



**INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE POLITICAL COMMITTEE STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FORM
Corporations, Unions or Domestic Dependent Sovereigns (Independent Expenditure PACs)**

1. Committee ID #:

2. Type of Filing:

Original

Amendment to Items: Eff. Date: ____/____/____

3. Date Committee was Formed in Michigan: ____/____/____

4a. Full Name of Committee (must include affiliate or sponsor):

4b. The Sponsor's Name is:

4c. Acronym or Abbreviation (If any):

5a. Complete Comm. Mailing Address (May be PO Box):

5b. Complete Comm. Street Address (May not be PO Box):

Committee Phone #:

Committee Fax #:

Committee E-mail Address:

6. Treasurer Name and Complete Address:

Phone #:

E-mail Address:

OUT-OF-STATE COMMITTEE TREASURER IRREVOCABLE WRITTEN STIPULATION: I stipulate and agree that any legal process affecting this committee served on the Secretary of State or an agent designated by the Secretary of State shall have the same effect as if personally served on me and all other principals of this committee. I further agree that this appointment shall remain in force as long as any liability of this committee remains outstanding within the State of Michigan.

7. Designated Record Keeper Name and Complete Address:

Phone #:

E-mail Address:

8. **REPORTING WAIVER REQUEST:** If the committee does *not* expect to receive or expend in excess of \$1,000 in a calendar year and checks this box; the filing requirement of pre, post, annual and triannual campaign statements is waived. The Reporting Waiver will be automatically lost if the committee exceeds the \$1,000 threshold.

9. Name and Address of Depositories or Intended Depositories of committee funds.

a. Official Depository

b. Secondary Depository

10. ELECTRONIC FILING: This item applies to committees that file with the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections only and does not apply to PAC's that file with the County Clerk's office.

The Campaign Finance Act requires any committee that files with the Secretary of State and spends or receives \$20,000 in the preceding calendar year OR expects to spend or receive \$20,000 in the current calendar year to file campaign statements electronically. Merts Plus software is provided free of charge to assist committees in meeting this requirement.

Committee spent or received or expects to spend or receive in excess of \$20,000 and is required to file electronically.

** OR **

Committee did not spend or receive or does not expect to spend or receive in excess of \$20,000 and would like to file electronically voluntarily.

11. **Verification:** I/We certify that:

- All reasonable diligence was used in the preparation of the above statement and that the contents are true, accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge or belief.
- If filing electronically, I/we further agree that the signatures below shall serve as the signatures that verify the accuracy and completeness of each statement filed electronically by the committee. I/We certify that all reasonable diligence will be used in the preparation of each statement electronically filed by this committee and that the contents of each statement will be true, accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge or belief.
- This committee is organized exclusively for the purpose of making independent expenditures that are not in any way directly or indirectly "coordinated" with any candidate, candidate committee, political party, or political party committee, consistent with applicable case law, including but not limited to Michigan Chamber of Commerce et al v Terri Lynn Land, ___ FSupp2d ___ (WD MI, 2010). This committee also intends to raise funds in unlimited amounts.

(Sign Name and Date below)

Current Treasurer:

Sig. _____

Designated Record Keeper (Required only if filing electronically):

Sig. _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FOR INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE (IE) PACs

Michigan's Campaign Finance Act, (MCFA) P.A. 388 of 1976, covers a corporation, union or domestic dependent sovereign operating within Michigan or out-of-state as soon as it receives or spends \$500.00 or more in a calendar year for independent expenditures as defined by Section 51 of the MCFA to influence voters for or against the nomination or election of one or more candidates in Michigan in Michigan. As soon as a corporation, union or domestic dependent sovereign reaches the \$500.00 threshold, it has 10 calendar days to form and register a "committee" under the MCFA. A corporation, union or domestic dependent sovereign registers a committee by filing this form with the appropriate filing official. This form is not used to form a Separate Segregated Fund.

- **Political Independent Expenditure PACs** - This committee is organized exclusively for the purpose of making independent expenditures that are not in any way directly or indirectly "coordinated" with any candidate, candidate committee, political party, or political party committee, consistent with applicable case law, including but not limited to Michigan Chamber of Commerce et al v Terri Lynn Land, ___ FSupp2d ___ (WD MI, 2010). This committee also intends to raise funds in unlimited amounts.

WHERE TO FILE THIS FORM: Two copies of this form must be filed when registering a committee. If the districts of all of the candidates supported or opposed are located wholly within the same county, the committee files with the clerk of that county. If the districts of all of the candidates supported or opposed are not located wholly within the same county, the committee files with the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, Post Office Box 20126, Lansing, Michigan 48901. Office location: Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918. Phone: 517-373-2540.

NOTE: The information contained on the Statement of Organization must be kept up-to-date. If a change in the information takes place, an amendment to the form must be filed no later than the due date of the first Campaign Statement required of the committee after the change. The treasurer serving at the time of the change must sign an amendment.

INSTRUCTIONS: Type or clearly print in ink all information requested on the Statement of Organization form. Each entry on the form is discussed below.

- ITEM 1.** On the original Statement of Organization, leave this item blank. An identification number will be assigned to the committee by the filing official. If an identification number has been assigned to the committee, enter it in Item 1.
- ITEM 2.** Indicate whether this is an original Statement of Organization filing or an amendment to a Statement of Organization already on file. If filing an amendment, complete Item 2 by listing the number of the Item(s) affected and the date the change took place. Complete Items 1,11 and any items that have changed since the filing of the last original or amended Statement of Organization form.
- ITEM 3.** Enter the date the committee was formed in Michigan. The original Statement of Organization form must be received by the filing official within **10 calendar days** after the committee's formation date. The committee must form when it receives or spends \$500.00 or more in a calendar year for independent expenditures. Late filing fees are assessed at a rate of \$10.00 per business day if the form is filed late.
- ITEM 4.** In **Item 4a** enter the committee's official name. Do not use initials or abbreviations. Include in the name of the committee the name of the person or persons that sponsor the committee, if any, or with whom the committee is affiliated. A person, other than an individual or a committee, sponsors or is affiliated with a Political Committee if that person establishes, directs, controls, or financially supports the administration of the committee. A person does not financially support the administration of a committee by merely making a contribution to the committee. In **Item 4b** enter the name of the sponsoring organization or affiliate. If the committee plans to use an abbreviated name or an acronym, enter it in **Item 4c**.
- ITEM 5.** In **Item 5a** enter the committee's mailing address if different from the committee's street address. A post office box is acceptable as a mailing address. All mail from the filing official will be directed to the committee's mailing address as shown in Item 4. Enter the committee's street address in **Item 5b**. A post office box **is not** acceptable. (List the treasurer's home address if no other address is available.) Enter the committee's area code and phone number. If the committee has a fax # and E-mail address enter the information where indicated.
- ITEM 6.** Enter the full name and mailing address of the committee's treasurer. Include a phone number where the treasurer can be reached during business hours. If the treasurer has an E-mail address enter the information where indicated. The committee's treasurer **must** be a qualified elector (registered to vote) of Michigan if the committee conducts business through an office or facility located in Michigan. The committee treasurer does not have to be a Michigan resident if the committee does not conduct business through an office or facility located in Michigan. A committee that wishes to have a treasurer who is not a Michigan resident is required to file an "irrevocable written stipulation". The committee does this by checking the box titled OUT-OF-STATE COMMITTEE TREASURER IRREVOCABLE WRITTEN STIPULATION. Further information on this requirement can be obtained from the filing official.
- ITEM 7.** Enter the full name and mailing address of the designated record keeper; the person who will be responsible for the committee's records and Campaign Statement filings. Include a phone number where the designated record keeper can be reached during business hours. If the record keeper has an E-mail address enter the information where indicated. If the committee treasurer will personally handle these responsibilities, leave this item blank. A person designated in this item may sign Campaign Statements but does not have the authority to sign the Statement of Organization forms in place of the treasurer.
- ITEM 8.** Check the box to request a **Reporting Waiver**. If Item 8 is checked and the committee does not exceed the \$1,000.00 threshold in a calendar year, the committee is granted a Reporting Waiver. A committee that never loses its Reporting Waiver by exceeding the \$1,000.00 threshold is not required to file detailed Campaign Statements. The Reporting Waiver does not waive the requirement to file Late Contribution Reports. If the committee spends or receives more than \$1,000.00 in a calendar year or incurs debt over \$1,000.00, the Reporting Waiver is automatically lost and the committee will owe the next Campaign Statement due after losing the waiver.
- ITEM 9.** In **Item 9a** enter the name and address of the Michigan bank, savings and loan association or credit union that the committee now uses or intends to use as its "official depository." The committee's official depository must be located in Michigan if the committee conducts business through an office or facility located in Michigan. The committee depository does not have to be located in Michigan if the committee does not conduct business through an office or facility located in Michigan. In **Item 9b**, list the names and addresses of any "secondary depositories" the committee currently uses or intends to use. A secondary depository may be used only for the deposit of contributions (for example, as a temporary holding place for receipts from a joint fund raiser); it may **not** be used for committee expenditures.
- ITEM 10.** Read this section carefully and check the appropriate box. Committees filing with the county clerk's office, skip this item.
- ITEM 11.** The form **must** be signed and dated by the current committee treasurer. A designated record keeper may **not** sign an original or amended Statement of Organization. However, the signature of the designated record keeper is request solely for the purpose of providing a signature for electronic filing of Campaign Statements. (See Item 10 Electronic Filing).