

**ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND CHECKOFF
AMENDMENTS**

2002 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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This act modifies tax code provisions governing requirements for the Election Campaign Fund and makes technical corrections.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

59-10-548, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 2, Laws of Utah 1987

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **59-10-548** is amended to read:

59-10-548. Election Campaign Fund -- Contents -- Disbursement and distribution -- Limitations on expenditures -- Violations.

(1) (a) There is established in the State Trust and Agency Fund provided for under Section 51-5-4 a trust fund to be known as the Election Campaign Fund. ~~[This]~~

(b) The fund shall consist of all amounts deposited to it as provided in Section 59-10-547.

(2) ~~[The state treasurer shall on]~~ On or before four months after the due date of the returns required by this chapter ~~[as to]~~ in which designations of payment to the fund have been made ~~[make disbursements from the fund as follows],~~ the state treasurer shall:

(a) ~~[One-half of]~~ disburse that portion of the amounts deposited in the fund since the last disbursement ~~that were~~ designated for ~~[any given]~~ a political party ~~[shall be disbursed]~~ to the ~~[state central committee of that]~~ political party~~[-]~~ to which they were designated; and

~~[(b) The balance of this portion shall be distributed to the respective county central committees of that party in the direct relationship that the number of taxpayers who designated that amounts be paid into the fund for that party residing in any county bears to the total number of such taxpayers who made designations for that party in the state.]~~

(b) provide to the political party a list disclosing, for each county, the total amount designated by taxpayers in that county.

~~[(3) Each state central committee and county central committee which receives disbursements from the fund shall establish a separate account for these disbursements. Payments from any of these accounts shall only be made upon explicit authorization, as to each payment, from a duly convened meeting of the applicable central committee, which duty of authorization is not delegable. Any person violating this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor, and any person has standing to enjoin any violation of it.]~~