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20A-11-801 Political issues committees -- Registration -- Criminal penalty for providing false information or accepting unlawful contribution.

- (1)
 - (a) Each political issues committee shall file a statement of organization with the lieutenant governor's office by January 10 of each year, unless the political issues committee has filed a notice of dissolution under Subsection (4).
 - (b) If a political issues committee is organized after the January 10 filing date, the political issues committee shall file an initial statement of organization no later than seven days after:
 - (i) receiving political issues contributions totaling at least \$750; or
 - (ii) disbursing political issues expenditures totaling at least \$750.
- (2) Each political issues committee shall designate two officers that have primary decision-making authority for the political issues committee.
- (3) The statement of organization shall include:
 - (a) the name and street address of the political issues committee;
 - (b) the name, street address, phone number, occupation, and title of the two primary officers designated under Subsection (2);
 - (c) the name, street address, occupation, and title of all other officers of the political issues committee;
 - (d) the name and street address of the organization, individual, corporation, association, unit of government, or union that the political issues committee represents, if any;
 - (e) the name and street address of all affiliated or connected organizations and their relationships to the political issues committee;
 - (f) the name, street address, business address, occupation, and phone number of the committee's treasurer or chief financial officer;
 - (g) the name, street address, and occupation of each member of the supervisory and advisory boards, if any; and
 - (h) the ballot proposition whose outcome they wish to affect, and whether they support or oppose it.
- (4)
 - (a) Any registered political issues committee that intends to permanently cease operations during a calendar year shall file a notice of dissolution with the lieutenant governor's office.
 - (b) Any notice of dissolution filed by a political issues committee does not exempt that political issues committee from complying with the financial reporting requirements of this chapter.
- (5)
 - (a) Unless the political issues committee has filed a notice of dissolution under Subsection (4), a political issues committee shall file, with the lieutenant governor's office, notice of any change of an officer described in Subsection (2).
 - (b) Notice of a change of a primary officer described in Subsection (2) shall:
 - (i) be filed within 10 days of the date of the change; and
 - (ii) contain the name and title of the officer being replaced and the name, street address, occupation, and title of the new officer.
- (6)
 - (a) A person is guilty of providing false information in relation to a political issues committee if the person intentionally or knowingly gives false or misleading material information in the statement of organization or the notice of change of primary officer.

- (b) Each primary officer designated in Subsection (2) is guilty of accepting an unlawful contribution if the political issues committee knowingly or recklessly accepts a contribution from a corporation that:
 - (i) was organized less than 90 days before the date of the general election; and
 - (ii) at the time the political issues committee accepts the contribution, has failed to file a statement of organization with the lieutenant governor's office as required by Section 20A-11-704.
- (c) A violation of this Subsection (6) is a third degree felony.

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