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**THE SENATE  
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The Honorable Dana Nessel, Attorney General  
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Dear Attorney General Dana Nessel:

I am requesting an Attorney General opinion and direction on how county clerks should handle campaign finance cases that have been on their books for many years.

- 1) Is there a statute of limitations applicable to the collection of late filing fees and fines assessed under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act?
- 2) If so, what is the limitation period?
- 3) If there is a limitation period, should the assessed fines beyond the limitation period be removed from the committee's record?
- 4) If there is a limitation period, should the filing official only consider late fees that are not barred by the statute of limitation for the purpose of determining whether a candidate was qualified to be on the ballot pursuant to MCL 168.558(4)?

As a former city clerk, I feel it is important to provide clarification and guidance on these issues and thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions about this request or require further information.

Best Regards,

Paul Wojno  
State Senator, 10th District