

information as to this amount and the application for funding to the state treasurer.

(5) The state treasurer shall issue a warrant drawn on the state campaign fund for an amount equal to the maximum amount which the candidate is qualified to receive or the amount applied for, whichever is less. The warrant shall not be issued before January 1 of the year in which the election for governor is to be held.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved January 4, 1978.

[No. 310]

AN ACT to amend section 3 of Act No. 388 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled "An act to regulate political activity; to regulate campaign financing; to restrict campaign contributions and expenditures; to require campaign statements and reports; to regulate anonymous contributions; to regulate campaign advertising and literature; to provide for segregated funds for political purposes; to provide for the use of public funds for political purposes; to create a state campaign fund; to provide for reversion of, or refunding of, unexpended balances; to require reports; to provide appropriations; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," being section 169.203 of the Compiled Laws of 1970.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section amended; campaign financing and advertising.

Section 1. Section 3 of Act No. 388 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section 169.203 of the Compiled Laws of 1970, is amended to read as follows:

169.203 Definitions; C. [M.S.A. 4.1703(3)]

Sec. 3. (1) "Candidate" means an individual: (a) who files a fee, affidavit of incumbency, or nominating petition for an elective office; (b) whose nomination as a candidate for elective office by a political party caucus or convention is certified to the appropriate filing official; (c) who receives a contribution, makes an expenditure, or gives consent for another person to receive a contribution or make an expenditure with a view to bringing about the individual's nomination or election to an elective office, whether or not the specific elective office for which the individual will seek nomination or election is known at the time the contribution is received or the expenditure is made; or (d) who is an officeholder who is the subject of a recall vote. Unless the officeholder is constitutionally or legally barred from seeking reelection or fails to file for reelection to that office by the applicable filing deadline, an elected officeholder shall be considered to be a candidate for reelection to that same office for the purposes of this act only.

For purposes of sections 61 to 71, "candidate" only means in a primary election, a candidate for the office of governor; and in a general election, a candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor but the candidates for the office of governor and lieutenant governor of the same political party in a general election shall be considered as 1 candidate.

(2) "Candidate committee" means the committee designated in a candidate's filed statement of organization as that individual's candidate committee. A candidate committee shall be presumed to be under the control and direction of the candidate named in the same statement of organization. Notwithstanding

subsection (4), an individual shall form a candidate committee pursuant to section 21 when the individual becomes a candidate under subsection (1).

(3) "Closing date" means the date through which a campaign statement is required to be complete.

(4) "Committee" means a person who receives contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of the voters for or against the nomination or election of a candidate, or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question, if contributions received total \$200.00 or more in a calendar year or expenditures made total \$200.00 or more in a calendar year. An individual, other than a candidate, shall not constitute a committee.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 311]

AN ACT to amend section 24 of Act No. 388 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled "An act to regulate political activity; to regulate campaign financing; to restrict campaign contributions and expenditures; to require campaign statements and reports; to regulate anonymous contributions; to regulate campaign advertising and literature; to provide for segregated funds for political purposes; to provide for the use of public funds for political purposes; to create a state campaign fund; to provide for reversion of, or refunding of, unexpended balances; to require reports; to provide appropriations; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," being section 169.224 of the Compiled Laws of 1970.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section amended; campaign financing and advertising.

Section 1. Section 24 of Act No. 388 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section 169.224 of the Compiled Laws of 1970, is amended to read as follows:

169.224 Statement of organization; time for filing; late filing fee; contents of statement; change in information; amendment; violations; penalties; sworn statement as to receipts or expenditures; filing statement indicating dissolution of committee; rules governing dissolution. [M.S.A. 4.1703(24)]

Sec. 24. (1) A committee shall file a statement of organization with the filing officials designated in section 36 to receive the committee's campaign statements. A statement of organization shall be filed within 10 days after a committee is formed. A committee in existence at the effective date of this section shall file a statement with the appropriate filing officials within 30 days after the effective date of this section. A filing official shall maintain a statement of organization filed by a committee until notified of the committee's dissolution. A person who fails to file a statement of organization required by this subsection, shall pay a late filing fee of \$10.00 for each day the statement remains not filed in violation of this subsection not to exceed \$300.00. A person who is in violation of this subsection by failing to file for more than 30 days after a statement of organization is required to be filed is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00.