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El Bd 1.02 Multiple candidacies. (1) Any candidate seeking election to an office other than that indicated on his registration statement or that of his personal campaign committee must file an amended registration statement with the appropriate filing officer or officers indicating such change. Financial disclosure reports filed subsequent to such change must be filed with the filing officer for the office designated on the amended registration statement.

(2) When a candidate is simultaneously seeking election to more than one office, he shall file duplicate consolidated registration statements indicating all offices sought and duplicate consolidated financial disclosure reports with the appropriate filing officers. The personal campaign committee of such a candidate is responsible for ensuring compliance with the contribution limitation applicable to each office sought.

(3) Regardless of the number of offices sought, a candidate may not have more than one committee, treasurer and campaign depository account.

History: Cr. Register, June, 1976, No. 246, eff. 7-1-76.

El Bd 1.03 Duplicate filing requirements. Section 11.09, Stats., is applied as follows:

(7) The executive secretary of the board shall promptly after each apportionment of congressional and legislative districts and judicial cir-

cuits transmit to all county clerks and make available a list of districts and circuits affected by this section, categorized according to responsibility for filing duplicate reports.

History: Emerg. cr. 8-9-74; cr. Register, November, 1974, No. 227, eff. 12-1-74; r. (1) to (6), Register, March, 1976, No. 243, eff. 4-1-76.

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.

History: Cr. Register, June, 1976, No. 246, eff. 7-1-76.

El Bd 1.05 Reporting of disbursements. Every withdrawal of funds except for internal transfers for investment purposes from the campaign depository account must be reported in accordance with ss. 11.06 and 11.20, Stats.

History: Cr. Register, June, 1976, No. 246, eff. 7-1-76.

El Bd 1.06 Corporate registration and reporting. (1) Every foreign or domestic corporation or association organized under ch. 185, Stats., which establishes a separate segregated fund pursuant to s. 11.38 (1) (a) 2., Stats., shall register with the appropriate filing officer on a form prescribed by the board.

(2) Every foreign or domestic corporation or association organized under ch. 185, Stats., which is required to register pursuant to subsection (1), shall file financial disclosure reports with the appropriate filing officer in accordance with s. 11.20 (4), Stats., on a form prescribed by the board.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1976, No. 247, eff. 8-1-76.

El Bd 1.10 Reporting by nonresident committees and groups. Every nonresident committee or group as defined in s. 11.07 (6), Stats., acting in support of or in opposition to any candidate for state or local office, which makes or accepts contributions, incurs obligations or makes disbursements exceeding \$25 cumulatively in a calendar year within this state shall register both with the appropriate filing officer under s. 11.05 (1), Stats., and with the secretary of state under s. 11.07 (1), Stats.

History: Emerg. cr. 8-16-74; cr. Register, November, 1974, No. 227, eff. 12-1-74.

El Bd 1.12 Filing requirements for special elections. (1) The personal campaign committee of every candidate who wins a primary for a special election must file pre primary, pre election and post election reports, on the dates specified for those reports in s. 11.20 (3), Stats. The personal campaign committee of every candidate who loses a primary

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(e) Candidates for court of appeals judge, \$30,200 in the primary, and \$50,350 in the election.

(f) Candidates for state senator, \$32,225 total in the primary and election, with disbursements not exceeding \$20,125 for either the primary or the election.

(g) Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$16,100 total in the primary and election; with disbursements not exceeding \$10,075 for either the primary or the election.

(h) Candidates for circuit judge, \$80,550 total in the primary and election.

(i) In any jurisdiction or district, other than a judicial district or circuit, with a population of 500,000 or more, according to the most recent federal census covering the entire jurisdiction or district:

1. For the following county offices:

a. Candidates for county executive, \$251,700 total in the primary and election.

b. Candidates for district attorney, \$151,000 total in the primary and election.

c. Candidates for county supervisor, \$16,100 total in the primary and election.

d. Candidates for any other countywide elective office, not specified in counties of this size, 100,675 total in the primary and election.

2. For the following offices in cities of the 1st class:

a. Candidates for mayor, \$251,700 total in the primary and election.

b. Candidates for city attorney, \$151,000 total in the primary and election.

c. Candidates for alderman, \$16,100 total in the primary and election.

d. Candidates for any other citywide office, \$100,675 total in the primary and election.

(j) Candidates for any local office who are elected from a jurisdiction or district with less than 500,000 inhabitants, according to the latest federal census or census information on which the district is based, as certified by the appropriate filing officer, an amount equal to the greater of:

a. \$1,000, or

b. 50.33 percent of the annual salary for the office sought, rounded to the nearest \$25, or

c. 30.2 cents per inhabitant of the jurisdiction or district, rounded to the nearest \$25, but in no event more than \$40,275 in the primary and election.

History: Emerg. cr. eff. 4-27-78; cr. Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; emerg. am. eff. 2-19-80; emerg. am. eff. 6-17-80; emerg. am. eff. 2-18-82; emerg. r. and recr. eff. 5-1-84; am. Register, October, 1984, No. 346, eff. 11-1-84.

El Bd 1.50 Non-candidate committees collecting on behalf of a specific candidate and the voluntary oath. When a non-candidate committee accepts contributions on behalf of a specific candidate, it must file the voluntary oath in s. 11.06 (7), Stats., by which the committee's independence of the candidate is affirmed. A political action committee whose campaign finance reports show support of only one candidate is presumed to be accepting contributions in support of that candidate and required to file the voluntary oath in s. 11.06 (7), Stats., by which the committee's independence of the candidate is affirmed. That presumption may be overcome by countervailing evidence.

History: Cr. Register, June, 1979, No. 282, eff. 7-1-79.

El Bd 1.55 Reimbursement for campaign use of state vehicles. Whenever a state vehicle is used primarily for the purposes of campaigning in support of or in opposition to a candidate, there must be paid to the state treasurer the mileage fees specified in s. 20.916 (4) (a), Stats., or in the case of aircraft, an equitable fee determined by the secretary of administration. The obligation to reimburse the state shall be included on the campaign finance report covering the period during which the obligation was incurred.

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