

- b. contributions/in-kind contributions to a candidate;
- c. expenditures to support or oppose the election of a candidate to office;
- d. contributions/in-kind contributions to other political committees;
- e. taxes assessed against the political committee;
- f. expenditures to support or oppose a proposition on the ballot;
- g. expenditures to support or oppose the recall of an elected official.

- 2. Contribution may not be used for:
 - a. any personal use of an officer, member or any other person that is unrelated to the administrative and operating costs of the political committee;
 - b. expenditures to a company that is owned by the chairperson or treasurer of the political committee that would otherwise not be permitted by Paragraph A.1;
 - c. expenditures for the purpose of supporting an elected official's holding of public office or party position;
 - d. expenditures for the benefit of a candidate that would be a personal use if made from a candidate's campaign funds.

3. The provisions of this section are not exclusive.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 18:1511.2A.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Civil Service, Board of Ethics, LR 50:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed Rule changes have no known impact on family formation, stability or autonomy, as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed Rule changes have no known impact on poverty, as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

The proposed Rule should not have any known or adverse impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:978.5.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Public Comments

Interested persons may direct their comments to Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, telephone 225-219-5600, until 4:45 p.m. on July 10, 2024.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Use of Contributions Received by a Political Committee

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)
 - The proposed rule is not anticipated to result in any cost or savings to the state or local government units, other than the cost to publish the Notice of Intent and final rule in the State Register.

NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Civil Service
Board of Ethics**

**Use of Contributions Received by a Political Committee
(LAC 52:I.1613)**

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Department of Civil Service, Board of Ethics, has initiated rulemaking procedures and is proposing to adopt a rule regarding the use of contributions received by a political committee.

**Title 52
ETHICS**

Part I. Board of Ethics

Chapter 16. The Board as Supervisory Committee of the Louisiana Campaign Finance Disclosure Act

§1613. Contributions

A. In an effort to provide clarity, the following shall be a permissive use of campaign funds by a political committee, other than a principal or subsidiary political committee of a candidate.

- 1. Contributions may be used for:
 - a. administrative and operating costs of running the political committee;

The proposed rule provides clarity for the Board of Ethics with respect to political committees that are not the principal or subsidiary committee of a candidate. The proposed rule outlines how contributions made by these entities may be used.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule has no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule will have an impact on political committees other than a principal or subsidiary political committee of a candidate only insofar that it provides clarifications for permissive use of campaign funds.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule has no anticipated effect on competition and employment.

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