

ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Registration for an organization accepting contributions or making
expenditures in paid media for electioneering communications.
(Section 106.011(1)(b)3., Florida Statutes)

(PLEASE TYPE)

1. Full Name of Organization			Date
Mailing Address (if post office box or drawer, please add street address)			Telephone
City	County	State	Zip Code

2. Affiliated or Connected Organizations		
Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	Relationship

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Organization
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4. Nature of Organization or Organization's Special Interest (e.g., medical, legal, education, etc.)

5. Identify by Name, Address & Position, the Custodian of Books & Accounts (include treasurer's name)		
Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position

6. List By Name, Address, & Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers & Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairperson's name)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position

7. List By Name, Address, Office Sought, & Party Affiliation, Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Organization Is Supporting

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party

8. List Any Issues this Organization is Supporting:

List Any Issues this Organization is Opposing:

9. If this Organization is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party

10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of the Residual Funds?

11. List All Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used by this Organization for Electioneering Communications

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address

12. List All Reports Required to be Filed by this Organization with Federal Officials, & the Names, Addresses, & Positions of Such Officials, If Any

Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address

STATE OF _____ COUNTY _____

I, _____, certify that the information in this Statement of Organization is complete, true, and correct.

X _____
Signature of Chairperson of Organization

Electioneering Communications

Chapter Law 2004-252, Laws of Florida, (CS/SB 2346 and 516), amended Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, to provide a definition of “electioneering communication” in Section 106.011(18)(a), Florida Statutes. Basically, electioneering communications are what has been referred to as “issue advocacy” in the past and do not contain the “express words of advocacy of election or defeat, such as “vote for,” “elect,” “support,” “cast your ballot for,” “Smith for Congress,” “vote against,” “defeat,” “reject.” (*Buckley v. Valeo* 424 US 1, 39 n.52 (1976)).

Electioneering communications are paid expressions in a communications media that refer to or depict a candidate or issue, without expressly advocating the election or defeat of the candidate or issue.

If the electioneering communication refers to or depicts a candidate, it must be targeted to the relevant electorate. This means the communication is to be received by **1,000 or more persons in the geographical area the candidate would represent**, if elected, and the electioneering communication is **published after the end of qualifying for the office sought by the candidate**.

To be an electioneering communication for an issue, it must be published after the issue is designated ballot position or 120 days before the election, whichever occurs first.

There are several **exceptions** to the definition of electioneering communication:

1. Statements in an **organization’s newsletter**, which is distributed only to members of the organization.
2. **Editorial endorsements, news story, commentary, or editorial by any recognized news medium.**
3. A communication that constitutes a **public debate** or forum that includes at least two opposing candidates for an office or one advocate and one opponent of an issue **and** the staging organization is a charitable organization or a recognized news medium.

Organizations whose activities are limited to making expenditures for electioneering communications or accepting contributions for the purpose of making electioneering communications are exempt from the definition of a political committee. However, the **organization is required to register and report contributions and expenditures in the same manner, at the same time, subject to the same penalties and with the same filing officer as a political committee.**

This legislation also amended several definitions in Section 106.011, Florida Statutes. The definitions of “contribution” and “expenditure” now include making electioneering communications. The definition of “independent expenditure” was amended to provide that independent expenditures **expressly** advocate the election or defeat of a candidate or the approval or rejection of an issue. Likewise, the definition of “political advertisement” was amended to be expressions which **expressly** advocate the election or defeat of a candidate or the approval or rejection of an issue.

All electioneering communications must display a disclaimer indicating it is an electioneering communication, and all individuals making electioneering communication expenditures in an amount of \$100 or more must file periodic reports of those expenditures. The disclaimer for an electioneering communication is found in Section 106.1439, Florida Statutes, and must prominently state, “Paid electioneering communication paid for by... (Name and address of person paying for the communication...)”

Finally, the legislation also amends Section 106.04(5), Florida Statutes, to **prohibit** committees of continuous existence from making electioneering communications.