# Candidate Workshop 2020



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# **2020 Elections**

Presidential Preference Primary Election – March 17, 2020 Book Closing – February 18, 2020

> Primary Election – August 25, 2020 Book Closing – July 27, 2020

General Election – November 3, 2020 Book Closing – October 5, 2020



## Please look at your handout: 2020 Elections Dates Calendar



# Filing for office:

## Filing Officer for IRC Candidates

SOE is filing officer

## Exception – municipal candidates



## IRC Candidates must be:

**Registered voter in IRC** 

Legal resident of district they are representing at <u>assuming</u> office

Exception: School Board and Write-In Candidates must be a legal resident of district at <u>qualifying</u>

## DS-DE 9

Appointment of Campaign Treasurer Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates

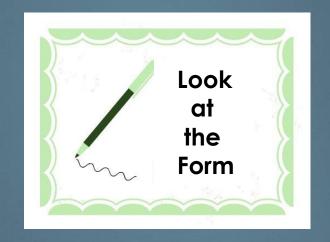
Candidate MUST designate a primary campaign depository

Must appoint Treasurer / Deputy Treasurer(s)

Filed w/our office PRIOR to opening bank account Banks require a clocked-in copy of form

DO NOT: accept contributions make expenditures accept signed petitions

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# Filling out the DS-DE 9

Signed, dated by candidate / treasurers (no more than 3 deputy treasurers)

Candidates: Consider being a treasurer or deputy treasurer in order to sign campaign checks

Depository is FL authorized bank, S & L, Credit Union

May open a separate interest bearing account



## **DS-DE 9**

-Candidate -Campaign Treasurer -Deputy Treasurer(s)

Must complete and sign a DS-DE 9 form

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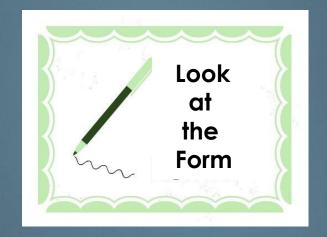
Treasurer / Deputy Treasurer resigns? must be in writing not effective till filed w/SOE



Removal of Treasurer / Deputy Treasurer must be in writing not effective till filed w/SOE



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# DS-DE 84 Statement of Candidate

Candidate has access to, read & understands requirements of Chapter 106, F.S. (campaign finance)

Must file within 10 days of filing DS-DE 9



STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE (Section 106.023, F.S.) (Please print or type)	OFFICE USE ONLY
I,	
candidate for the office of	;
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Signature of Candidate	Date
ach candidate must file a statement with the ppointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designat ilure to file this form is a first degree misdeme nancing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$ latutes).	tion of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful anor and a civil violation of the Campaign

# **DS-DE 84**

# Qualifying for office:

# Qualifying as a Candidate, 3 ways

Pay a qualifying fee

**Petition process** 

Write-in candidate



## Qualifying Officer - SOE

Responsibility is ministerial in nature only

Examines the face of qualifying papers

Are they properly filed and completed

May not determine whether contents of papers are accurate

## **Qualifying Week**



## N/A US Senator, US Representative, State Attorney, Public Defender, <u>County Judges</u>

## Noon, June 15, 2020 - Noon, June 19, 2020 Statewide, Multi-county, County, District candidates

## Time – Don't wait!

Qualifying officer may accept/hold qualifying papers 2 weeks before qualifying week starts

April qualifying – N/A

June qualifying – June 1, 2020



# Beware – laws that may affect you as a Candidate

#### **Resign to Run**

Affects a current officer who is seeking another public office If the term overlaps office term being sought, officer must resign

- seek advice

#### **Federal Hatch Act**

Restricts <u>political</u> activity if the employee's entire salary is completely funded from federal dollars Employee is precluded from being a candidate for public office in a <u>partisan</u> race – seek advice

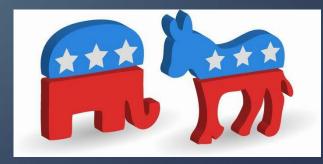
## Political Party Candidates

May not have been a registered member of any other political party for:

## 365 days before the beginning of qualifying (6/15/19)

preceding the General Election for which the person seeks to qualify

May run as a No Party Affiliate w/o changing party affiliation



## Qualifying Fees – how much?

Fee based on salary of office sought as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Partisan candidates = 6%

Non Partisan candidates = 4%

Exception = Special District candidates, \$25



# How do I pay fee?

Not acceptable: cashiers check personal check money order

DATE
DOLLARS

Campaign Check: Signed by campaign treasurer OR deputy treasurer

Candidate may sign check if they are a treasurer or deputy treasurer

Exception: Special district candidate – personal check OK

## Fee returned if candidate:

Withdraws – prior to last date to qualify

Deceased – beneficiary entitled to fee

Fails to qualify – return check



## Petition Process Petitions = No qualifying fee

How many? 1134 valid petitions (based on 1% of active voters in GE, 2018)



Submit to? Local candidates - IRC SOE office Multi-county candidates - Co. where voter is registered

Candidate responsible for submitting to correct county

## **Petition Verification Fees**

Fee per petition – 10 cents

Paid by: campaign check petty cash third party, reimbursed by campaign

All petitions turned in are verified

Payment in advance, need accurate count of petitions being turned in



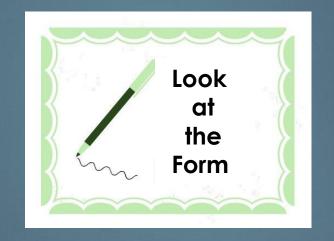
## Deadline for submitting petitions for verification:

Noon, (May qualifying) N/A

Noon, ????? (June qualifying)

DON'T MISS TILE DEADLINE!

## Please look at your next handout



# Petitions must contain:

Name of candidate Office Party designation – partisan candidate Group or district number



# Valid petitions must:

Current petition form (DS-DE 104)

Person signing, registered to vote

DOB or voter registration #

Signed / dated

Address to include city & county





Leslie R. Swan Supervisor of Elections Indian River County

PETITION CERTIFICATION FOR PETITION PROCESS OF QUALIFYING

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF INDIAN RIVER

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I, Leslie Swan, Supervisor of Elections of Indian River County, Florida, do hereby certify that

, Candidate for Indian River County \_\_\_\_\_\_, submitted

\_\_\_\_\_petition signatures.

I further certify that \_\_\_\_\_\_ of those signatures were qualified electors in Indian River County.

Leslie Rossway Swan Supervisor of Elections

## Certificate of Petition Qualifying

#### will be issued when 1134 valid petitions are verified

## Oath of Undue Burden

## Candidate must file "Oath of Undue Burden" DS-DE 19A

## No charge for verification of signatures



# **DS-DE 104**

<b>CANDIDATE PETITION</b> Notes: - All information on this form becomes a public record upon receipt by the Sup - It is a crime to knowingly sign more than one petition for a candidate. [Section - If all requested information on this form is not completed, the form will not be	pervisor of Elections. on 104.185, Florida Statutes1
I, (print name as it appears on your voter information card) in said state and county, petition to have the name of	the undersigned, a registered voter Checo the
placed on the Primary/General Election Ballot as a: [check/complete box, as applicable]  Nonpartisan No party affiliation  (insert title of office and include district, circuit, group, seat n  Date of Birth or Voter Registration Number  (MM/DD/YY)  Addrese	Party candidate for the office of Of Birth umber, if applicable) For Accura
City County Indian River	State Zip Code FL
Signature of Voter Rule 1S-2.045, F.A.C.	Date Signed (MM/DD/YY) [to be completed by Voter] DS-DE 104 (Eff. 09/11)

## Write-In Candidate

NOT required to pay qualifying fee/submit petitions

**MUST** reside within the district represented by the office sought at the time of qualifying

Qualify for GE ballot only

Name will NOT appear on ballot



# **Qualifying Forms**

Candidate Oath: (SOE will provide correct OATH)

Name on Oath is as it will appear on the ballot Party affiliation Properly notarized



### Nickname on Loyalty Oath

First name, shortened version of first name, nickname "Rob" instead of "Robert" is OK Robert "Rob" Smith is OK Robert "Buzz" Smith is OK

May NOT use descriptive information Dr., Reverend, Esquire, etc.

Remember "Mark"?



# Financial Disclosure Forms (SOE will provide proper form)

Discloses certain assets / sources of income Form 1 – requires less information Form 6 – requires more information

Not the same as a "financial statement"

Only a snap shot of "financial situation"

Why? Monitor potential conflicts of interest Deters activity that may result in conflict of interest



## More forms...important information

**Public Test notification** 

**Poll Watcher information** 

Political Signage information

Candidate Handbook

**Canvassing Board dates** 

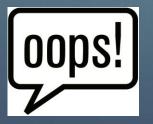


# Qualifying ends – and the fun begins

### Qualifying ends at <u>12 noon</u> on June 19, 2020



No corrections to qualifying papers after the close of qualifying



# Campaign Finance Rules:

### Let's talk about Campaign Finance

**Common violations filed with FEC:** 

Taking contributions / making expenditures before filing DS-DE 9 form

Giving incomplete or false information on campaign reports (others are watching)

Spending campaign funds that have already been obligated



# Treasurer's duties - Keep detailed accounts -

Deposit funds within 5 business days

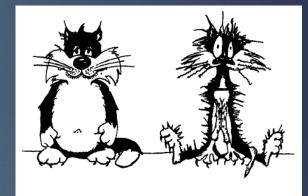


Bank slip to contain name of each contributor

Preserve accounts (term of office = years preserved)

### IMPORTANT

- It is imperative that the Campaign Treasurer reviews every bank statement when it is received All transactions must be recorded in the campaign finance report
- Deposits
- Expenditures
- Bank fees
- Other Fees (such as Pay Pal)



Very helpful if campaign treasurer has some basic bookkeeping and computer skills

Keeping accurate records will insure the ease of the Termination Report !!!!!



Campaign reports must be filed on time by Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Fined for: Not filing a report Incomplete report Inaccurate report Fines must be paid from candidate's personal funds

Campaign accounts can be inspected before, during, after election by rep. of DOE or FEC

### When are reports due?

Reports are filed on 10<sup>th</sup> day following end of each calendar month after filing for office

Frequency of reports due increases after qualifying period



Non election year – 12 reports due

Election year – reports increase to 20 reports due

\*statewide candidates – check with DOE for reporting dates

Fines are hefty for late reports First 3 days = \$50 per day

After first 3 days = \$500 per day

FINED

Reports immediately preceding Primary & GE = \$500 per day

Fines cannot exceed 25% of total receipts / expenditures, whichever is greater

Fines must be paid within 20 days of notice of payment due

# No contributions or expenditures in reporting period?

## Required to file a report:

## "Waiver of Report"



### Incomplete Reports

### All reports are accepted on a conditional basis

Will notify why report is incomplete

Addendum due within 7 days



Addendum to include info. to complete report

### Campaign Finance - Contributions: Leslie Swan

# Campaign Finance – Contributions What is considered a contribution?

A gift, subscription, conveyance, deposit, loan, payment or distribution of money or anything of value...including contributions in-kind, made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election Exceptions are: -Services by volunteers (no compensation) -Editorial endorsements



Important:

- Regardless of the size of the contribution, all contributions must be reported

-Reporting requirements for contributions are the same whether 50¢ or \$1000

### **Reporting Contributions**

**Reporting for each contribution, must list:** 

- -Full name
- -Address
- -Specific occupation (individual), if contribution is more than \$100
- Principal type of business (corporation), if contribution is more than \$100
   Amount
- -Aniou -Data

-Date

**Report of any transfer of funds** 

**Report any loans** 



### **Contribution limits for candidates**

**Contribution Limits:** 

\$3,000 Candidate for statewide office, retention as a Justice of the Supreme Court

\$1,000 for a:
-Candidate
-Retention as a Judge of a District Court of Appeal
-County Court Judge or Circuit Judge
-Legislative office
-Multicounty office
-Countywide office
-OR in any election conducted on less than a countywide basis



### Candidates may <u>not</u>:

Accept contributions after the date he or she withdraws his or her candidacy, is defeated, or becomes unopposed or is elected

### More...



### **Contribution limits do not apply to:**

# -Contributions by a candidate to his or her own campaign

# Remember!!

### **The Primary and General Elections** are separate elections



### **Debit and credit card contributions**

A candidate may accept contributions via: -Credit Card -Debit Card -Money Order

### Categorized as a "check" for reporting purposes



# **Cash Contributions**

A cash contribution or a contribution by means of a cashiers check (in aggregate from the same contributor) may not be in excess of \$50 per election



## **In-kind contributions**

Anything of value made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election

In-kind contribution must be reported using a fair market value

In-kind contributions are subject to contribution limits

Candidates may give unlimited in-kind donations to their own campaign EXCEPTION

### **Exceptions to in-kind contributions:**

-Personal services provided w/o compensation by volunteers

-Independent expenditures, as defined in Section 106.011(5)F.S.

-Endorsements of 3 or more candidates by PC's or political parties



Must be reported as anonymous contribution

A letter should be submitted to the filing officer explaining the circumstances surrounding acceptance of anonymous contribution

Candidate cannot spend the anonymous contribution, but at the end of campaign, can donate to appropriate entity under 106.141 F.S.

### **Joint Accounts**

When a candidate receives a contribution in the form of a check drawn on a joint account, the owner signing the check is considered the contributor



Who signed the check?

### More on joint accounts...

#### Individual contributions and trust account contributions:

Many times people have bank accounts set up as <u>revocable trusts</u>. This type trust is not a separate entity, rather just a way to set up a bank account. Is the check signed by the same person who contributed a contribution in their own name or a third party such as a trustee?

If the check contribution specifically designates that it is a trust rather than a "revocable trust" and is signed by a trustee, then it would be a separate entity and would NOT be considered an individual contribution.

### **Fund Raisers**

All monies and contributions received from campaign fund raisers are campaign contributions

### -Subject to contribution limits



# Unauthorized contributions

Any contribution received <u>on the day of the election</u> <u>or less than 5 days before the day of the election</u> must be returned to the contributor and may not be used or expended by or on behalf of the candidate



# **Returning contributions**

If the contribution has been deposited into the campaign account:

-Report the contribution returned on Form DS-DE 2

-Write a check from the campaign account to the contributor for the amount of contribution

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Candidate	Committee or Organization
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Full Name and Address of Contributor:	Full Name and Address of Contributor:
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Type or Print Name of Car X	didate, Tressurer or Chairman

### More...



-Report this on the itemized contribution report using the contribution type "refund"

-This amount is reported as a negative

-The candidate may also wish to submit a written explanation to the filing officer

## Candidates changing designated office

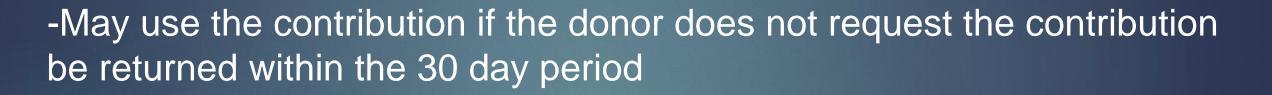
If a candidate changes the designated office for which he or she is a candidate:

-Must submit a new Form DS-DE 9 and a written statement to filing officer

-Must notify all contributors in writing of intent to seek a different office

-Must offer to return pro rata and upon request, return the contribution within 30 days of the notification

### More...



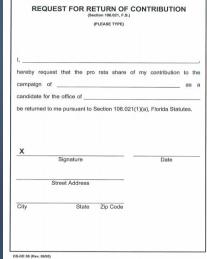
-The amount of the prior contribution for the former office counts toward the contribution limit for the new office





### If contributor would like a refund:

# -Use the DS-DE 86 form to request the return of the contribution



### Loans

Loans are considered contributions and are subject to contribution limitations



**Exception** – loans made by a candidate to his own campaign are not subject to contribution limits

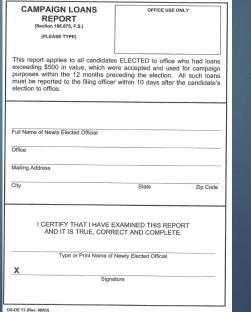
A candidate making a loan to his or her campaign may be reimbursed for the loan at any time the campaign account has sufficient funds

Loans must be reported on the campaign treasurer's report



All personal loans exceeding \$500 in value, made in the 12 months preceding a candidate's election to office must file the **DS-DE 73** form

Any person who makes a contribution to pay all or part of a loan incurred in the 12 months preceding the election, to be used for the campaign, may not contribute more than the amount allowed by law



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## Campaign Finance - Expenditures: Leslie Swan

## Campaign Finance – Expenditures

**Basically-**

An expenditure is a purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, or transfer of funds for the purpose of influencing the results of an election



# A candidate shall:



Pay all campaign expenditures with campaign check (except petty cash) Pay all expenses upon final delivery and acceptance of goods / services Pay for public utilities when bill received Utility companies must charge a deposit to meet all anticipated charges

during a billing period

# **Campaign Checks**

Check must contain as a minimum the following information:

-Account must contain the name of the candidate or committee within it

-Account number and name of bank

-Exact amount of expenditure

-Signature of campaign treasurer/deputy treasurer (responsible for accuracy of check)

-Exact purpose of expenditure

-Name of the payee

Name of the campaign account of the candidate or political committee

	<u> April 6, 2018</u>
Pay To The Order of	
A-1 Sign Company	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
One Hundred and Fifty and 00/100	Dollars
Hometown Bank	
Hometown, FL 01234	

FOR Sign Materials

Signature of Campaign Treasurer

This information may be typed or hand-printed on **starter** checks provided by the bank until printed checks arrive

## **Debit cards**

Debit card may be used for campaign expenditures

-From same bank as the designated primary depository

-Must be issued in the name of the treasurer, deputy treasurer, or authorized user

-Must contain name of candidate

-No more than three debit cards shall be issued



-Cannot receive cash back

## More...

All debit card receipts must contain:

-Last four digits of the debit card number

-Exact amount of expenditure

-Name of payees

-Signature of authorized user (treasurer, etc.)

-Exact purpose of expenditure

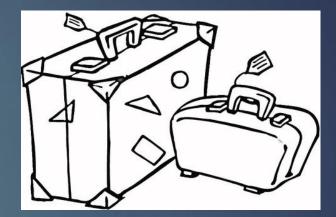
-If not included on the receipt, information may be handwritten



## **Credit cards**

Candidates for statewide office:

-Governor -Cabinet -Supreme Court Justice



May obtain and use credit cards for travel related campaign expenditures

## Expenditures

**IMPORTANT:** No candidate, campaign manager, treasurer, or deputy treasurer shall authorize any expenses:

-Unless there are sufficient funds on deposit in the primary depository account to pay full amount of expenditure

-Sufficient funds to honor all other checks drawn on account

-All expenses previously authorized but not yet paid



# **Reporting expenditures**

Each report must contain: -Full name -Address -Amount -Date -Purpose of expenditure -Total amt. withdrawn from total spent from petty cash -Total sum of expenditures during the reporting period

# Reimbursing expenses made in connection with a campaign

<u>Reimbursement</u> – Reimbursement for authorized expenses made in connection with the campaign

For example, Candidate Smith paid for printing of campaign signs with his own money. A check to reimburse him for the cost would be recorded as a Reimbursement.



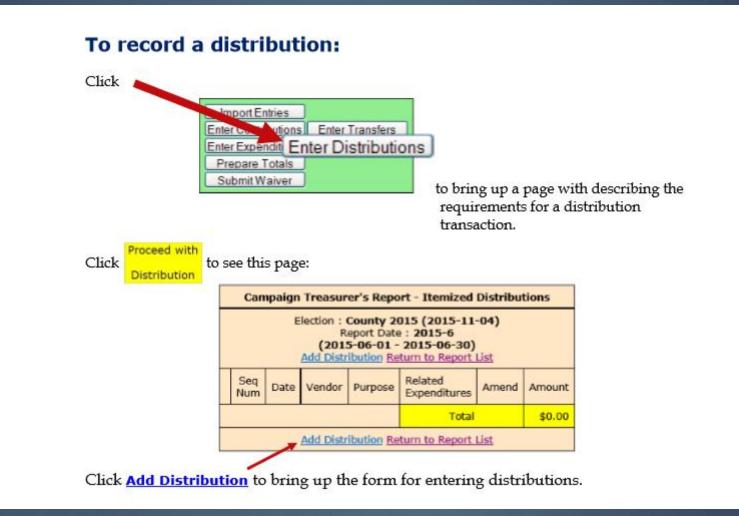
This type of reimbursement will require two entries under itemized expenditures:

First entry will show the person's name/address who is being reimbursed

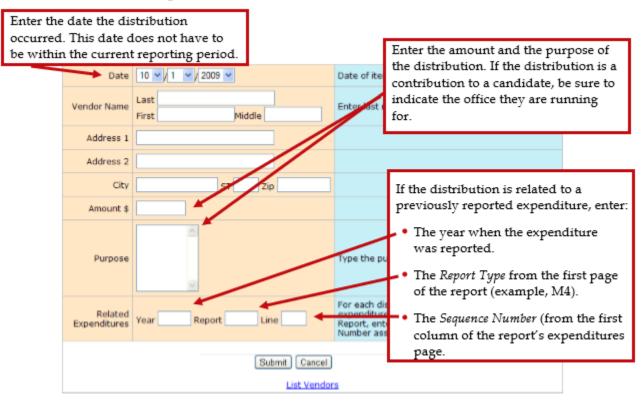
- the purpose
- expenditure type (will be "reimbursement")
- amount of the expenditure

# Second entry will show the name/address of the entity who was paid

- the purpose (example: postage and postcards)
  amount of the payment
- This entry will be recorded as an <u>expense</u> using the dropdown box "Distribution"



If the entity receiving the distribution is an organization rather than an individual, enter the organization name in the Last field.



When you've completed the form, click **Submit** to save the information. After the distribution is saved, you'll get another blank distribution form.

Click **Cancel** when you've saved the last distribution you have right now. You'll see the distributions you added highlighted in yellow, as in the example below.

	Campaign Treasurer's Report - Itemized Distributions Election : County 2015 (2015-11-04) Report Date : 2015-6 (2015-06-01 - 2015-06-30) Add Distribution Return to Report List									
	Seq Num	Date	Vendor	Purpose	Related Expenditures	Amend	Amount			
Edit Delete	1	6/4/2015	Eric Wu Campaign Account 222 South Street Tallahassee, F 32432	Mailouts	2015~2015-6~2		\$500.00			
			Total		\$500.00					
	Add Distribution Return to Report List									

Note: A distribution transaction does NOT add to your report totals – these transactions are only used to report pro-rata amounts of an <u>already recorded</u> Expense transaction

### **Checks and expenditures**

A candidate / other individual may be reimbursed for expenses by a check drawn on the campaign account.

Reimbursement must be reported



All expenses with respect to a campaign fund raiser are campaign expenditures



# Living expenses

A candidate / spouse of a candidate may not use campaign funds to defray normal living expenses

Only expenses actually incurred during the campaign for transportation, meals and lodging may be reimbursed.



## Petty cash funds

-A campaign treasurer may provide a petty cash fund

-Campaign treasurer must write a check drawn on the primary campaign account for petty cash

-Petty cash may only be used for office supplies, transportation expenses, and other necessities



#### A candidate must:

-Spend petty cash in amounts of less than \$100

-Report total amount withdrawn / spent from petty cash per report period

-Keep complete records of petty cash



### More on petty cash...

-Each expenditure does not have to be reported individually

-Do not mix cash contribution with petty cash

-Do not use petty cash for the purchase of time, space, or services from any communications media





From date a candidate appoints his or her campaign treasurer <u>until the last day of qualifying</u> for the office:

-Petty cash maximum is **\$500** per calendar quarter

<u>After qualifying is over and until the election:</u>

-Petty cash maximum is **\$100** per week for local candidates

## Using campaign funds after election

Campaign funds may be used after Election Night AS LONG AS the candidate obligates the funds **BEFORE** Election Night

Otherwise, the candidate would have to use their own funds (to throw a victory party, for instance)



# Prior to disposing of surplus funds

Any candidate required to dispose of funds may, before such disposition, be reimbursed by the campaign, in full or in part, for any reported:

-Contributions to campaign by the candidate

-Loans to the campaign by the candidate



### More...

# If a candidate filed an **Affidavit of Undue Burden** (unable to pay the fee for petition verification)

They must reimburse any waived petition verification fee to the state or local government



# Expending surplus funds

Once a candidate withdraws, becomes unopposed, is eliminated, or elected to office, he or she may only expend funds from the campaign account by:

-Purchase "thank you" advertising for up to 75 days after candidate withdraws, becomes unopposed, eliminated, or elected to office

-Pay for items which were obligated before candidate withdrew, became unopposed, was eliminated, or elected to office

-Pay for expenditures necessary to close down the campaign office and to prepare final campaign reports

-Give funds to the county executive committee of a political party per 106.141F.S.

# Surplus funds and termination reports

A termination report must be filed within 90 days of withdrawing as a candidate, becoming unopposed, elected, or eliminated

Funds must be dispersed - account needs to be closed



## More...

Funds may be dispersed by any of the following means, or a combination of:

-Return pro rata to each contributor the funds that have not been spent or obligated

-Donate the excess funds to a 501(c)(3) charity or organization

-Give the funds to the candidate's political party





Give the funds to:

-Candidate for state office, to the state to be deposited in the General Revenue Fund

-Candidate for office of a political subdivision, to such political subdivision, to be deposited in their general fund

-Transfer some funds to an office account and file quarterly reports until all funds are depleted

-A candidate elected to state office may retain up to \$20,000 in campaign account for use in next campaign for the same office



# If a refund check is received after all surplus funds have been disposed of:

-The check may be endorsed by the candidate and the refund disposed of pursuant to Section 106.141 F.S.

-An amended termination report must be filed with the filing officer

## Candidate Finance Reporting:

# How do I file my Campaign Reports?

Start by keeping your <u>bank statements</u> current and balanced!

Keep current with your campaign contributions and expenditures in campaign reporting module

> Do not forget to account for any bank charges or other expenses that are automatically deducted from campaign account in your reports

# Filing Candidate Reports On-line

Reports must be submitted via SOE website

Candidates enter contributions / expenditures

When data entry is complete, report is submitted using electronic signature(s)

Reports will be released to public when accepted by SOE

When you file for office, you will be provided with:

- Candidate ID number
- Candidate Password
- Candidate PIN (for electronic signature)
- Deputy Treasurer PIN (for electronic signature)
- "How to File Financial Reports Manual"\*
   \*Keep this manual handy for reference when filing reports!

#### To file reports:

#### Go to our website: voteindianriver.com

Click on: Candidate Login

HOME MEET YOUR SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES Offices Up For Election Becoming a Candidate Candidate Forms Candidate Login Candidate Publications City Clerks **Data Request Form** Handbook (State) **Profiles and Financials** Search Financial Reports State Candidates & Financials Vote-by-Mail Data Request Workshop Presentation

#### **Candidate/Committee Log In**

Don't forget that the report IS NOT LEGALLY FILED until the electronically filed and electronically signed report is received by the elections office. This <u>must</u> be done on or before the due date of the report. If the report is delinquent, you are subject to a fine.

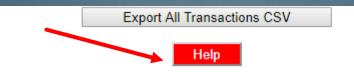
Once the report is electronically received by the elections office, the elections office will publish the data entered by you on the web site.

Using the system is very easy and there is no cost to you.

Use the Candidate ID, Candidate Password, Candidate/Treasurer signature PIN number provided by the Supervisor of Elections office to log in to the Financial Reporting System.

Numeric ID (no leading zeros)

## You will choose the reporting period and then enter your contributions and expenditures



Press Help for information on using the new 'Import Entries' feature.

		C	andidate Reports		
Election : General Election (2018-11-06)					
Past Reporting Periods Current Reporting Periods Future Reporting Periods					
Rpt Date	Total Contrib	Total Exp	Status		
2017-M12 (12/01/2017 - 12/31/2017) 1/10/2018	-	-	No Data Entered	Import Entries Enter Contributions Enter Expenditures Prepare Totals Create Waiver Rep	Enter Distributions

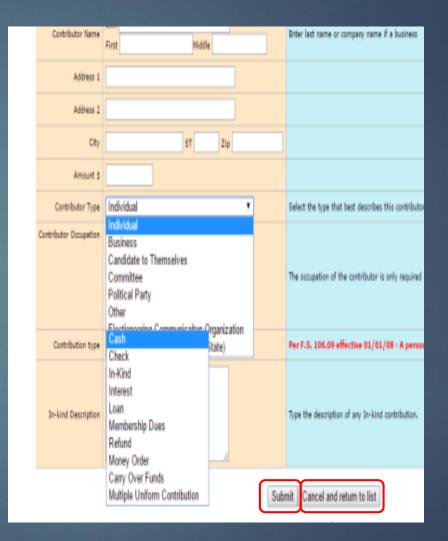
The **RED** Help button is a tutorial for step by step instructions "How to file finance reports online"

### Enter contributions

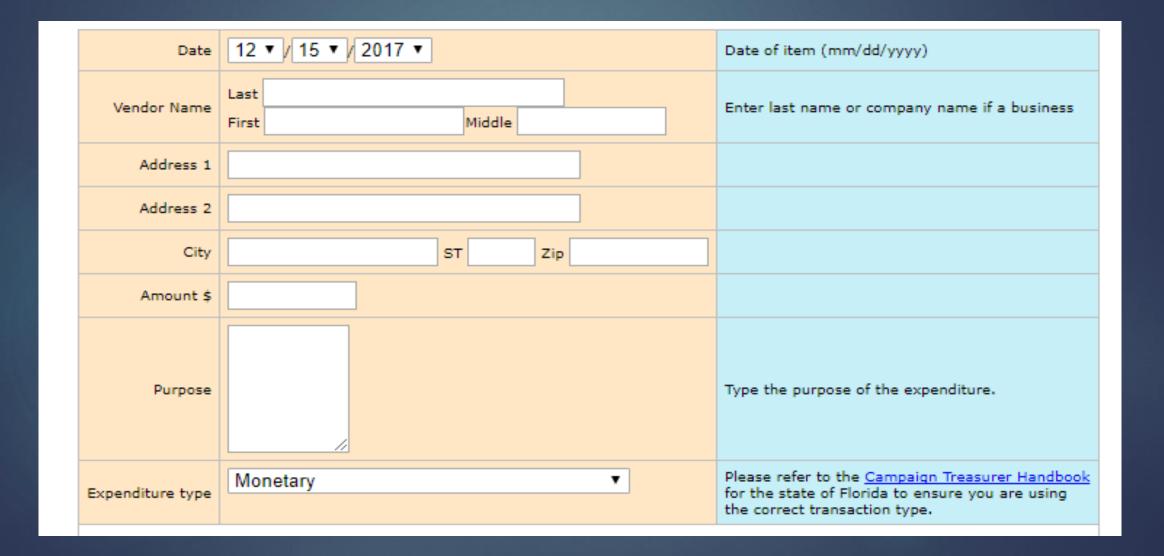
Date	12 ▼ / 15 ▼ / 2017 ▼	Date of item (mm/dd/yyyy)
Contributor Name	Last First Middle	Enter last name or company name if a business
Address 1		
Address 2		
City	ST Zip	
Amount \$		
Contributor Type	Individual 🔻	Select the type that best describes this contributor
Contributor Occupation		The occupation of the contributor is only required <b>if the amount is over \$100</b>
Contribution type	Cash 🔻	Per F.S. 106.09 effective 01/01/08 - A person may not make or accept a cash contribution in excess of \$50.
In-kind Description		Type the description of any In-kind contribution.

#### Click on "Submit" after each entry

When finished with all entries for your session, you will "Cancel and return to list"



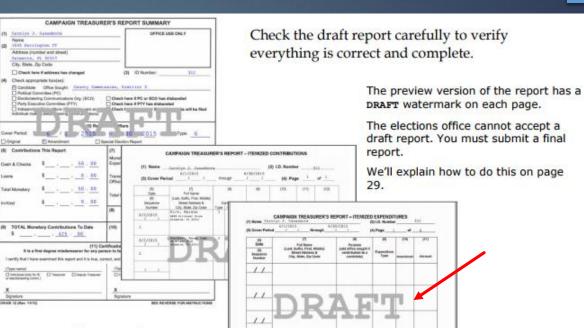
### **Enter Expenditures**



# When you have finished entering all information for the reporting period, you may prepare your totals

				Import Entries	
→			No Data Entered	Enter Contribution	Enter Transfers
2015-6 (06/01/2015 - 06/30/2015) 7/10/2015	-	-		Enter Expenditure:	Enter Distributions
				Prepare Totals	
				Create Waiver Rep	port

#### You may preview your report Notice that is says "DRAFT"



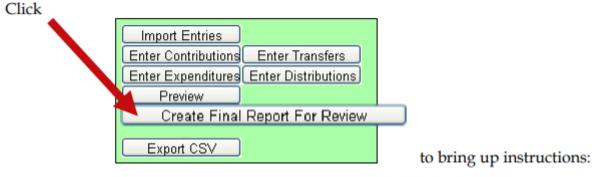
Forgot to add a contribution or expenditure?

That's OK: You can continue to add them after doing the preview.

On the Report List, notice that the Prepare Totals button is now labeled Preview.



#### To finalize the report:



#### Create Final Report For Review

Candidate : Carolyn J. Casadonte (312) Office : County Commission, District 3 Report Period 06/01/2015-06/30/2015 Due Date 7/10/2015 Contributions \$425.00 Expenditures \$500.00

Transfers \$0.00 Distributions \$0.00

By submitting this campaign finance report that the same is considered to be certified as to correctness within the meaning of Section 106.07(5) Florida Statutes, by the candidate and the candidates treasurer, in the case of a candidate, or the political committee's chair and treasurer, in the case of a political committee or county executive committee, and that such persons are subject to the previsions of Section 106.07(5) Florida Statutes.

PLEASE NOTE: This report is NOT filed until it is electronically signed by the Candidate/Committee and Treasurer using their respective electronic PIN.

Create Final Report For Review Cancel

#### Now you can assign your PIN which is an electronic signature

#### This report has not yet been submitted to the Supervisor of Elections. To submit the report, assign both PINs as described below.

#### Reporting Period: 6 (6/1/2015 - 6/30/2015)

#### **Electronic Signature PINs**

To signally your approval of this report, enter your PIN in the appropriate field and click Assign PIN. Once both PINs have been assigned, the report will be submitted to the Supervisor of Electron.

If both parties are present, both PIN's can be assigned now. Or you can simply your PIN now and the other party can enter theirs later during their own section.

If you do not want to awage a PIN at this tase, click Later.

If the report needs modification, click Unde Final Report. This will unlock the report to you can make the necessary changes and recreate a new final report for PDN assignment and submission.

Caudalate Consultee Electronic Signature PIN	As required in F.S. 106.0705(4), I, as conducte or polatical committee chair, ontify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete	
Treasurer Electronic Signature PDN	An required in F.S. 106.0705(4), 1, an company, training for fair contraints committee, outlify that I have manning this report and it is true, correct, and complete.	-
	Click Assign PIN to assign the PIN you natured above to the report. When both PINs have been entered in the above fields, clicking Assign PIN robush the report to the Supervisor of Elections.	Angs PN
	Click Later if you want to come back later to solign a PIN. The report is now locked and cannot be modified.	Later.
	Click Undo Final Report to remove all PINs and unlock the report. This will allow you to make modifications to the report.	Unds Final Report

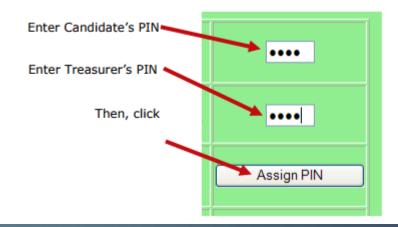


...followed by an online view of the report.

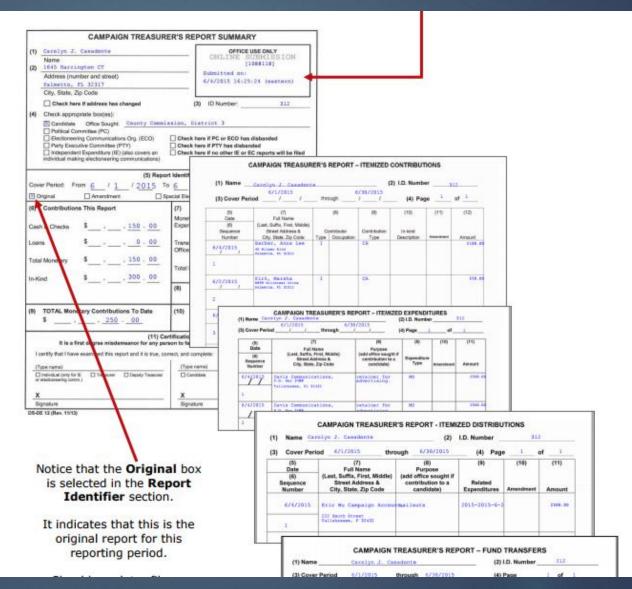
#### You MUST enter: Candidate's PIN Treasurer's PIN

#### **Always Assign PIN**

 Enter both PINs in the space provided and click Assign PIN to submit the report to the Supervisor of Elections.



#### You final report will appear and "DRAFT" is gone



#### Notice the Submitted Date and Time

You will see That your report has been received on your reports page after SOE approval

### When will my report appear on the elections website?

That depends on your county's procedures. Most counties reserve the right to review reports before releasing them to the public. Typically, when the report status changes to **Received**, the report is available on the website, but this can vary, so check with your county to find out what you can expect.



#### Remember...

#### You can always change a report by filing an amended report for a current or a past reporting period!



#### Political Advertising: Shane Bias

### **Political Advertising**

A political advertisement is a paid expression in a communications media prescribed in Section 106.011(15) F.S.

which expressly advocates the election or defeat of a candidate OR the approval or rejection of an issue

Could be radio, TV, newspaper, campaign literature, mail or by means other than the spoken word in direct conversation



#### Advertising Disclaimer <u>required</u> for:

Political Ad that is paid for by a candidate and published or circulated.

Disclaimers must be verbatim per Section 106.143 F.S.



Reminder – candidates receive copy of the Florida Election Code at filing, see Chapter 6

### Political Advertisement paid for by Candidate

If published, displayed, circulated before, or on election day must state:

"Political advertisement paid for and approved by <u>name of candidate</u>, <u>party affiliation</u>, for <u>office sought</u>"

OR

"Paid for by name of candidate, party affiliation, for office sought"

Section 106.143(1)(a)(1), F.S

#### Exceptions to Disclaimer Requirements:

There are many exceptions to disclaimer requirements in advertising under Section 106.143, such as items designed to be worn by a person which do not require a disclaimer

## Please refer to 106.143(1-10) F.S. for all disclaimer requirements



#### Any candidate running for an office with:

District Group Seat number



#### does not have to indicate the district, group or seat number in a political advertisement

Refer to 106.143(1-10) F.S. for all disclaimer requirements

#### Definitions



Incumbent – candidate who is currently holding office

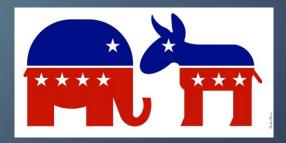
Non Incumbent – candidate who is running for an office and does not currently hold the position

Partisan candidate – candidate who <u>can</u> campaign & qualify for office with a political party affiliation

Non Partisan candidate – candidate who is <u>prohibited</u> from campaigning & qualifying for office with a political party affiliation

#### Running for a partisan office?

Shall state the name of the political party of which candidate is seeking in the advertisement



Section 106.143(3) F.S.

#### Are you an incumbent candidate?

The word "re-elect" in advertisement may only be used for an incumbent candidate

#### <u>Re-elect</u> Jane Doe for ...

Section 106.143(6)F.S.

#### Are you a non-incumbent candidate?

Non-incumbent candidate must use the word "for" in advertisement so that incumbency is not implied

Elect Jane Doe <u>for</u> ...

Section 106.143(6)F.S.



## Candidate for <u>partisan</u> office who is running as a candidate with no party affiliation:

## Must state that the candidate has no party affiliation Jane Doe, <u>NPA</u>, for...

Section 106.143(3) F.S



#### Candidate who is running as a write-in candidate:

## Must state that the candidate is a write-in candidate in advertisement

#### Jane Doe, <u>write-in</u> candidate for...

Section 106.143(1) F.S



Any tickets or advertising for campaign fundraisers must comply with the disclaimer requirements in Section 106.143 F.S.



#### **Endorsements in Political Advertisements**

Political ads for a candidate representing that an organization supports him, and is paid for <u>in-kind</u> by the organization with the specific approval from the organization in writing must:

state who supported and paid for ad state "in-kind" in ad be approved by candidate



Candidate must provide a written statement of authorization

Section 106.143(5) F.S

#### **Endorsements in Political Advertisements**

The endorsement does not apply to an editorial endorsement advocating the candidacy of its nominees by any:

newspaper radio TV station other recognized news medium publication by a party committee



Section 106.143(4)(a) F.S

#### Independent Expenditure

An expenditure made for the purpose of expressly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate

It is NOT controlled by, coordinated with any candidate

Must state:

Paid political advertisement paid for by <u>name of organization</u> This advertisement was not approved by any candidate

Must provide a written statement that no candidate has approved the advertisement to the advertising medium

Section 106.143(5)(b) F.S.

### Advertising in another language?

## May provide any disclaimers required in the language used in the advertisement



Section 106.143(9) F.S

### Closed Captioning & Descriptive Narrative in all Television Broadcasts

Each candidate, political party, political committee:

Must use closed captioning and descriptive narrative or they must file a written statement with the qualifying officer for not doing so



Section 106.165, F.S

#### **Telephone Solicitation**

Caller <u>must identify</u> the persons or organization sponsoring the call:

"Paid for by" OR "Paid for on behalf of"



No telephone call shall state or imply that caller represents any organization unless given the approval in writing

Does not apply if person making the call is not being paid and person participating in call know each other prior to the call

Section 106.147, F.S.

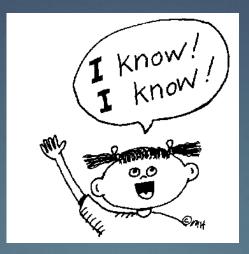
#### Please look at your next handout

A candidate is running for a <u>partisan</u> office is placing and paying for an advertisement in a local newspaper to promote his/her campaign.

What disclaimer is necessary in the ad?

Answer is in Section 106.143 (1)(a)





## "Political advertisement paid for and approved by <u>name of candidate</u>, <u>party affiliation</u>, for <u>office sought</u>"

OR

"Paid by <u>name of candidate</u>, party affiliation, for office sought"

# Campaign Signage

Each municipality & the county have sign ordinances

On Election Day, sign-related complaints (outside the 100' no-solicitation zone) will be directed to the code enforcement unit assigned to the specific voting area.

All three early voting sites are housed in a govt. owned facility. The SOE will not be responsible for any signs left or posted outside the 100' no-solicitation zone.

## More about signage...

Please call the Code Enforcement Officer:

Fellsmere Indian River County Indian River Shores Sebastian Town of Orchid Vero Beach



They can inform you of any permits and/or sign regulations

### Poll Watchers:

### **Poll Watchers**



Candidates and political parties may have one poll watcher in each polling room or early voting site at any one time

All members of the public may observe opening and closing procedures

Deadlines for poll watchers designations must be submitted prior to Noon of the Second Tuesday preceding the election

For early voting sites, designations must be submitted at least 14 days before early voting begins

Poll watchers shall be approved by the SOE no later than 7 days before early voting begins or Election Day

### Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request Information:

Vote-by-Mail Ballot Information Request Form Indian River County Supervisor of Elections 4375 43rd Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32967 Phone (772) 266-3440 | Fax (772) 770-5367 VoteIndianRiver.com

Your Vote Is Your Voice...Speak Up!

Vote-by-mail ballot request information is confidential and exempt from public disclosure under Florida Statutes 101.62(3), except to the following persons or entities that may obtain and use it for political purposes: The voter requesting the ballot, a canvassing board, an election official, a political party or official, a candidate who has filed qualification papers and is opposed in an upcoming election, and registered political committees.

To access this information, check your qualifying category below:

□ Voter (only to access their of	own ballot information)	🗆 Canvassing Boar	d 🗆 Election Official
Political party or official	Candidate (qualified	d and opposed) $\Box \mathbf{R}$	egistered political committee

Requester's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title/ Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Committee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person requesting information: I affirm that I am a person authorized by Florida Statutes, 101.62(3) to receive this information. Date:

#### Vote-by-Mail Request Information Data

Election(s)	Mail Out Type	Voter Status	Party
Municipal	Initial mail out requests only	□ All Voters	All Parties
Primary	All mail out requests for election cycle	Domestic	Republican
□ General	(initial mail out and daily mail outs)	□ Military	Democratic
Special		Overseas	No Party Affiliation
		□ Military & Overseas	Other:
1			

#### Data Delivery Data Format

🗆 CD	Excel Spreadsheet Format
🗆 Email	Text Format

Special Instructions:

\*If file is too large, data can only be saved on a CD

Note: Data files on CDs and emails are in comma delimited ASCII format unless specified. First row contains headers. For ease of interpretation, data shall be imported into a suitable database program such as Microsoft Access or Excel. The Supervisor of Elections cannot provide technical support beyond this information.

#### Look at your next handout!

# Vote-by-Mail Ballots

Can I receive a list of who has requested a vote-by-mail ballot?

Vote-by-Mail ballot request information is confidential and exempt from public disclosure

Unless you are one of the following:

Canvassing Board Election Official Political party or official thereof Qualified candidate who is <u>opposed</u> in an upcoming election Registered political committee

Section 101.62(3) F.S.

Registered Voter Information Request Form Indian River County Supervisor of Elections 4375 43 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32967 Phone (772) 266-3440   Fax (772) 770-5367 VoteIndianRiver.com							
Sort Order		Data Delivery Preference		reference			
Alpha by Name	Alpha by Name		Digital Media \$15.00				
Alpha by Precinct		CD Email *If file is too large, data can only be saved on a CD					
Alpha by Residence (walking list	t)	Paper Printout \$ 0.15 per page					
Household	Household		Paper Printout				
Payment of cash or ch	neck accepted. Make c	hecks payable to	"Supervisor of I	Elections"			
Please select all that apply:							
All registered voters in Indian Ri	ver County						
All registered voters in District:							
(Mosquito, Soil & Water Conservation, et	tc.)						
□ Voters in Precinct(s):							
Age range:							
Party: 🗆 All 🗆	Republican 🗆 I	Democrat 🗆	No Party	□ Other(s)			
Gender: 🗆 All	Males D H	emales					
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Signature:		-					
Address:							
City, State, Zip:							
Cell Phone:							
Home Phone:							
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#### Look at your next handout!

# Requesting Registered Voter Information

Payment for any requested list must be paid by cash or check

We DO NOT accept credit cards or debit cards for payment



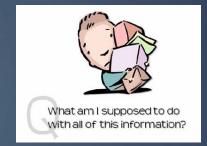
## Why would I need this list?

Walk a neighborhood house-by-house

Send flyer to each registered voter

Send flyer to households

Previous voting history



# Many sort categories (comes in EXCEL format)

Alpha by: name precinct residence household

Registered voters in IRC specific district specific age range gender race party



### Ethical Conduct:

# Ethical Conduct -Speaking at Public Meetings-

Candidates <u>may not</u> pay money or give anything of value for speaking at a political meeting to further their candidacy.

<u>May not make any contribution in the name of another, directly or indirectly</u>





# -Religious, Charitable, Civic Organizations-

Candidates <u>may not</u> solicit contributions from OR make contributions in exchange for political support to any:

religious, charitable, political party, civic, or other organizations established primarily for the public good

#### more...

# -Religious, Charitable, Civic Organizations-

A candidate <u>may</u> purchase, with campaign funds, tickets, admission to events, or advertisements from the following groups: -religious -charitable -political party -civic

#### more...

# -Religious, Charitable, Civic Organizations-

A candidate <u>may</u> continue membership in/make donations to: -religious -charitable -political party -civic groups, if a member for more than six months

## Making Malicious Statements

A candidate <u>may not</u>, with actual malice make any false statement about an opposing candidate.

This is a felony of third degree per Section 04.271 F.S.



# Limitations on Political Activity Judicial Candidates

<u>Shall not participate in any partisan political party activities except:</u>

Register to vote as a member of any political party Voting in any party primary contest



Campaign as a member of any political party

Publicly represent or advertise herself/himself as a political party member

Make political speeches other than in the candidate's own behalf

#### More limitations...

A candidate for judicial office <u>shall not</u>:

Make contributions to a political party funds

Solicit or accept contributions for any political party Accept or retain a place on any political party committee

Make any contributions to (person, group, or organization) for its endorsement to judicial office

Agree to pay all or any part of an advertisement sponsored by any person, group, or organization where the candidate may be endorsed for judicial office

# Election Night Results



Election night voting results are released after polls are closed:

Early Voting totals and Vote-by-Mail Ballot totals – Released within 30 minutes

Updated every <u>45 minutes</u> thereafter

# REMEMBER



You, as the candidate, are responsible for all aspects of your campaign!

Please remember to take the time to look around our polling sites before you leave on Election Day and pick up any remaining signs, flyers, trash, etc.

Our office is very lucky to have such nice facilities to rent space to us on Election Day



Thank You And Good Luck GO FOR IT ! 0 GOOD LUCK !