

Statement of Organization and Campaign Finance Information

(Please refer to the back of the Statement of Organization form for complete instructions)

Dear candidate:

As soon as you become a candidate, you have ten (10) days to form a committee and an additional ten (10) days to register your committee with the County Clerk. Enclosed please find a Statement of Organization form that must be completed and returned to our Election Department, 315 W. Green Street, Marshall, Michigan 49068. **It is necessary to complete this form even if you do not plan on spending or receiving any funds.** A \$10.00 late filing fee is assessed each business day an original Statement of Organization is late. The maximum fee assessed is \$300.00. After your Statement of Organization is processed by the Election Department of the County Clerk's office, you will receive an I.D. number.

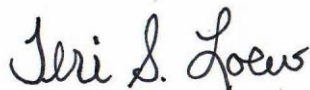
A Candidate Committee that does not expect to receive or spend more than \$1,000.00 for any election is eligible for a reporting waiver. To become eligible for a reporting waiver, please check item ten (10) on the Statement of Organization. A committee that qualifies for a reporting waiver is exempt from filing Pre-Election, Post-Election and Annual Campaign Finance Statements. Committees that have a reporting waiver must still maintain a complete record of the Committee's financial activity for each election. A committee that checks the reporting waiver and then receives or spends more than \$1,000.00 will automatically lose their waiver and must file all campaign statements as required by law.

If you do not check the waiver (item 10) on the Statement of Organization, all campaign finance statements must be filed as required by law. A \$25.00 late filing fee is assessed each business day a required Pre-Election, Post-Election or Annual Campaign Finance Statement is late. The maximum fee assessed is \$500.00.

As a reminder, the Campaign Finance Act requires all paid advertisements having reference to an election, a candidate or a ballot question to contain an identification statement and, if applicable, a disclaimer Statement. The identification must be clear to the reader or listener and worded to include "Paid for by (name and address of person, group or committee)."

Should you have any questions regarding subject form, please call our office at 269-781-0988.

Sincerely,



Teri S. Loew
Chief Deputy Clerk of Elections