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# Notice of Proposed Permanent Rulemaking

Office of the Secretary of State Rules Concerning Campaign and Political Finance 8 CCR 1505-6

June 14, 2019

## I. Hearing Notice

As required by the State Administrative Procedure Act,<sup>1</sup> the Secretary of State gives notice of proposed rulemaking. The hearing is scheduled for **July 24, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Blue Spruce Conference Room on the 2nd floor of the Secretary of State's Office at 1700 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80290.

## II. Subject

The Secretary is considering amendments to the rules concerning campaign and political finance<sup>2</sup> to improve the administration and enforcement of Colorado campaign finance law.<sup>3</sup>

Specifically, the Secretary proposes permanent adoption of temporary Rule 10.17 adopted on March 29, 2019. The Secretary is considering additional rule amendments include revisions necessary to ensure proper administration of legislation recently passed by the Colorado General Assembly; establish uniformity in the administration of current law; eliminate obsolete provisions; simplify the language of existing rules; remove language that is duplicative of statute or constitutional provisions; and ensure consistency with Department rulemaking standards.

A detailed Statement of Basis, Purpose, and Specific Statutory Authority follows this notice and is incorporated by reference.

# III. Rulemaking authority

The Secretary proposes the rule revisions and amendments in accordance with the following statutory and constitutional provisions:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 24-4-103(3)(a), C.R.S. (2018).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 8 CCR 1505-CCR 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Article 45 of Title 1, C.R.S. (2018).

- Article XXVIII, Section 8 of the Colorado Constitution, which requires the Secretary of State to "promulgate rules related to filing in accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S."
- Article XXVIII, Section 9(1)(b) of the Colorado Constitution, which requires the Secretary of State to "[p]romulgate such rules, in accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., or any successor section, as may be necessary to administer and enforce any provision of [Article XVIII of the Colorado State Constitution]."
- Section 1-1-107(2)(a), C.R.S., (2018), which authorizes the Secretary of State "[t]o promulgate, publish, and distribute...such rules as the secretary of state finds necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of the election laws."
- Section 1-45-111.5(1), C.R.S., (2018), which requires the Secretary of State to promulgate such rules "as may be necessary to enforce and administer any provision of" article 45 of title 1, C.R.S.
- Section 1-45-107.5(5)(c), C.R.S. (2018), which requires the Secretary of State to establish, by rule, the "size and placement requirements for the disclaimer statement." (HB 19-1318)

## IV. Copies of draft rules

A preliminary draft of the proposed rules is posted on the Secretary of State's rules and notices of rulemaking website at:

http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/rule\_making/hearings/2019/CPFRulesHearing20190724.html

You may also contact our office to request a paper or editable electronic copy of the draft rules.

As required by the State Administrative Procedures Act,<sup>4</sup> if changes are made before the hearing, revised proposed draft rules will be available to the public and posted on the website by July 19, 2019.

### V. Opportunity to testify and submit written comments

The Secretary values your feedback in our rulemaking process and we would very much like to hear your thoughts on the proposed amendments. Please review and consider the attached proposed draft rules.

Everyone will have the opportunity to testify and provide written comment concerning the rule amendments. To ensure that the hearing is prompt and efficient, oral testimony may be time-limited.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 24-4-103(3)(a), C.R.S. (2018). "Any proposed rule or revised proposed rule by an agency which is to be considered at the public hearing...shall be made available to any person at least five days prior to said hearing."

You may submit written comments by mail, email, or in person to our office any time before the hearing. If you attend the hearing, you may submit written comments to the hearing panel as well. Additional opportunity to comment in writing may be announced at the conclusion of the hearing.

All written comments will be posted online at the Secretary of State website at: <u>http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/rule\_making/hearings/2019/CPFRulesHearing20190724.html</u>. We will redact contact information, including home address, email address, and telephone number(s), from submissions before posting the information online, unless otherwise directed by the contributor.

### VI. Broadcast and audio recording of hearing

If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may listen to the live broadcast from the Aspen Conference Room online at <u>www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/info\_center/audioBroadcasts.html</u>. After the hearing, visit the same website and click on "archived recordings" to access an audio recording of the hearing.

### VII. Office contact

If you have any questions or would like to submit written comments, please contact Andrea Gyger with the Administration Division at <u>SoS.Rulemaking@sos.state.co.us</u> or (303) 894-2200 ext. 6329.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2019.

Jenny Flanagan Deputy Secretary of State

For

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# Draft Statement of Basis, Purpose, and Specific Statutory Authority

# Office of the Secretary of State Rules Concerning Campaign and Political Finance 8 CCR 1505-6

# June 14, 2019

# I. Basis and Purpose

This statement explains amendments to the Colorado Secretary of State rules concerning campaign and political finance.<sup>1</sup> The amendments are intended to ensure uniform and proper administration, implementation, and enforcement of Colorado campaign finance law<sup>2</sup> as follows:

- Amendments to Rule 1.4.3 are necessary establish uniformity in the administration of current law.
- New Rules 1.6.4 and 1.8.3 are necessary to establish uniformity in the administration of current law.
- A portion of Current Rule 1.7 is relocated to New Rule 5.2.
- New Rules 1.23 and 21.2.1, and amendments to Rule 10.5 are necessary to implement HB 19-1318.
- Amendments to Rules 2.2.3 and 2.2.4(b)(1) are necessary to implement HB 19-1007.
- Amendments to Rules 2.4.3, 10.6, 12.5, 17.2.4, 18.1.1, are necessary to clarify the use of the rules by appropriate filing offices other than the Secretary of State, such as municipal clerks.
- Amendments to Rule 7.1.1 are necessary to establish uniformity in the administration of current law.
- Amendments to Rule 9.1 are necessary to establish uniformity in the administration of current law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 8 CCR 1505-CCR 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Article 45 of Title 1, C.R.S. (2018).

- Amendments to Rule 10.1.3 are necessary to implement SB 19-229.Amendments to Rule 10.2.3 are necessary to establish uniformity in the administration of current law.
- Amendments to Rule 10.4 are necessary to establish uniformity in the administration of current law.
- Amendments to Rule 10.16.1 are necessary to clarify repetitive or obsolete provisions in the rules.
- Proposed permanent adoption of amendments to Rule 10.17, temporarily adopted on March 29, 2019.
- New Rule 10.17.1 (g) and the chart under (h) establish contribution limits for candidates for county offices in accordance with HB 19-1007.
- Amendments to Rule 11.5 to eliminate unnecessary cross-reference.
- Repeal of Rule 16.3 are necessary to repeal obsolete provisions.
- Amendments to Rule 17.5.1 are necessary to uniform administration of current law.
- Amendments to Rules 18.1.2, 18.1.3 and repeal of Rules 18.2.2 through 18.2.10, 18.2.12, 18.3 and 18.4 are necessary to implement SB 19-232. Amendments to Current Rule 18.2.11, renumbered as Rule 18.2.2, are also necessary to implement SB19-232.
- New Rule 22 establishes rules concerning disclaimer statements in accordance with HB 19-1318 (section 1-45-107.5, C.R.S.). Current Rule 5.1 is relocated and amended under the new rule.

Other changes to rules not specifically listed are non-substantive and necessary for consistency with Department rulemaking format and style. Cross-references in rules are also corrected or updated.

On May 31, 2019, the Secretary issued a request for public comment to help our office develop preliminary draft rules. The comments we received in anticipation of rulemaking are available online at: <a href="http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/rule\_making/CPFRuleComments.html">www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/rule\_making/CPFRuleComments.html</a> and are incorporated into the official rulemaking record.

# II. Rulemaking Authority

• Article XXVIII, Section 8 of the Colorado Constitution, which requires the Secretary of State to "promulgate rules related to filing in accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S."

- Article XXVIII, Section 9(1)(b) of the Colorado Constitution, which requires the Secretary of State to "[p]romulgate such rules, in accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., or any successor section, as may be necessary to administer and enforce any provision of [Article XVIII of the Colorado State Constitution]."
- Section 1-1-107(2)(a), C.R.S., (2018), which authorizes the Secretary of State "[t]o promulgate, publish, and distribute...such rules as the secretary of state finds necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of the election laws."
- Section 1-45-111.5(1), C.R.S., (2018), which requires the Secretary of State to promulgate such rules "as may be necessary to enforce and administer any provision of" article 45 of title 1, C.R.S.
- Section 1-45-107.5(5)(c), C.R.S., (2018), which requires the Secretary of State to establish, by rule, the "size and placement requirements for the disclaimer statement." (HB 19-1318)

### **Preliminary Draft of Proposed Rules**

### Office of the Colorado Secretary of State Rules Concerning Campaign and Political Finance 8 CCR 1505-6

#### June 14, 2019

#### **Disclaimer:**

In accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act, this draft is filed with the Secretary of State and submitted to the Department of Regulatory Agencies.<sup>1</sup>

This is a preliminary draft of the proposed rules that may be revised before the July 24, 2019 rulemaking hearing. If changes are made, a revised copy of the proposed rules will be available to the public and a copy will be posted on the Department of State's website no later than **July 19, 2019**.<sup>2</sup>

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Please note the following formatting key:

#### 1 Amendments to 8 CCR 1505-6 follow:

#### 2 Rule 1. Definitions

#### 3 [Amendments to Rule 1.4]

- 4 1.4 "Contribution" has the same meaning as set forth in Colo. Const. article XXVIII, section 2(5)(b) 2(5)(A), and section 1-45-103(6), C.R.S.
- 1.4.1 A contribution does not include an endorsement of a candidate or an issue by any
  person, or include interest earned in an interest-bearing bank account, dividend income
  from invested committee funds, earned income from commercially reasonable
  transactions, or transfers of money within a political party.
- 10 1.4.2 Volunteer services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sections 24-4-103(2.5) and (3)(a), C.R.S. (2018). A draft must be submitted to the Department at the time that a notice of proposed rulemaking is filed with the Secretary of State.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 24-4-103(4)(a), C.R.S. (2018). "[A]ny proposed rule or revised proposed rule by an agency which is to be considered at the public hearing...shall be made available to any person at least five days prior to said hearing."

1 2 3			(a) Time-based services volunteered by an individual are not considered a contribution if the individual receives no direct or indirect compensation for the time volunteered.			
4 5			(b) If an individual volunteers only a portion of his or her time-based services, the volunteered portion is not considered a contribution.			
6 7 8 9			(c) Any unpaid services that create a thing of value are not considered a contribution. If volunteer services yield a thing of value, "contribution" only includes the reasonable value of the materials involved, unless the value is de minimis.			
10 11 12 13		1.4.3	"Contribution in support of the candidacy" as outlined in Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 2(2), includes all contributions given directly to, or EXPENDITURES OR SPENDING coordinated with, a candidate for a specific public office, including those to a person who maintains a candidate committee after an election cycle.			
14	[Amer	ndments	o Rules 1.6, 1.7, and 1.8]			
15	1.6	"Frequ	ent filing schedule" means:			
16 17		1.6.1	For state and school district director candidates and committees, the filing schedule outlined in sections 1-45-108 (2)(a)(I)(B), (2)(a)(I)(C), (2)(a)(I)(D), and (2)(a)(I)(E), C.R.S.;			
18 19		1.6.2	For a county, municipal, and special district candidate or committee, the filing schedule outlined in section 1-45-108 (2)(a)(II), C.R.S.; and			
20 21 22		1.6.3	For political committees, small donor committees, independent expenditure committees, and political organizations participating in a regular biennial school election, the filing schedule outlined in sections $1-45-108(2)(a)(I)(C)$ , $(2)(a)(I)(D)$ , and $(2)(a)(I)(E)$ , C.R.S.			
23 24 25		1.6.4	For ISSUE COMMITTEES SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING A BALLOT MEASURE THAT ATTEMPTS ACCESS TO OR WILL APPEAR ON AN UPCOMING BALLOT, THE FILING SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN SECTIONS $1-45-108(1)(A)(I)(B)$ , $1-45-108(2)(A)(I)(C)$ , $(2)(A)(I)(D)$ , and $(2)(A)(I)(E)$ , C.R.S.			
26 27	1.7		lependent expenditure committee" has the same meaning as set forth in section 1-45- (11.5), C.R.S.			
28 29		[The r 5.2]	mainder of Current Rule 1.7, is not repealed; this content is recodified under New Rule			
30	1.8	"Infrec	uent filing schedule" means:			
31 32		1.8.1	For a state and school district director candidate or committee, the quarterly filing schedule outlined in section $1-45-108(2)(a)(I)(A)$ , C.R.S.; and			
33 34		1.8.2	For a county, municipal, or special district candidate or committee, the annual filing schedule outlined in section 1-45-108(2)(a)(II), C.R.S.			
35 36 37		1.8.3	For issue committees supporting or opposing a ballot measure that will not appear on an upcoming ballot, the filing schedule outlined in sections $1-45-108(2)(A)(I)(A)$ and $(2)(A)(II)$ C.R.S.			
38	[New	Rule 1.2	]			

- 1.23 "TRANSFER" AS USED IN SECTION 1-45-107.5(14), C.R.S., MEANS THE DISPOSITION OF OR PARTING
   WITH AN ASSET OR AN INTEREST IN AN ASSET. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE PAYMENT TO A VENDOR OR PAYMENT
   OF A CONTRACT FOR GOODS OR SERVICES.
- 4 [Amendments to Rule 2.2.3 concerning Candidate committees]
- 52.2.3A candidate committee may accept the contribution limit specified in Colo. Const. Article6XXVIII, Section 3(1) AND SECTION 1-45-103.7(1.5), C.R.S. for the primary election even if7the primary election is canceled under section 1-4-104.5(1), C.R.S. or the candidate is8running unopposed.
- 9 [Amendments to Rule 2.2.4(b)(1) concerning managing unexpended campaign contributions]
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- (b) Candidates seeking re-election to the same office
- 11(1)A candidate committee may retain contributions to use in a subsequent12election cycle for the same public office, in an amount not to exceed the13political party contribution limit in Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 3(3)14AND SECTION 1-45-103.7(1.5)(A)(III), C.R.S. (as adjusted by Rule 10.16)1510.17).
- 16 [Amendments to Rule 2.4.3 concerning personal financial disclosures]
- 17 2.4.3 If a candidate withdraws his or her candidacy by submitting appropriate documentation
  18 before filing the disclosure statement required in section 1-45-110(2)(a), C.R.S., the
  19 candidate need not file a disclosure statement. Any fines that the candidate accrued
  20 before withdrawing may be waived by the Secretary of State APPROPRIATE FILING OFFICE.
- 21 [Amendments to Rule 5]

### 22 Rule 5. Independent Expenditures and Independent Expenditure Committees

- 23 [Current Rule 5.1 is amended and recodified as New Rule 22]
- 5.2-5.1 An independent expenditure committee must report donations over twenty dollars given for the
   purpose of making an independent expenditure.
- 5.2.1-5.1.1 An independent expenditure committee must itemize donations of \$250 or more
   per year given for the purpose of making an independent expenditure and include the
   name and address of the donor.
- 5.2.2-5.1.2 If the committee is unable to gather the information required by section 1-45 107.5(4)(b)(II), or (III), C.R.S., within 30 days after receipt of the donation, the committee
   must return the donation to the donor no later than the 31st day after receipt.
- 5.2.3-5.1.3 An independent expenditure committee must itemize independent expenditures
   made in an aggregate amount of \$1,000 in any one calendar year and include the
   information required by section 1-45-107.5, C.R.S.
- 35 [A portion of Current Rule 1.7 is recodified under New Rule 5.2 as follows:]

An independent expenditure committee may not coordinate its campaign-related expenditures
 with a candidate, candidate committee, or political party. Nothing in these rules limits joint
 fundraising efforts or the transfer of funds raised through joint fundraising efforts by an
 independent expenditure committee or other committee as long as each committee pays its

- allocated share of joint fundraising expenses and no committee participating in the joint
   fundraising activity receives more than its allocated share of funds raised in accordance with
   applicable contribution limits.
- 4 [Amendments to Rule 7.1.1 concerning Federal PACs]
- 5 7.1.1 A Federal PAC that qualifies as a political committee under Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, section 2(12), must register with the Secretary of State's office as a state political 6 7 committee and follow all requirements for state political committees; EXCEPT THAT A 8 FEDERAL PAC IS NOT REQUIRED TO FORM A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE STATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE SO LONG AS THE FUNDS USED FOR THE STATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE CAN 9 10 BE SEPARATELY IDENTIFIED. Nothing in this rule requires a Federal PAC to observe 11 Colorado requirements for contributions, expenditures, or other campaign finance activity 12 for federal elections or elections in states other than Colorado.
- 13 [Amendments to Rule 9.1 concerning registered agents]
- 9.1 The registered agent or a designated filing agent for any committee must sign the committee's registration form and all disclosure reports. For registration forms and reports filed by a candidate or candidate committee, the candidate must sign. [Sections 1-45-108(3), (5), and (6), C.R.S.]FOR
   17 PURPOSES OF THIS REQUIREMENT, AN ELECTRONIC LOGIN WILL FULFILL THE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT.
- 18 [Amendments to Rule 10.1.3 concerning unexpended campaign contributions]
- 1910.1.3Unexpended contributions may not be used for personal purposes EXCEPT TO REIMBURSE20A CANDIDATE FOR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE CARE OF A CHILD OR A21DEPENDENT AS ALLOWED UNDER SECTION 1-45-103.7(6.5), C.R.S.
- 22 [Amendments to Rule 10.2.3 (no changes to Rules 10.2.1 and 10.2.2))]
- 10.2 Except for independent expenditure committees and small-scale issue committees, committees
   24 must report contributions as follows:
- 25 10.2.3 Disclosure of occupation and employer

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- 26(a)The requirement to disclose-the A CONTRIBUTOR'S OR DONOR'S occupation and27employer of a contributor in Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 7 and section 1-2845-108, C.R.S., applies ONLY to any one-time contribution OR DONATION of \$10029or more, and not to THE PERSON'S aggregate contributions totaling \$100 or more30CONTRIBUTIONS OR DONATIONS.
  - (b) Except for a committee exercising its right to cure under section 1-45-109(4)(c) 1-45-111.7(4), C.R.S., if a committee does not report REQUIRED occupation and employer information for a contribution of \$100 or more, and the committee is unable to gather the information within 30 days after receipt of the contribution, the committee must return the contribution to the contributor no later than the 31st day after receipt. [Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 7]
- 37 [Amendments to Rules 10.4.1 through 10.4.3 (no changes to Rules 10.4.4 through 10.4.6)]
- 38 10.4 A contribution or donation is received on the date that it is accepted by the committee.
- 3910.4.1A contribution or donation by check OR MONEY ORDER is accepted, at the latest, on the<br/>date that the contribution or donation is deposited into the committee account. If a<br/>committee receives a donation by check OR MONEY ORDER at least five business days

10.4.2 A cash contribution or donation is accepted the date the cash is in the committee's possession. 10.4.3 A contribution or donation made by credit card, PayPal, or other payment intermediary service is accepted on the date the contributor or donor authorizes the payment, OR IF UNKNOWN, ON THE DATE THE PAYMENT INTERMEDIARY SERVICE ELECTRONICALLY TRANSFERS THE CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION. [Amendments to Rules 10.5 and 10.6] 10.5 A committee must maintain all financial records for 180 days after any general election cycle in which the committee received contributions. If a complaint is filed against the committee, the committee must maintain financial records until final disposition of the complaint and any consequent litigation. The committee must maintain COVERED ORGANIZATION AND LLC affirmations for one year after the end of the election cycle. [Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 3(9)] 10.6 If a committee receives a contribution in excess of the contribution limit, the committee must return the excess to the contributor within ten days of receipt or within three days after receiving notification from the Secretary of State APPROPRIATE FILING OFFICE, whichever is sooner, and will not be held liable. [Amendments to Rule 10.16] 10.16 Disclosure of contributions by limited liability companies (LLCs) [Section 1-45-103.7(5), (6), (7), and (8), C.R.S.] 10.16.1 The written affirmation provided by an LLC in accordance with section 1-45-103.7, C.R.S., must include the names and addresses of all LLC members and describe how the contribution is to be attributed to the LLC members. 10.16.2 10.16.1 The affirmation must include the occupation and employer of any member attributed with contributing \$100 or more. 10.16.3 10.16.2 The affirmation provided by an LLC under section 1-45-103.7, C.R.S., must include the name and address of each LLC member, the amount attributed to each member, and, if more than \$100 is attributed to a member, the occupation and employer of that member. When reporting the contribution, the committee must select the "LLC" contributor type and include the name and address of the LLC, the name and address of each member, and the amount attributed to each member. Attribution is determined by the pro-rata share of ownership. 10.16.4 10.16.3 A committee must return any contribution received from an LLC that does not comply with the affirmation requirements in section 1-45-103.7, C.R.S., and this rule to the contributor within 30 days. 10.16.5 10.16.4 A committee must itemize each contribution received from an LLC on disclosure reports, regardless of the dollar amount. 10.16.6 Any contribution from an LLC counts against contribution limits for both the individual members to whom the contribution is attributed and the LLC itself. [Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 3(9)]. An LLC may not make a contribution that exceeds Page 5 of 15

before the end of a reporting period, the committee must deposit the check OR MONEY

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3 4		sed permanel Iments concel			oorary Rule 10.17.1 (adopted March 3, 2019) including additional dates]
5	10.17	Current adju	sted limits		
6 7			isted limits le in 2023:	made ir	n the first quarter of 2019 and effective until the next adjustment is
8 9		(a)			justment to the contribution limits on individual donations to small ees outlined in Article XXVIII, Section 2(14).
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13			(1)	\$625 t	o any one:
14 15 16 17				(A)	Governor candidate committee for the primary election, and Governor and Governor and Lieutenant Governor candidate committee, as joint candidates under section 1-1-104, C.R.S., or any successor section, for the general election;
18 19				(B)	Secretary of State, State Treasurer, or Attorney General candidate committee.
20 21 22 23			(2)	Senate	is no adjustment to the limits on contributions to any one State e, State House of Representatives, State Board of Education, it of the University of Colorado, or any District Attorney candidate ittee.
24 25 26		(c)	or a ge		e limits on contributions from a small donor committee for a primary ection, described in Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 3(2), are lows:
27			(1)	\$6,750	) to any one:
28 29 30 31				(A)	Governor candidate committee for the primary election, and Governor and Lieutenant Governor candidate committee, as joint candidates under section 1-1-104, C.R.S., or any successor section, for the general election;
32 33				(B)	Secretary of State, State Treasurer, or Attorney General candidate committee; and
34 35 36			(2)	Board	to any one State Senate, State House of Representatives, State of Education, Regent of the University of Colorado, or any District ey candidate committee.
37 38		(d)			limits on contributions from any person to a political party, olo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 3(3)(a), are adjusted as follows:

1 2		(1)	\$4,025 per year at the state, county, district, and local level combined; and
3		(2)	Of such, no more than \$3,350 at the state level.
4 5 6	(e)		gregate limits on contributions from a small donor committee to a political described in Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 3(3)(b), are adjusted as :
7 8		(1)	\$20,325 per year at the state, county, district, and local level combined; and
9		(2)	Of such, no more than \$16,925 at the state level.
10 11 12	(f)	commi	gregate limits on pro-rata contributions or dues made to political ttees, described in Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 3(5), are adjusted 5 per house of representatives election cycle.
13 14	(G)	-	GREGATE LIMITS ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO A COUNTY CANDIDATE AS DEFINED IN $N - 45-103.7(1.5)(A)(I)$ , C.R.S. ARE AS FOLLOWS:
15 16		(1)	\$1,250 FOR A PRIMARY OR A GENERAL ELECTION FROM ANY PERSON OTHER THAN A SMALL DONOR COMMITTEE OR A POLITICAL PARTY;
17 18		(2)	\$12,500 FOR A PRIMARY OR A GENERAL ELECTION FROM ANY SMALL DONOR COMMITTEE; AND
19		(3)	\$22,125 FOR THE ELECTION CYCLE FROM A POLITICAL PARTY.
20 21	<del>(g)-</del> (H)	This ta	ble contains the contribution limits listed in subsections (a)-(g).

#### 1 Contributor:

Contributor:	-		-		1
Recipient	Natural Person	Person, other than a natural person	Political committee	Small donor committee	Political party
Political committee	\$625 per election cycle	\$625 per election cycle	\$625 per election cycle	\$625 per election cycle	\$625 per election cycle
Small donor committee	\$50 per year	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Governor (governor & It. governor)	\$625 per election cycle*	\$625 per election cycle*	\$625 per election cycle*	\$6,750 per election cycle*	\$679,025 per election cycle
Secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general	\$625 per election cycle*	\$625 per election cycle*	\$625 per election cycle*	\$6,750 per election cycle*	\$135,775 per election cycle
State senate	\$200 per election cycle*	\$200 per election cycle*	\$200 per election cycle*	\$2,675 per election cycle*	\$24,425 per election cycle
State house of representatives, state board of education, regent of the University of Colorado, district attorney	\$200 per election cycle*	\$200 per election cycle*	\$200 per election cycle*	\$2,675 per election cycle*	\$17,625 per election cycle
Political party	\$4,025 (\$3,350 at the state level) per year	\$4,025 (\$3,350 at the state level) per year	\$4,025 (\$3,350 at the state level) per year	\$20,325 (\$16,925 at the state level) per year	Transfers within a party may be made without limitation.
COUNTY CANDIDATE	\$1,250 PER ELECTION CYCLE*	\$1,250 PER ELECTION CYCLE*	\$1,250 PER ELECTION CYCLE*	\$12,500 PER ELECTION CYCLE*	\$22,125 PER ELECTION CYCLE

2 \* A candidate may accept the contribution limit for both the primary election and the general election.

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(h)-(I) The voluntary spending limits for a candidate described in Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 4(1), are adjusted as follows:

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(1) The spending limit for Governor, and Governor and Lieutenant Governor as joint candidates under section 1-1-104, C.R.S., or any successor

- (2) The spending limit for a candidate for Secretary of State, Attorney General, or Treasurer is adjusted to \$679,025.
- (3) The spending limit for a candidate for State Senate is adjusted to \$122,200.

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 (4) The spending limit for a candidate for State House of Representatives, State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Colorado, or any District Attorney is adjusted to \$88,225.

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- 5 [Amendments to Rule 11.5 concerning electioneering communications]
- A committee need not file electioneering communication reports separate from regularly filed
   disclosure reports if the expenditure or spending subject to Colo. Const. Article XXVIII,
   Section 6 and Rule 11.4 is identified as an electioneering communication or regular
   biennial school electioneering communication. The disclosure of electioneering
   communication expenditures or spending on a regularly filed report must include the
   name of the candidate(s) referred to in the communication.
- 12 [Amendments to Rule 12.5 concerning changing or closing a committee]
- 12.5 If the Secretary of State APPROPRIATE FILING OFFICE receives verifiable information in writing that
   the candidate is deceased, the Secretary of State APPROPRIATE FILING OFFICE may immediately
   terminate the candidate's candidate committee in TRACER.
- [Repeal of Current Rule 16.3, renumbering and additional amendments to Current Rule 16.4 concerningspecial districts]
- 18 16.3 If a candidate for a special district office fails to file a candidate affidavit, or the filed self 19 nomination and acceptance form or letter, or the affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate does
   20 not contain the statement required by section 1-45-110(1), C.R.S., the Secretary of State will mail
   21 the special district a copy of the notification to the candidate regarding pending disqualification
   22 under section 1-45-110(3), C.R.S.
- 23 16.4-16.3 A special district candidate is not required to file disclosure reports if:
- 16.4.1-16.3.1 The special district candidate affidavit, the self-nomination and acceptance form
   or letter, or the affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate contains a statement
   substantially stating, "I will not, in my campaign for this office, receive contributions or
   make expenditures exceeding \$200 in the aggregate during the election cycle, however,
   if I do so, I will thereafter register and file all disclosure reports required under the Fair
   Campaign Practices Act;" and
- 3016.4.2-16.3.2The candidate does not accept contributions or make expenditures exceeding31\$200 in the aggregate during the election cycle.
- 32 [Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 2(2) and section 1-45-108(1), C.R.S.]
- 33 [Amendments to Rule 17.2.4 concerning filing schedules]

1 2 3		17.2.4			hittee must notify the Secretary of State APPROPRIATE FILING OFFICE within deciding that it will support or oppose a ballot measure on an upcoming
4 5 6			(a)	OFFICE	an issue committee notifies the Secretary of State APPROPRIATE FILING of its active status under this Rule, the Secretary APPROPRIATE FILING will place the committee on a frequent filing schedule.
7 8 9 10			(b)	infrequ schedu	an issue committee has declared its committee filing status as frequent or ent in a particular year, the committee must follow the appropriate filing ule for the remainder of that election cycle, except that an inactive ttee may change its status to active at any time.
11	[Amen	dments t	to Rule 1	7.5.1(a)	)(1)]
12	17.5	Report	s for forr	ner offic	eholders, persons not elected to office, and term-limited office holders
13		17.5.1	Annual	reportin	ng
14 15 16			(a)	office,	lidate committee for a candidate not elected to office, who was formerly in or who is term-limited may submit a written request to file only an annual for each calendar year.
17 18				(1)	Statewide AND SCHOOL DISTRICT candidate committees must file an annual report not later than January 15th of the following year.
19 20	[Amen penalti		to Rules	18.1.1(0	c), 18.1.2, concerning requests for waiver or reduction of campaign finance
21 22		18.1.1			vaiver or reduction of campaign finance penalties imposed under Colo. (XVIII, Section 10(2) must state the reason for the delinquency.
23			[No ch	anges to	o (a) and (b)]
24 25			(c)		ecretary of State APPROPRIATE FILING OFFICE will not consider a waiver t after a penalty has been paid.
26 27 28		18.1.2	Const.	Article >	raiver or reduction of campaign finance penalties imposed under Colo. (XVIII, <del>Sections 9(2) or S</del> ECTION 10(2) must be considered by the icer <del>and Administrative Law Judges</del> according to the following rules:
29	[Amen	dments t	to Rules	18.1.3]	
30 31 32 33 34		18.1.3	that es reducti or Adm	tablish g on of ca hinistrativ	e officer <del>or Administrative Law Judge</del> may consider any additional factors jood cause or may otherwise be relevant to the request for waiver or mpaign finance penalties. In considering a request, the appropriate officer <del>ve Law Judge</del> may request additional information, including but not limited other records maintained by the filer.
35	[Rule1	8.2 repe	als and a	amendm	nents]
36	18.2	Compla	aints.		
37 38		18.2.1			o believes that a violation of Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution, aign Practices Act, or the Secretary of State's rules concerning campaign

1 2	and political finance has occurred may file a complaint with the Secretary of State UNDER SECTION 1-45-111.7, C.R.S.
3 4	18.2.2 Complaints must be filed no later than 90 days after the complainant knew or should have known by the exercise of reasonable diligence of the alleged violation.
5 6 7	18.2.3 Complaints must be filed in writing and signed by the complainant on the form provided by the Secretary of State. The complaint must identify the respondent or respondents and the complainant must provide the information required on the form.
8 9	18.2.4 Upon receipt of a complaint, the Secretary of State's elections division must notify the respondent of the complaint by email, or by mail if email is unavailable.
10 11	18.2.5 Complaints made against any candidate for Secretary of State will be forwarded to the attorney general's office for review in accordance with this Rule 18.2.
12	18.2.6 Initial review
13	(a) The elections division will review the complaint to determine:
14	(1) Whether the complaint was timely filed under Rule 18.2.2,
15	(2) Whether the complainant has specifically identified one or more
16	violations of Colorado Constitution Article XXVIII, the Fair Campaign
17	Practices Act, or the Secretary of State's rules concerning campaign and
18	political finance, and
19	(3) Whether the complainant has alleged sufficient facts to support a legal
20	and factual basis for the complaint.
21	(b) Within 10 business days of receiving the complaint, the elections division must
22	take one or more of the following actions:
23	(1) If the elections division determines that the complaint was not timely
24	filed, has not specifically identified one or more violations, or that the
25	complainant did not assert facts sufficient to support the alleged
26	violations, the elections division will dismiss the complaint and notify the
27	complainant and respondent of the reasons for dismissal. The dismissal
28	is a final agency action, and subject to review under section 24-4-106,
29	G.R.S.
30	(2) If the elections division determines that the complaint alleges one or
31	more curable violations as described in Rule 18.2.7, the elections
32	division will notify the respondent and provide an opportunity to cure.
33	(3) If the elections division determines that the complaint alleges one or
34	more violations that require a factual finding or legal interpretation, the
35	elections division will conduct additional review under Rule 18.2.8 to
36	determine whether to file a complaint with a hearing officer.
37	18.2.7 Curing violations
38	(a) Upon the election division's determination that a complaint alleges a failure to file
39	or otherwise disclose required information, or other curable violation, the

1	elections division will notify the respondent by email, or by mail if email is
2	unavailable, of the curable deficiencies alleged in the complaint.
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3	(b) The respondent has 10 business days from the date the notice is mailed to file an
4	amendment to the relevant report or reports that cures any deficiencies specified
5	in the notice.
e	(a) The respondent must provide the elections division with notice of its intent to sure
6 7	(c) The respondent must provide the elections division with notice of its intent to cure on the form provided by the Secretary of State and include a copy of any
8	amendments.
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9	(d) The elections division may ask the respondent to provide additional information,
10	and may grant an extension of time to file a notice of intent to cure in order to
11	respond to such a request.
12	(e) After the period for cure, the elections division will determine whether the
13	respondent cured the violations, and if so, whether the respondent substantially
14	complied or acted in good faith under Rules 18.2.7(f) and 18.2.7(g).
15	(1) If the elections division determines that the respondent substantially
16	complied or acted in good faith, the elections division will dismiss the
17	complaint.
10	(2) If the elections division determines that the respondent neither
18 19	(2) If the elections division determines that the respondent neither substantially complied nor acted in good faith, the elections division will
20	conduct additional review under Rule 18.2.6 to determine whether to file
20	the complaint with a hearing officer.
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22	(3) The election division's determination under this subsection is a final
23	agency action, subject to review under section 24-4-106, C.R.S.
24	(f) In determining whether an entity substantially complied as that term is used in
25	Rule 18.2.7, the elections division must consider:
26	(1) The extent of the respondent's noncompliance;
27	(2) The purpose of the provision violated and whether that purpose was
28	substantially achieved despite the noncompliance; and
29	(2) Whether the noncompliance can properly be viewed as an intentional
29 30	(3) Whether the noncompliance can properly be viewed as an intentional attempt to mislead the electorate or election officials.
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31	(g) In determining whether an entity registered or disclosed in "Good faith" as that
32	term is used in Rule 18.2.7, the elections division may consider whether ten
33	percent or less of either the entity's disclosures or, alternatively, the reported
34	dollar amounts required on the report or appearing on the filed reports at issue in
35	the complaint are out of compliance.
36	(h) If the elections division determines that respondent failed to cure any alleged
37	deficiency, the elections division will conduct additional review under Rule 18.2.8
38	to determine whether to file the complaint with a hearing officer.
20	10.2.0 Investigation and enforcement
39	18.2.8 Investigation and enforcement

1	(a) The elections division must investigate each unresolved or uncured complaint to
2	determine whether to file a complaint with the hearing officer described in Rule
3	18.2.9(b).
4	(1) If the elections division determines that it will not file a complaint with a
5	hearing officer because there is not sufficient information to support the
6	allegations or for any other reason, it must dismiss the complaint within
7	30 days of the election division's initial determination under Rule
8	18.2.6(b).
9	(2) If the elections division files a complaint with a hearing officer, it must
10	send notice, including a copy of the filing, by certified mail, return receipt
11	requested, to the complainant and the respondent within one business
12	day of referral.
13	(b) If the elections division files a complaint with a hearing officer under this rule, it is
14	responsible for conducting such discovery as may be necessary for effectively
15	prosecuting the complaint, supplementing or amending the complaint with such
16	additional or alternate allegations as may be justified by the evidence, amending
17	the complaint to strike allegations that are not justified by the evidence, and in all
18	other respects, prosecuting the complaint.
19	(c) The complainant or any other non-respondent is not a party to the review, except
20	that a complainant may seek permission from the hearing officer to file written
21	legal arguments or factual documentation, or both, as a friend-of-the-court. A
22	person's status as a complainant is not sufficient to establish that he or she may
23	be affected or aggrieved by the Secretary's action on the complaint. A
24	complainant may also seek review of a final agency action under Rules
25	18.2.6(b)(1) and 18.2.9(c) under section 24-4-106, C.R.S.
26 27 28	(d) If the election division fails to file a complaint with the hearing officer within 30 days as outlined in Rule 18.2.8(a)(1), the complaint is deemed dismissed under Rule 18.2.6(b)(1).
29	18.2.9 Hearings
30	(a) The hearing officer must be an individual authorized under section 24-4-105(3),
31	C.R.S.
32	(b) Hearings conducted by a hearing officer under Rule 18.2 must be in accordance
33	with the provisions of section 24-4-105, C.R.S., except that a hearing officer must
34	hold a hearing within 15 business days of the filing of the complaint, and must
35	make a determination within 15 days of the hearing. The respondent must be
36	granted an extension of up to 30 days upon respondent's motion, or longer upon
37	a showing of good cause.
38	(c) Determinations made by the hearing officer must be made under section 24-4-
39	105, C.R.S., and are subject to review under section 24-4-106, C.R.S.
40	18.2.10 Any person seeking guidance on the application of Article XXVIII of the Colorado
41	Constitution, the Fair Campaign Practices Act, or the Secretary of State's rules
42	concerning campaign and political finance may request that the Secretary of State issue
43	an advisory opinion regarding their specific activities.

1 2	<del>(a)</del>	The Secretary of State will determine, at his or her discretion, whether to issue an advisory opinion. In making the determination, the Secretary will consider:
3 4		(1) Whether the advisory opinion will terminate a controversy or remove uncertainties as to the application of the requestor of any law;
5 6 7		(2) Whether the request involves a subject, question, or issue that concerns a formal or informal matter or investigation currently pending before the Secretary of State or a court; and
8		(3) Whether the request seeks a ruling on a moot or hypothetical question.
9 10	<del>(b)</del>	A person may rely on the Secretary of State's advisory opinion as an affirmative defense to any complaint filed under this Rule.
11 12		The elections division will make documents related to a complaint publicly ble as follows:
13 14 15 16	(a)	The original complaint, notice of initial review, final agency decision, and any complaint filed by the elections division with a hearing officer will be publicly available at the time the elections division provides the document to the respondent.
17 18 19 20 21 22	(b)	Any additional documentation related to the complaint, including a notice of intent to cure and supporting evidence, or documents related to the elections division's investigation, will be publicly available, SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 1-45-111.7(5)(A), C.R.S. AND SECTION 1-45-107.5(14)(D)(IV)(C), C.R.S., at the time the elections division issues a final agency decision or files a complaint with a hearing officer.
23 24	(c)	The elections division may redact any document related to a complaint if it is necessary to protect any person's private or confidential information.
25 26 27	(D)	ANY DOCUMENT THE ELECTIONS DIVISION RECEIVES UNDER SECTION 1-45- 111.7(A)(III), C.R.S. WILL NOT BE RETAINED AFTER THE TIME NECESSARY TO REVIEW, INVESTIGATE, PROSECUTE A COMPLAINT, OR ANY APPEAL, AS APPLICABLE.
28 29 30 31	<del>pendin</del> <del>Those</del>	ffice of Administrative Courts must remand back to the Secretary of State all g complaints that were filed with the Secretary of State before June 19, 2018. complaints may be re-filed under this Rule 18.2 within 180 days of remand, even if eged violations fall outside the period for filing set forth in Rule 18.2.2.
32 33		of State may send to the state Controller for collection any outstanding debt a campaign finance penalty that the Secretary deems collectible.
34 35	18.4 Complaints col clerk.	ncerning municipal campaign finance matters must be filed with the municipal
36	[New Rule 21.2 concer	ning coordination]
37	21.2 PRE-CANDIDAC	COORDINATION
38 39 40	FOR AN	JRPOSES OF SECTION <b>1-45-103.7(11)(</b> A), C.R.S., A PERSON ACTIVELY SOLICITS FUNDS I INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE WITH THE INTENT OF BENEFITTING HIS OR HER E CANDIDACY WHEN THE PERSON:

1 2 3		(A)	ORGANIZES, DIRECTS, OR PLANS A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE; OR ASKS FOR, ENCOURAGES, OR SUGGESTS A DONATION TO THE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE; AND
4 5		(B)	KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW THAT THE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE WILL SUPPORT THE PERSON'S FUTURE CANDIDACY.
6	[Current Rule \$	5.1 is an	nended and recodified as New Rule 22 as follows:]
7	RULE 22.	DISCLA	AIMER STATEMENTS
8 9	<del>5.1</del> -22.1 INCLUD		mer requirement for nonbroadcast independent expenditure communications, NE COMMUNICATIONS.
10 11 12 13 14	<del>5.1.1-</del> 2	<del>constit</del> conspi percer	Under section 1-45-107.5(5)(c), C.R.S., any nonbroadcast communication that autes an independent expenditure COMMUNICATIONS must contain a clear and cuous disclaimer that is clearly readable, printed in text that is no less than 15 at of the size of the largest font used in the communication, or at least eight-point and includes:
15		(a)	The name of the person that paid for the communication; and
16 17		(b)	AIN THE CASE OF AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE, A statement that the communication is not authorized by any candidate-; AND
18 19		(C)	A NATURAL PERSON WHO IS THE REGISTERED AGENT IF THE PERSON IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) ABOVE IS NOT A NATURAL PERSON.
20 21	<del>5.1.2-</del> 2		These requirements do not apply to bumper stickers, pins, buttons, pens, and small items upon which the disclaimer cannot be reasonably printed.
22 23 24 25 26	22.1.3	COMML COMML	SIZE, FORMAT, OR DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS OF AN ELECTRONIC OR ONLINE JNICATION MAKE IT IMPRACTICABLE TO INCLUDE A DISCLAIMER STATEMENT ON THE JNICATION, THE DISCLAIMER STATEMENT MUST BE AVAILABLE BY MEANS OF A DIRECT LINK THE COMMUNICATION TO THE WEB PAGE OR APPLICATION SCREEN CONTAINING THE MENT.
27 28		(A)	THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE DIRECT LINK ARE SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE SIZE AND CONTENT REQUIREMENTS IN RULE 22.1.1.
29 30		(В)	THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE DIRECT LINK MUST BE CLEARLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED, AND BE IMMEDIATELY APPARENT ON THE SCREEN.
31 32 33		(C)	IF THE COMMUNICATION IS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT ELECTRONIC MESSAGE TO A PERSON, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A TEXT MESSAGE, ONLY THE INITIAL COMMUNICATION MUST CONTAIN THE DIRECT LINK.
34 35 36		(D)	FOR PURPOSES OF THIS RULE, IT IS IMPRACTICABLE TO INCLUDE A DISCLAIMER STATEMENT IF THE TEXT OF THE REQUIRED DISCLAIMER STATEMENT WOULD CONSTITUTE 20 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE TOTAL COMMUNICATION.