

Termination of Campaign Filing Requirements

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You MUST:

- Continue to file Campaign Disclosure and Statement of Economic Interests Reports until you are no longer:
 - Accepting contributions;
 - Incurring expenditures; and
 - Paying for expenditures —campaign account then has a \$0.00 balance.

➤ File a final Campaign Disclosure Report.
See S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-1368 for additional details.



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This brochure does not represent the total explanation of the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991. Please read all applicable statutes for a full understanding of the law.

"It is the Committee's goal to assist Candidates for the House in filling prompt and thorough ethics filings."

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**When you become a candidate,
you must:**



* Open a separate campaign checking account for the seat.

* Do NOT use your personal bank account.

* Maintain the campaign account in your name.

* Pay campaign account expenses over \$25.00 through the campaign account in the form of a written instrument, debit card, or online transfer. If the campaign account expense is \$25.00 or less, only a written receipt or record is required.

See S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-1312 and S.C. Code Ann. §

What is required of a Candidate or Representative?

Campaign Disclosure Reports

A candidate or representative is required to file a Campaign Disclosure report every quarter (April 10th, July 10th, October 10th, and January 10th). In addition,

initial (upon receipt or expenditure of \$500 or more within 10 days of receipt) and pre-election reports are required.

This form discloses the contributions received, expenditures made, and loans received or paid to one's campaign.



Statement of Economic Interests Reports

A candidate or representative is required to file a Statement of Economic Interests report on March 30th of every year.

What is a contribution? S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-1300(7):

“Contribution” means a gift, subscription, loan, guaranteee upon which collection is made, forgiveness of a loan, an advance, in-kind contribution or expenditure, a deposit of money, or anything of value made to a candidate or committee to influence an election . . .”

You must record the name of the contributor, his or her occupation, address, and the amount contributed.

How do you handle contributions?

- Contributions must be deposited into your campaign account within 10 days after receipt.

- All contributions received by your agent should be forwarded to you within 5 days.

- Contributions cannot be deposited without the address and name of the contributor.

See S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-1312 for additional details.

Use of Campaign Funds:

- Cannot use for personal expenses

- Must be:

- Related to the campaign; or
 - Related to the candidate's office.

Note: Campaign petty cash account cannot exceed \$100.00 and expenditures from campaign petty cash cannot exceed \$25.00 per expenditure.



What are the major campaign contribution limits and restrictions?

- A contribution cannot exceed \$1,000 per election cycle;
- A cash contribution cannot exceed \$25;
- A registered lobbyist cannot contribute; and
- Cannot receive contributions for two elective offices at same time.

Any contribution made in violation of this is to be donated within 7 days to:

See S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-1302 for additional details.



Children's Trust
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See S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-1324.