

## Federal Election Commission

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are made from an account jointly held with the candidate, or if the expenses were paid by the family member before the candidate became a candidate.

[67 FR 50585, Aug. 5, 2002, as amended at 73 FR 79601, Dec. 30, 2008]

### § 100.154 Candidate debates.

Funds used to defray costs incurred in staging candidate debates in accordance with the provisions of 11 CFR 110.13 and 114.4(f) are not expenditures.

### § 100.155 Uncompensated Internet activity by individuals that is not an expenditure.

(a) When an individual or a group of individuals, acting independently or in coordination with any candidate, authorized committee, or political party committee, engages in Internet activities for the purpose of influencing a Federal election, neither of the following is an expenditure by that individual or group of individuals:

(1) The individual's uncompensated personal services related to such Internet activities;

(2) The individual's use of equipment or services for uncompensated Internet activities, regardless of who owns the equipment and services.

(b) *Internet activities.* For the purposes of this section, the term "Internet activities" includes, but is not limited to: Sending or forwarding electronic messages; providing a hyperlink or other direct access to another person's website; blogging; creating, maintaining, or hosting a website; paying a nominal fee for the use of another person's website; and any other form of communication distributed over the Internet.

(c) *Equipment and services.* For the purposes of this section, the term "equipment and services" includes, but is not limited to: Computers, software, Internet domain names, Internet Service Providers (ISP), and any other technology that is used to provide access to or use of the Internet.

(d) Paragraph (a) of this section also applies to any corporation that is wholly owned by one or more individuals, that engages primarily in Internet activities, and that does not derive a substantial portion of its revenues

from sources other than income from its Internet activities.

(e) This section does not exempt from the definition of expenditure:

(1) Any payment for a public communication (as defined in 11 CFR 100.26) other than a nominal fee;

(2) Any payment for the purchase or rental of an e-mail address list made at the direction of a political committee; or

(3) Any payment for an e-mail address list that is transferred to a political committee.

[71 FR 18613, Apr. 12, 2006, as amended at 81 FR 94240, Dec. 23, 2016]

## PART 101—CANDIDATE STATUS AND DESIGNATIONS (52 U.S.C. 30102(e))

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AUTHORITY: 52 U.S.C. 30102(e), (g), 30104(a)(11), and 30111(a)(8).

### § 101.1 Candidate designations (52 U.S.C. 30102(e)(1), (g)).

(a) *Principal Campaign Committee.* Within 15 days after becoming a candidate under 11 CFR 100.3, each candidate, other than a nominee for the office of Vice President, shall designate in writing, a principal campaign committee in accordance with 11 CFR 102.12. A candidate shall designate his or her principal campaign committee by filing a Statement of Candidacy on FEC Form 2, or, if the candidate is not required to file electronically under 11 CFR 104.18, by filing a letter with the Commission containing the same information (that is, the individual's name and address, party affiliation, and office sought, the District and State in which Federal office is sought, and the name and address of his or her principal campaign committee). Each principal campaign committee shall register, designate a depository, and report in accordance with 11 CFR parts 102, 103, and 104.

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(b) *Authorized committees.* A candidate may designate additional political committees in accordance with 11 CFR 102.13 to serve as committees which will be authorized to accept contributions or make expenditures on behalf of the candidate. For each such authorized committee, other than a principal campaign committee, the candidate shall file a written designation with his or her principal campaign committee. The principal campaign committee shall file such designations with the Commission.

[84 FR 18699, May 2, 2019]

### **§ 101.2 Candidate as agent of authorized committee (52 U.S.C. 30102(e)(2)).**

(a) Any candidate who receives a contribution as defined at 11 CFR part 100, subparts B and C obtains any loan, or makes any disbursement, in connection with his or her campaign shall be considered as having received such contribution, obtained such loan or made such disbursement as an agent of his or her authorized committee(s).

(b) When an individual becomes a candidate, any funds received, loans obtained, or disbursements made prior to becoming a candidate in connection with his or her campaign shall be deemed to have been received, obtained or made as an agent of his or her authorized committee(s).

[45 FR 15103, Mar. 7, 1980, as amended at 67 FR 78680, Dec. 26, 2002]

### **§ 101.3 Funds received or expended prior to becoming a candidate (52 U.S.C. 30102(e)(2)).**

When an individual becomes a candidate, all funds received or payments made in connection with activities conducted under 11 CFR 100.72(a) and 11 CFR 100.131(a) or his or her campaign prior to becoming a candidate shall be considered contributions or expenditures under the Act and shall be reported in accordance with 11 CFR 104.3 in the first report filed by such candidate's principal campaign committee. The individual shall keep records of the name of each contributor, the date of receipt and amount of all contributions received (see 11 CFR 102.9(a)), and all expenditures made (see 11 CFR 102.9(b)) in connection with

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activities conducted under 11 CFR 100.72 and 11 CFR 100.131 or the individual's campaign prior to becoming a candidate.

[50 FR 9995, Mar. 13, 1985, as amended at 67 FR 78680, Dec. 26, 2002; 75 FR 31, Jan. 4, 2010]

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- 102.17 Joint fundraising by committees other than separate segregated funds.

AUTHORITY: 52 U.S.C. 30102, 30103, 30104(a)(11), 30111(a)(8), and 30120.

SOURCE: 45 FR 15104, Mar. 7, 1980, unless otherwise noted.

### **§ 102.1 Registration of political committees (52 U.S.C. 30103(a)).**

(a) *Principal campaign committees.* Each principal campaign committee shall file a Statement of Organization in accordance with 11 CFR 102.2 no later than 10 days after designation pursuant to 11 CFR 101.1. In addition,