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The Honorable Senator Cleo Fields
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The Honorable Representative Gerald "Beau"
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**Re: Promulgation of Amended Rules Regarding Political Committees; Filing Fees
(LAC 52: I. Chapter 16, *Louisiana Register*, Volume 50, No. 9, September 20,
2024, Page 1303-1304)**

Dear Senator Fields and Representative Beaullieu:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b), the Louisiana Board of Ethics reports that no public hearing has been or will be held as to the proposed amended regulations concerning the acceptance of payments via electronic funds transfer for political committee registration fees. The deadline to submit comments or request a public hearing for the proposed rule was October 10, 2024. No one submitted comments or requested a public hearing; therefore, no public hearing was scheduled.

If you would like to schedule a hearing before your respective Committee to consider the proposed rules, please contact Kristy Gary, Deputy Ethics Administrator, or myself to provide such assistance as is necessary under these circumstances. Upon receiving a favorable recommendation, the Louisiana Board of Ethics anticipates the final rule will be published on February 20, 2025.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

David M. Bordelon
For the Board

NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Civil Service
Board of Ethics**

Political Committees; Filing Fees (LAC 52:1.1603)

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 amend a rule regarding the acceptance of payments via electronic funds transfer for political committee registration fees.

**Title 52
ETHICS**

Part I. Board of Ethics

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

§1603. Political Committees; Filing Fees

A. A fee of \$100 shall be remitted to the supervisory committee with each statement of organization required to be filed by a political committee.

B. The \$100 fee shall be due only once per calendar year per committee. In the event that an amended statement of organization is filed by a political committee, no additional fee is required to be paid.

C. All fees paid in compliance with §1603 shall be by check drawn upon, or by electronic funds transfer drawn from, the designated depository of the political committee.

D. Certificates of registration will be issued to political committees only after a sufficient time has elapsed to insure that the funds used to pay the required fee have been paid by the bank upon which it is drawn.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:1134(A).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Civil Service, Board of Ethics, LR 23:1301 (October 1997), amended 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, Louisiana 70821, telephone (225) 219-5600, until 4:45 p.m. on October 10, 2024.

Kathleen M. Allen
Ethics Administrator

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

RULE TITLE: Political Committees; Filing Fees

**I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO
STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)**

The proposed rule change will result in a one-time in-house information technology update to allow the political committee fees to be drawn by electronic funds transfer. The Ethics Administration will absorb the increased workload with its existing staff and resources. The only cost to the state is the cost to publish the Notice of Intent and the rule in the State Register.

The proposed rule change codifies Act 664 of the 2024 Regular Session, which provides for acceptance of payments via electronic funds transfer for political committee registration fees.

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

The proposed rule change 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 change allows political committees to pay their filing fees via electronic funds transfer, but should not have a fiscal impact on these groups. Previously, all fees paid were required to be paid by check.

**IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT
(Summary)**

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

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