate from one of the slates to serve on the commission for a term ending January 31, 2004. Next, the highest-ranking official holding a statewide office who is not a member of the same political party as the governor shall select one candidate from another one of the slates to serve on the commission for a term ending January 31, 2003. Next, the second-highest-ranking official holding a statewide office who is a member of the same political party as the governor shall select one candidate from one of the three remaining slates to serve on the commission for a term ending January 31, 2002. Next, the second-highest-ranking official holding a statewide office

who is not a member of the same political party as the governor shall select one candidate from one of the two remaining slates to serve on the commission for a term ending January 31, 2001. Finally, the third-highest-ranking official holding a statewide office who is a member of the same political party as the governor shall elect one candidate from the last slate to serve on the commission for a term ending January 31, 2000. For the purposes of this section, the ranking of officials holding statewide office shall be governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, corporation commissioners in order of seniority, mine inspector, senate majority and minority leaders and house majority and minority leaders.

D. One commissioner shall be appointed for a five-year term beginning February 1 of every year beginning with the year 2000. Before February 1 of each year beginning in the year 2000, the governor and the highest-ranking official holding a statewide office who is not a member of the same political party as the governor shall alternate filling such vacancies. The vacancy in the year 2000 shall be filled by the governor.

E. Members of the commission may be removed by the governor, with concurrence of the senate, for substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct in office, inability to discharge the powers and duties of office or violation of this section, after written notice and opportunity for a response.

F. If a commissioner does not complete the commissioner's term of office for any reason, a replacement shall be selected within thirty days after the vacancy occurs. The highest-ranking official holding a statewide office who is a member of the political party of the official who nominated the commissioner who vacated office shall nominate the replacement, who shall serve as commissioner for the unexpired portion of the term. A vacancy or vacancies shall not impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the board.

G. Commissioners are eligible to receive compensation in an amount of two hundred dollars for each day on which the commission meets and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to title 38, chapter 4, article 2.

H. The commissioners shall elect a chair to serve for each calendar-year period from among their members whose terms expire after the conclusion of that year. Three commissioners shall constitute a quorum.

I. A member of the commission shall serve no more than one term and is not eligible for reappointment. No commissioner, during the commissioner's tenure or for three years thereafter, shall seek or hold any other public office, serve as an officer of any political committee or employ or be employed as a lobbyist.

J. The commission shall appoint an executive director who shall not be a member of the commission and who shall serve at the pleasure of the commission. The executive director is eligible to receive compensation set by the board within the range determined under section 38-611. The executive director, subject to title 41, chapter 4, articles 5 and 6, shall employ, determine the conditions of employment and specify the duties of administrative, secretarial and clerical employees as the director deems necessary.

§ 16-956. Voter education and enforcement duties

A. The commission shall:

1. Develop a procedure for publishing a document or section of a document having a space of predefined size for a message chosen by each candidate. For the document that is mailed before the primary election, the document shall contain the names of every candidate for every statewide and legislative district office in that primary election without regard to whether the candidate is a participating candidate or a nonparticipating candidate. For the document that is mailed before the general election, the document shall contain the names of every candidate for every statewide and legislative district office in that general election without regard to whether the candidate is a participating candidate or a nonparticipating candidate. The commission shall mail one copy of each document to every household that contains a registered voter. For the document that is mailed before the primary election, the mailing may be made over a period of days but shall be mailed in order to be delivered to households before the earliest date for receipt by registered voters of any requested early ballots for the primary election. The commission may mail the second document over a period of days but shall mail the second document in order to be delivered to households before the earliest date for receipt by registered voters of any requested early ballots for the general election. The primary election and general election documents published by the commission shall comply with all of the following:
   (a) For any candidate who does not submit a message pursuant to this paragraph, the document shall include with the candidate's listing the words "No statement submitted".
   (b) The document shall have printed on its cover the words "citizens clean elections commission voter education guide" and the words "primary election" or "general election" and the applicable year. The document shall also contain at or near the bottom of the document cover in type that is no larger than one-half the size of the type used for "citizens clean elections commission voter education guide" the words "paid for by the citizens clean elections fund".
   (c) In order to prevent voter confusion, the document shall be easily distinguishable from the publicity pamphlet that is required to be produced by the secretary of state pursuant to section 19-123.
2. Sponsor debates among candidates, in such manner as determined by the commission. The commission shall require participating candidates to attend and participate in debates and may specify by rule penalties for nonparticipation. The commission shall invite and permit nonparticipating candidates to participate in debates.

3. Prescribe forms for reports, statements, notices and other documents required by this article. The commission shall not require a candidate to use a reporting system other than the reporting system jointly approved by the commission and the office of the secretary of state.
4. Prepare and publish instructions setting forth methods of bookkeeping and preservation of records to facilitate compliance with this article and explaining the duties of persons and committees under this article.
5. Produce a yearly report describing the commission's activities and any recommendations for changes of law, administration or funding amounts and accounting for monies in the fund.
6. Adopt rules to implement the reporting requirements of section 16-958, subsections D and E.
7. Enforce this article, ensure that money from the fund is placed in candidate campaign accounts or otherwise spent as specified in this article and not otherwise, monitor reports filed pursuant to this chapter and financial records of candidates as needed to ensure that equalization monies are paid promptly to opposing qualified candidates under section 16-952 and ensure that money required by this article to be paid to the fund is deposited in the fund. The commission shall not take action on any external complaint that is filed more than ninety days after the postelection report is filed or ninety days after the completion of the canvass of the election to which the complaint relates, whichever is later.

B. The commission may subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance and testimony, administer oaths and affirmations, take evidence and require by subpoena the production of any books, papers, records or other items material to the performance of the commission's duties or the exercise of its powers.

C. The commission may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this article and to govern procedures of the commission. Commission rule making is exempt from title 41, chapter 6, article 3. The commission shall propose and adopt rules in public meetings, with at least sixty days allowed for interested parties to comment after the rules are proposed. The commission shall also file a notice of exempt rule making and the proposed rule in the format prescribed in section 41-1022 with the secretary of state's office for publication in the Arizona administrative register. After consideration of the comments received in the sixty day comment period, the commission may adopt the rule in an open meeting. Any rules given final approval in an open meeting shall be filed in the format prescribed in section 41-1022 with the secretary of state's office for publication in the Arizona administrative register. Any rules adopted by the commission shall only be applied prospectively from the date the rule was adopted.

D. Beginning January 1, 2010, rules adopted by the commission are not effective until January 1 in the year following the adoption of the rule, except that rules adopted by unanimous vote of the commission may be made immediately effective and enforceable.

E. If, in the view of the commission, the action of a particular candidate or committee requires immediate change to a commission rule, a unanimous vote of the commission is required. Any rule change made pursuant to this subsection that is enacted with less than a unanimous votes takes effect for the next election cycle.

F. Based on the results of the elections in the year 2002 or any quadrennial election thereafter, and within six months after such election, the commission may adopt rules changing the number of qualifying contributions required for any office from those listed in section 16-950, subsection D, by no more than twenty per cent of the number applicable for the preceding election.

§ 16-957. Enforcement procedure

A. If the commission finds that there is reason to believe that a person has violated any provision of this article, the commission shall serve on that person an order stating with reasonable particularity the nature of the violation and requiring compliance within fourteen days. During that period, the alleged violator may provide any explanation to the commission, comply with the order, or enter into a public administrative settlement with the commission.

B. Upon expiration of the fourteen days, if the commission finds that the alleged violator remains out of compliance, the commission shall make a public finding to that effect and issue an order assessing a civil penalty in accordance with section 16-942, unless the commission publishes findings of fact and conclusions of law expressing good cause for reducing or excusing the penalty. The violator has fourteen days from the date of issuance of the order assessing the penalty to appeal to the superior court as provided in title 12, chapter 7, article 6.

C. Any candidate in a particular election contest who believes that any opposing candidate has violated this article for that election may file a complaint with the commission requesting that action be taken pursuant to this section. If the commission fails to make a finding under subsection A of this section within thirty days after the filing of such a complaint, the candidate may bring a civil action in the superior court to impose the civil penalties prescribed in this section.

§ 16-958. Manner of filing reports

A. Any person who has previously reached the dollar amount specified in section 16-941, subsection D for filing an original report shall file a supplemental report each time previously unreported independent expenditures specified by that subsection exceeds one thousand dollars. Any person who has previously reached the dollar amounts specified in section 16-941, subsection B, paragraph 2 for filing an original report shall file a supplemental report to declare that previously unreported expenditures or contributions specified by that paragraph exceed ten per cent of the original primary election spending limit or twenty-five thousand dollars, whichever is lower, before the general election period, or ten per cent of the original general election spending limit or twenty-five thousand dollars, whichever is lower, during the general election

period. Such reports shall be filed at the times specified in subsection B of this section and shall identify the dollar amount being reported, the candidate and the date and no other detail is required in reports made pursuant to this section.

B. Any person who must file an original report pursuant to section 16-941, subsection B, paragraph 2 or subsection D or who must file a supplemental report for previously unreported amounts pursuant to subsection A of this section shall file as follows:
   1. Before the beginning of the primary election period, the person shall file a report on the first of each month, unless the person has not reached the dollar amount for filing an original or supplemental report on that date.
   2. Thereafter, except as stated in paragraph 3 of this subsection, the person shall file a report on any Tuesday by which the person has reached the dollar amount for filing an original or supplemental report.
   3. During the last two weeks before the primary election and the last two weeks before the general election, the person shall file a report within one business day of reaching the dollar amount for filing an original or supplemental report.

C. Any filing under this article on behalf of a candidate may be made by the candidate's campaign committee. All candidates shall deposit any check received by and intended for the campaign and made payable to the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee, and all cash received by and intended for the campaign, in the candidate's campaign account before the due date of the next report specified in subsection B of this section. No candidate or person acting on behalf of a candidate shall conspire with a donor to postpone delivery of a donation to the campaign for the purpose of postponing the reporting of the donation in any subsequent report.

D. The secretary of state shall immediately notify the commission of the filing of each report under this section and deliver a copy of the report to the commission, and the commission shall promptly mail or otherwise deliver a copy of each report filed pursuant to this section to all participating candidates opposing the candidate identified in section 16-941, subsection B, paragraph 2 or subsection D.

E. Any report filed pursuant to this section or section 16-916, subsection A, paragraph 1 or subsection B shall be filed in electronic format. The secretary of state shall distribute computer software to political committees to accommodate such electronic filing.

F. During the primary election period and the general election period, all candidates shall make available for public inspection all bank accounts, campaign finance reports and financial records relating to the candidate's campaign, either by immediate disclosure through electronic means or at the candidate's campaign headquarters, in accordance with rules adopted by the commission.

§ 16-959. Inflationary and other adjustments of dollar values

A. Every two years, the secretary of state shall modify the dollar values specified in the following parts of this article, in the manner specified by section 16-905, subsection H, to account for inflation: section 16-941, subsection A, paragraph 2 or subsection D; section 16-942, subsection B; section 16-945, subsection A, paragraphs 1 and 2; section 16-948, subsection C; section 16-954, subsection B; section 16-955, subsection G; and section 16-961, subsections G and H. In addition, the secretary of state shall make a similar inflation adjustment by modifying the dollar values in section 16-949, subsection A and section 16-954, subsection A to the nearest dollar. In addition, every two years, the secretary of state shall change the dollar values in section 16-961, subsections G and H in proportion to the change in the number of Arizona resident personal income tax returns filed during the previous calendar year.

B. Based on the results of the elections in the year 2002 or any quadrennial election thereafter, and within six months after such election, the commission may adopt rules in a public meeting reallocating funds available to all candidates between the primary and general elections by selecting a fraction for primary election spending limits that is between one third and one half of the spending limits for the election as a whole. For each office, the primary election spending limit shall be modified to be the sum of the primary and general spending limits times the selected fraction, and the general election spending limit shall be modified to be the same sum times one less the selected fraction.

§ 16-960. Severability

If a provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable. In any court challenge to the validity of this article, the commission and Arizonans for clean elections shall have standing to intervene.

§ 16-961. Definitions

A. The terms "candidate's campaign committee," "contribution," "expenditures," "exploratory committee," "independent expenditure," "personal monies," "political committee" and "statewide office" are defined in section 16-901.

B. 1. "Election cycle" means the period between successive general elections for a particular office.
   2. "Exploratory period" means the period beginning on the day after a general election and ending the day before the start of the qualifying period.
   3. "Qualifying period" means the period beginning on the first day of August in a year preceding an election, for an election for a statewide office, or on the first day of January of an election year, for an election for legislator, and ending seventy-five days before the day of the general election.
   4. "Primary election period" means the nine-week period ending on the day of the primary election.
   5. "General election period" means the period beginning on the day after the primary election and ending on the day of the general election.

6. For any recall election, the qualifying period shall begin when the election is called and last for thirty days, there shall be no primary election period and the general election period shall extend from the day after the end of the qualifying period to the day of the recall election. For recall elections, any reference to "general election" in this article shall be treated as if referring to the recall election.

C. 1. "Participating candidate" means a candidate who becomes certified as a participating candidate pursuant to section 16-947.
   2. "Nonparticipating candidate" means a candidate who does not become certified as a participating candidate pursuant to section 16-947.
   3. Any limitation of this article that is applicable to a participating candidate or a nonparticipating candidate shall also apply to that candidate's campaign committee or exploratory committee.

D. "Commission" means the citizens clean elections commission established pursuant to section 16-955.

E. "Fund" means the citizens clean elections fund defined by this article.

F. 1. "Party nominee" means a person who has been nominated by a political party pursuant to section 16-301 or 16-343.
   2. "Independent candidate" means a candidate who has properly filed nominating papers and nominating petitions with signatures pursuant to section 16-341.
   3. "Unopposed" means with reference to an election for:
      (a) A member of the house of representatives, opposed by no more than one other candidate who has qualified for the ballot and who is running in the same district.
      (b) A member of the corporation commission, opposed by a number of candidates who have qualified for the ballot that is fewer than the number of corporation commission seats open at that election and for which the term of office ends on the same date.
      (c) All other offices, opposed by no other candidate who has qualified for the ballot and who is running in that district or running for that same office and term.

G. "Primary election spending limits" means:
   1. For a candidate for the legislature, twelve thousand nine hundred twenty one dollars.
   2. For a candidate for mine inspector, forty-one thousand three hundred forty-nine dollars.
   3. For a candidate for treasurer, superintendent of public instruction or the corporation commission, eighty-two thousand six hundred eighty dollars.
   4. For a candidate for secretary of state or attorney general, one hundred sixty-five thousand three hundred seventy-eight dollars.
   5. For a candidate for governor, six hundred thirty-eight thousand two hundred twenty-two dollars.

H. "General election spending limits" means amounts fifty per cent greater than the amounts specified in subsection G of this section.

I. 1. "Original" spending limit means a limit specified in subsections G and H of this section, as adjusted pursuant to section 16-959, or a special amount expressly set for a particular candidate by a provision of this title.
   2. "Adjusted" spending limit means an original spending limit as further adjusted to account for reported overages pursuant to section 16-952.

2009-2010 ELECTION CYCLE
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS[1]

Revised 8/14/2009

CONTRIBUTION LIMITS ADJUSTED February 3, 2009, PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 16-905(H)

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS	**NON-STATEWIDE OFFICES** Candidate or Authorized Candidate's Committee		**STATEWIDE OFFICES** Candidate or Authorized Candidate's Committee
	LOCAL	LEGISLATIVE	**STATEWIDE**
Individual's contribution to a candidate A.R.S. §16-905(A)(1) A.R.S. §16-905(A)(2) A.R.S. §16-905(B)(1)	$410	$410	$840
Political Committee's contribution to a candidate A.R.S. §16-905(A)(3) A.R.S. §16-905(A)(4) A.R.S. § 16-905(B)(2)	$410	$410	$840
Committees certified by the Secretary of State to give at the upper limit **"Super PAC"** A.R.S. §16-905(G) A.R.S. §16-905(A)(5) A.R.S. §16-905(B)(3)	$2,080	$1,664	$4,176
Combined total from all Political Committees other than political parties A.R.S. §16-905(C)	$10,440	$13,464	$83,448
Nominee's total from political party and all political organizations combined A.R.S. §16-905(D)	$10,440	$8,352	$83,448
Total contributed by an individual to candidates And committees who give to candidates A.R.S. §16-905(E)	$5,850 in a calendar year		

1 Personal monies notification limits are no longer included on this document in light of the Supreme Court's decision in Davis v. FEC.,128 S. Ct. 2759 (2008) and in 2009, the Arizona Legislature amended A.R.S. § 16-905 (See Ariz. Sess. Laws 2009, Ch. 114). This law must be precleared by the U.S. Department of Justice in accordance with Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act before it can become effective.

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Pursuant to A.R.S.§§ 16-913(B),(C), 16-916(D) and 16-916.01

NAME OF REPORT	TIME PERIOD COVERED IN REPORT	REPORT DUE BETWEEN
January 31 report	Nov 25, 2008 through Dec 31, 2009	Jan 1 and Feb 1, 2010
June 30 report	January 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010	June 1 and June 30, 2010
Pre-Primary report	June 1, 2010 through Aug 4, 2010	Aug 5 and Aug 12, 2010
Post-Primary report	Aug 5, 2010 through Sept 13, 2010	Sept 14 and Sept 23, 2010
Pre-General report	Sept 14, 2010 through Oct 13, 2010	Oct 14 and Oct 21, 2010
Post-General report	Oct 14, 2010 through Nov 22, 2010	Nov 23 and Dec 2, 2010

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[1] ***This table does not include additional filing deadlines provided for by the Citizens Clean Elections Act. Please see Title 16, Chapter 6, Article 2, available from the Secretary of State's Office and materials provided by the Citizens Clean Elections Commission.***

[2] ***This table does not include additional filing deadlines in effect for standing political committees as required by A.R.S. §16-913(K). Please visit www.azsos.gov or call 602-542-8683 for specialized table.***

[3] ***In 2009, the Arizona Legislature moved the 2010 primary election from August 31, 2010 to August 24, 2010. See Ariz. Sess. Laws 2009, Ch. 149. This law must be precleared by the U.S. Department of Justice in accordance with Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act before it can become effective.***

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