

## Campaign Finance Changes - 2021

- A candidate may only choose to register as a “candidate” or a “candidate committee” for reporting purposes.
- The voluntary spending cap is repealed.
- All receipts of \$50 and under shall appear as unitemized receipts.
- Receipts exceeding \$50 shall be recorded on R&E with the full name and address of the contributor in alphabetical order and the amount of the contribution, the date it was received, and the aggregate total for each election for each contributor over \$200.
- Receipts with an aggregate of over \$200 shall also record the contributor’s occupation including official job title, the name of the contributor’s employer, and the city or town of the contributor’s principal place of business, if any.
- Expenditures exceeding \$50 shall be reported with the full name and postal address of the payee or promise of payment, the date paid or obligated, and the election for which the expenditure was made, with the specific nature and amount of each expenditure since the date of registration.
- Once a political committee has passed the threshold for registering and have registered, political committees are not required to file reports until their receipts or expenditures exceed \$1,000.
- Candidates are not required to file reports until their expenditures exceed \$1,000.
- Independent expenditures must be reported when the aggregate exceeds \$1,000, and then each time \$1,000 is expended.
- Penalties for not filing timely amended as follows:
  - Daily fine of \$25 for every weekday a report or statement is late; except that a
  - Daily fine of \$5 for candidates for the general court if report is filed late.

Effective September 28, 2021