



August 1, 1978

Ms. Betty J. Swanton  
Midland County Clerk's Office  
Midland County Court House  
Midland, Michigan 48640

Dear Ms. Swanton:

This responds to your letter requesting an interpretation as to the meaning of the phrase "for each election" as used in Section 24(4) of the Campaign Finance Act ("the Act"), P.A. 388 of 1976, as amended.

Section 24(4) (MCLA § 169.224) states:

"When filing a statement of organization a committee may indicate in a sworn statement that the committee does not expect for each election to receive an amount in excess of \$500 or expend an amount in excess of \$500." (Emphasis added)

You ask what is the length of time covered for each election? Is it each primary, each general, or is it to cover the entire time an office holder is in his respective office for each election?

Section 5(1) of the Act (MCLA § 169.205) provides:

"Election means a primary, general, special, or millage election held in this state or a convention or caucus of a political party held in this state to nominate a candidate. Election includes a recall vote."

Accordingly, "for each election" as used in Section 24(4) means for each primary, general, or other type of election enumerated in Section 5(1), in which the candidate is involved.

This response may be considered informational only and not as constituting a declaratory ruling.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phillip T. Frangos".

Phillip T. Frangos, Director  
Office of Hearings and Legislation

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