

19:25-4.5 Establishment of a continuing political committee

(a) Any group of two or more persons acting jointly, or any corporation, partnership, or any other incorporated or unincorporated association, including a political club, political action committee, civic association or other organization, which in any calendar year contributes or expects to contribute at least \$3,000 to aid or promote a candidate or candidates, or to aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public question or questions, and which may be expected to make contributions or expenditures in subsequent calendar years, shall become eligible to be certified by the Commission as a continuing political committee by appointing an organizational treasurer and organizational depository no later than the date on which the prospective continuing political committee first receives any contribution or makes or incurs any expenditure that when combined with other contributions received or expenditures made in a calendar year totals \$3,000 or more.

(b) No later than 10 days after a prospective continuing political committee becomes eligible to be certified, the prospective continuing political committee shall file a registration statement and designation of organizational depository containing the following information:

1. The full name of the prospective continuing political committee, and identifying title, if different;

2. The mailing address of the continuing political committee, and the name and resident address of a resident of New Jersey who is designated by the committee as the agent of the prospective continuing political committee to receive service of process;

3. The name, mailing address and telephone number of the person appointed as chairperson;

4. The name, mailing and resident address and telephone number of the person appointed as organizational treasurer;

5. The name, mailing address and telephone number of the bank at which the organizational depository has been established, the account name and number, and the names, mailing addresses and phone numbers of all persons authorized to sign checks or otherwise make transactions;

6. The general organizational category or affiliation of the prospective continuing political committee, including, but not limited to: supporting or opposing a candidate or public officeholder, or support of or affiliation with a business, union, professional or trade association, ideological group, civic association, or other entity; and

7. A descriptive statement prepared by the organizers or officers that identifies:

i. The names and mailing address of all the persons having control over the affairs of the prospective continuing political committee, including but not limited to

persons in whose name or at whose direction or suggestion the committee solicits funds or makes contributions;

ii. The names and mailing addresses of persons not previously identified under (b)7i above who, directly or through an agent, participated in the initial organization of the committee;

iii. In the case of any identified person who is an individual, the occupation of that individual, home address, and name and mailing address of the individual's employer;

iv. In the case of any identified person that is a corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, or other organization, the name and mailing address of the organization; and

v. The economic, political or other particular interests and objectives which the prospective continuing political committee has been organized to or does advance.

(c) The registration statement and designation of organizational depository shall be certified as true and correct by the chairperson and organizational treasurer, and they shall further certify that no candidate has established, authorized the establishment of, maintained or participated directly or indirectly in the management or control of the continuing political committee, and no candidate shall be permitted to do so during the existence of the continuing political committee.

(d) The Commission shall certify a continuing political committee upon the satisfactory completion and filing of the registration statement and designation of organizational depository.

(e) The continuing political committee shall file an amendment to the registration statement and designation of organizational depository no later than three days after any of the information required in (b) above changes.

Amended by R.1996 d.582, effective December 16, 1996 (operative January 1, 1997).

See: 28 N.J.R. 4388(b), 28 N.J.R. 5193(b).

Raised contribution thresholds.

19:25-4.6 Designation by a political party committee

(a) A political party committee shall designate on or before July 1 in each year an organizational treasurer and an organizational depository.

(b) No later than 10 days after designating an organizational treasurer and organizational depository, a political party committee shall file a designation of organizational depository containing the following information:

1. The full name of the political party committee, which shall include the name of the political party to which the committee is affiliated;

2. The name, mailing address and telephone number of the person appointed as chairperson;

3. The name, mailing and resident address and telephone number of the person appointed as organizational treasurer; and

4. The name, mailing address and telephone number of the bank at which the organizational depository has been established, the account name and number, and the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of all persons authorized to sign checks or otherwise make transactions.

(c) The designation of organizational depository shall be certified as true and correct by the chairperson and treasurer.

(d) The political party committee shall file an amendment to its designation of organizational depository no later than three days after any of the information required in (b) above changes.

Amended by R.1995 d.509, effective September 18, 1995.
See: 27 N.J.R. 2564(a), 27 N.J.R. 3621(d).

19:25-4.7 Establishment of a legislative leadership committee

(a) The President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, and the Minority Leader of the General Assembly may each establish, authorize the establishment of, or designate a State political party committee as a legislative leadership committee for the purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures to aid or promote candidates, or to aid or promote the passage or defeat of public questions.

(b) The President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, and the Minority Leader of the General Assembly, or the person authorized by any of them to establish a legislative leadership committee, shall appoint such members and adopt such bylaws for the maintenance of the committee as is deemed appropriate.

(c) Each legislative leadership committee shall appoint an organizational treasurer and designate an organizational depository no later than the date on which it first receives any contribution, or makes or incurs any expenditure. If a State political party committee is designated to serve as a legislative leadership committee, an organizational depository separate from the organizational depository of the State political party committee shall be established and be designated as a depository solely for receiving funds and making expenditures of the legislative leadership committee.

(d) No later than 10 days after a legislative leadership committee is established, the legislative leadership committee shall file a registration statement and designation of organizational depository containing the following information:

1. The full name of the legislative leadership committee, which name must contain the name of the legislative leader who established it or authorized establishment of it;

2. The mailing address of the legislative leadership committee and the name and resident address of a resident of New Jersey who shall have been designated by the committee as its agent to accept service of legal process;

3. The name, mailing and resident address and telephone number of the person appointed as organizational treasurer;

4. The name, mailing address and telephone number of the bank at which the organizational depository has been established, the account name and number, and the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of all persons authorized to sign checks or otherwise make transactions;

5. The political party affiliation of the legislative leadership committee, and a statement of the interests which are shared by leadership, members, or financial supporters; and

6. A copy of the bylaws adopted by the legislative leadership committee or, if none have been adopted, a statement to that effect.

(e) The registration statement and designation of organizational depository shall be certified as true and correct by the legislative leader who established, or authorized establishment of, the legislative leadership committee, and by the organizational treasurer.

(f) Within 30 days after a legislative leadership committee is established, the organizational treasurer shall file and certify as true and correct a written notice of the membership containing the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson, and all other members of the committee.

(g) The legislative leadership committee or its organizational treasurer shall file an amendment to the registration statement and designation of organizational depository, or to the written notice of membership, within three days of the occurrence of any change in any of the information required by (d) or (f) above.

SUBCHAPTER 5. APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN OFFICERS AND DEPOSITORIES

19:25-5.1 Qualifications of campaign or committee officers

(a) Any competent person 18 years of age or older may serve as a campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, organizational treasurer, deputy organizational treasurer, committee chairperson, committee vice-chairperson, or committee member provided that person maintains a resident address within the State of New Jersey, or alternatively files a consent to service of legal process within the State of New Jersey as set forth in (c) below.

(b) A candidate may serve as his or her own campaign or deputy campaign treasurer, or as committee chairperson, vice-chairperson or member.

(c) Notwithstanding (a) above, no person serving as the chairperson of a political party committee or a legislative leadership committee shall be eligible to be appointed to or serve as:

1. Chairperson, treasurer, or deputy treasurer of a candidate committee or joint candidates committee, other than a candidate committee or joint candidates committee established to further the election of that person as a candidate;