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MEMORANDUM

TO: Political Committees, Committees of Continuous Existence, and
Electioneering Communication Organizations

FROM: Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief *KRB*
Bureau of Election Records

DATE: May 18, 2009

SUBJECT: Special Election, Florida Senate, District 28

A special election has been called for the office of Florida Senate, District 28. The Special Primary Election is scheduled for June 30, 2009. The Special General Election is scheduled for August 4, 2009.

Section 106.07(1)(d)1., Florida Statutes, provides:

When a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, all political committees and committees of continuous existence making contributions or expenditures to influence the results of such special election shall file campaign treasurer's reports with the filing officer on the dates set by the Department of State pursuant to s. 100.111. (*Emphasis supplied.*)

Committees are required to file special election campaign treasurer's reports only if the committee makes a contribution to a special election candidate during the special election reporting periods (see chart on next page) or the committee makes an expenditure to influence the results of the special election.

Committees are to include on the special election campaign treasurer's reports all contributions received and all expenditures made by the committee during the special election reporting periods. All contributions received and expenditures made during the current quarter that occurred before or after the special election campaign treasurer cover periods should be filed on the next quarterly report. Once a committee has participated in the special election and has filed a special election campaign report, all other special election reports remaining must also be filed by the committee, even if there is no further special election activity.

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All reports must be filed through the Electronic Filing System (EFS) not later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by this time are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes.

In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

The campaign reporting schedule for this special election is as follows:

<u>Report</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Covered Period</u>
SF1	06/12/09	05/18/09 - 06/11/09
SF2	06/26/09	06/12/09 - 06/25/09
SG1	07/10/09	06/26/09 - 07/09/09
SG2	07/31/09	07/10/09 - 07/30/09

Any political committee, committee of continuous existence or electioneering communication organization failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Please contact our office at (850) 245-6240 if you have any questions.

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