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Campaign Finance Act Requirements for Candidates

All candidates must form and register a Candidate Committee even if he or she uses personal funds to campaign, does not receive or spend any funds when seeking office, or is running a write-in campaign. An individual becomes a candidate through, but not limited to, the following actions:

- filing a nominating petition or filing fee for an elective office
- accepting a contribution in an attempt to be nominated or elected to office
- making an expenditure in an attempt to be nominated or elected to office
- giving consent to someone else to receive a contribution or make an expenditure in an attempt to be nominated or elected to office

As soon as a person becomes a "candidate", he or she has **ten (10) calendar days to form a Candidate Committee**. After the committee's formation date the candidate has **ten (10) additional calendar days to register the committee with the Macomb County Election Department**. To register, the committee files a Statement of Organization.

A committee discloses its campaign finances on Campaign Statements. A committee that does not expect to receive or spend more than $1,000.00 for any election can obtain a Reporting Waiver by checking item 10 on its Statement of Organization. A committee that maintains a Reporting Waiver is exempt from filing Campaign Statements. Committees without a Reporting Waiver must file Campaign Statements according to the following schedule:

Pre-Primary Statement	**Post-Primary Statement**
Close of Books – July 17	Close of Books – August 22
Statement Due – July 22	Statement Due – September 1

Pre-General Statement	**Post-General Statement**
Close of Books – October 23	Close of Books – November 28
Statement Due – October 28	Statement Due – December 8

Please note that the Campaign Finance Act imposes late filing fees for Statements of Organization and Campaign Statements which are filed late. The late filing fees are as follows:

Statement of Organization	$10 per business day / $300 Max
Campaign Statements	$25 per business day / $500 Max (if committee raised $10,000.00 or less during the previous 2 years) $25 - $75 per business day / $1,000 Max (if committee raised more than $10,000.00 during the previous 2 years)

This information is offered as a summary of the provisions which govern campaign finance disclosure; it is not complete. Copies of the Campaign Finance Act Candidate Committee Manual are available from the Macomb County Election Department. Please read the Manual for further information relative to your obligations or call the Election Department at (586) 469-5209.