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Ms. Nancy H. Hazekamp
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Dear Ms. Hazekamp:

This is in response to your letter in which you raise the following questions concerning the Campaign Finance Act ("the Act"), 1976 P.A. 388, as amended.

- (1) If an individual orders literature, signs, and brochures in order to run as a "write-in" candidate, does the person become a candidate on the date of the order or on the date of payment of the order?

Section 3(1)(c) of the Act (MCLA §169.203(1)(c)) provides a candidate is an individual who receives a contribution or makes an expenditure. Section 6(1) (MCLA §169.206(1)) defines "expenditure" to include a promise of payment. Consequently, in response to your first question, an individual becomes a candidate on the date he or she orders the campaign materials.

- (2) Where does a candidate for township office obtain copies of campaign finance forms such as a statement of organization?

You may obtain all necessary forms and other information from your county clerk.

- (3) In the event there are write-in candidates, may a voter request a ballot similar to the absentee ballot and vote on this ballot which would then be placed with the absentee ballots? Is there space on the absentee ballot for write-in candidates?

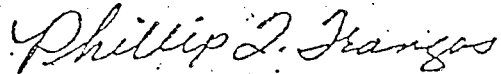
These latter questions are not within the purview of the Campaign Finance Act and they have been referred to the Elections Division of the Department for response.

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This letter is informational only and does not constitute a declaratory ruling.

Very truly yours,



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