CAMPAIGN FINANCE

WHERE TO BEGIN

√ Treasurer Appointment & Reporting

Once a candidate has raised or spent $500, a candidate must file the appointment of a political treasurer and begin reporting the campaign finances, including the sources and expenses for the first $500.

The Declaration of Candidacy filed to run for office designates the candidate as the default political treasurer, for those who have not met the $500 threshold, until an alternate is appointed.

Reporting Basics

All money raised or spent in relation to a campaign must be accounted for and tracked. This includes the use of the candidate's personal money.

√ Where to Report

All candidates for all offices now report online via the Secretary of State's Campaign Finance Portal. The portal may be found at https://sos.idaho.gov/elections-division/campaign-finance-filing/

For local officials, all assistance, oversight and enforcement will be done by the County Clerk of the home county for the city, school or local district.

√ Disclosures

All campaign material (signs, flyers, mailings, TV ads, etc.) should contain a disclosure statement. For example: "Paid for Yosemite Sam for Governor, Elmer Fudd Treasurer".

Filing Deadlines

10TH of each month in the year of the election

Annual report due January 10th following non-election years

$50 FINE each day after 48 hours late

Campaign Finance Laws I.C. Title 67 Chapter 66

√ Donation Limits

Maximum contribution is $1,000 per individual, business* or political committee per election. Any single contribution of $1,000 must be reported within 48 hours of receipt.

*Businesses sharing controlling ownership may only contribute $1,000 combined.

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