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## CERTIFICATE

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Gerald J. Ferwerda, Executive Secretary of the State Elections Board, and custodian of the official rules of said board, do hereby certify that the annexed rules and regulations relating to campaign finance, were duly approved and adopted by this Board on October 12, 1977.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this department and that same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the State Elections Board.

Done in the City of Madison, this 12th day of December, 1977.

Gerald J. Ferwerda Executive Secretary

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## ORDER OF THE STATE ELECTIONS BOARD ADOPTING RULES

Pursuant to the authority vested in the State Elections Board by section 227.014, Wis. Stats., the State Elections Board hereby adopts rules as follows:

Sections El.Bd. 1.04, 1.41, 1.42 and 1.43 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code are adopted to read:

- El.Bd. 1.04 Debt retirement; Treatment of contributions received and accepted after election. (1) Contributions received and accepted for the purpose of retiring debts incurred in a prior campaign should be counted against the contributor's contribution limit for said campaign. Contributions received and accepted in excess of the amount needed to retire such debt shall be counted against the contributor's contribution limits applicable to the next campaign on a first-in first-out basis with the contributions received and accepted first applied to debt retirement.
- (2) Notwithstanding the above, a contribution received and accepted before the end of the post-election reporting period should be counted against the limits for the campaign in which the election took place, regardless of whether all campaign debts have been retired at the time the contribution is received.
- El.Bd. 1.41 Mailing registration forms. (a) Where a requirement is imposed for the filing of a registration statement no later than a certain date, the requirement may be satisfied either by actual receipt of the statement by the prescribed time for filing at the office of the filing officer, or by filing a report with the U. S. postal service by first class mail with sufficient prepaid postage, addressed to the appropriate filing officer, no later than the date provided by law for receipt of such report.
- (b) In any case where the postal service is employed by a person subject to a registration requirement as the agent for transmittal of a statement, the burden is upon such person to show that a statement has been filed with the postal service.
- (c) It is presumed until the contrary is established that the date shown by the postal service cancellation mark on the envelope containing the statement is the date that it was deposited in the mail.
- El.Bd. 1.42 Voluntary committees; scope of voluntary oath; restrictions on voluntary committees. (1) NECESSITY OF VOLUNTARY OATH FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE-RELATED ACTIVITIES. No expenditure may be made or obligation incurred over \$25 in support of or opposition to a specific candidate unless such expenditure or obligation is treated and reported as a contribution to the candidate or his opponent, or is made or incurred by or through an individual or committee filing the voluntary oath provided in sec. 11.06 (7), Stats.

- (2) SCOPE OF VOLUNTARY OATH. A committee or individual filing the voluntary oath may make expenditures or incur obligations in support of or opposition to candidates with the encouragement, direction or control of the candidate or an opponent, or any authorized committee or agent of such committee, candidate or opponent, so long as such expenditure is treated and reported as a contribution to such candidate or opponent. A committee or individual filing the voluntary oath is prohibited from making expenditures in support of or opposition to a candidate with the encouragement, direction or control of the candidate or an opponent, or any authorized committee or agent of such committee, candidate or opponent, if such expenditure is not reported as a contribution to such candidate or opponent.
- COMMITTEE. When a committee or individual filing the voluntary oath makes an expenditure in support of or in opposition to a candidate without the encouragement, direction or control of the candidate or an opponent, or any authorized committee or agent of such committee. candidate or opponent, the expenditure should be treated and reported as a "disbursement". When such committee or individual incurs an obligation in support of or opposition to a candidate without the encouragement, direction or control of the candidate or an opponent, or any authorized committee or agent of such committee, candidate or opponent, the obligation should be treated and reported only as an "obligation incurred". When such disbursements or obligations are reported, the candidate in whose support or opposition the disbursement is made or obligation incurred should be identitifed.
- (4) SPECIAL DISCLAIMER REQUIREMENT. A political message in support of or opposition to a candidate by a committee or individual acting without the encouragement, direction or control of the candidate or an opponent must contain, in addition to the ordinary identification, the words: "The committee (individual) is the sole source of this communication and it is made without the encouragement, direction or control of a candidate being supported or opposed", or other language of the same effect.
- El.Bd. 1.43 Referendum-related activities by committees; candidate-related activities by groups. (1) As used in this rule, "committee-group" means any committee which acts in support of or opposition to a referendum, and any group which acts in support of opposition to a candidate.
- (2) Any committee-group may consolidate referendum-related and candidate-related activity by:
- (a) Filing a duplicate consolidated registration statement or amending a previously filed registration statement with the appropriate filing officer or officers, indicating all candidates and referenda supported or opposed, or
- (b) filing duplicate consolidated financial disclosure reports, which indicate the specific purpose of each expenditure so as to differentiate between expenditures intended to influence referenda and expenditures intended to influence the election or defeat of a candidate.

- (3) A committee-group which consolidates activity pursuant to this rule is subject to those limits on the receipt of contributions to which it would be subject if it were operating solely as a committee.
- A committee-group which consolidates activity pursuant to this rule must have a single treasurer and a single depository.
- (5) Notwithstanding the above, any committee-group may separate referendum-related and candidate-related activity by filing separate registration statements, separate financial disclosure reports, and by maintaining a separate depository for each type of activity.

The rules contained herein shall take effect on the first day of the month following their publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register as prescribed in sec. 227.026 (1), Wis. Stats.

Dated: December 8, 1977

STATE ELECTIONS BOARD

David G.

Chairman