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Statement of Basis, Purpose and Specific Statutory Authority

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1. Basis and Purpose

This statement pertains to the amendments and revisions to the Colorado Secretary of State Rules Concerning Campaign and Political Finance for the administration of Colorado State Constitution Article XXVIII, and Article 45, Title 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. The amendments are implemented to achieve the uniform and proper administration and enforcement of the election laws of the State of Colorado.

The amendments and revisions to these rules are necessary for the administration and enforcement of Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution and Article 45, Title 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. The Secretary of State finds that the adoption and enactment of these amendments is necessary to answer questions arising under Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution and Article 45 of Title 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, and to implement amendments to the campaign and political finance laws made during the 2008 regular session of the 66th General Assembly.

The adoption of specific amendments to the Campaign and Political Finance Rules is necessary as follows:

- The amendments to Rule 4 implement amendments made by House Bill 08-1233 concerning disclosure of contributions by Limited Liability Companies (LLCs).
- The repeal of Rule 6.4 implements amendments made by House Bill 08-1041 concerning the enforcement of legal requirements pertaining to campaign finance.
- The amendments to Rule 10 clarify filing deadlines for any issue committee whose purpose is to support or oppose the recall of any elected official and any political committee supporting or opposing any candidate in a recall election.
- New rule 13 clarifies filing requirements relating to personal financial disclosure statements.

The Secretary of State therefore finds that in order to ensure the uniform and proper administration and enforcement of the election laws, the permanent adoption of the amendments and revisions to the Campaign and Political Finance Rules is necessary both to comply with law and to preserve the public welfare generally.

2. Statutory Authority

Amendments and revisions to the “Secretary of State Rules Concerning Campaign and Political Finance” are adopted pursuant to the following statutory and constitutional provisions:

1. Article XXVIII, Section 9(1)(b) of the Colorado Constitution, which requires the Secretary of State to:
“Promulgate 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].”
2. Section 1-1-107(2)(a), C.R.S., (2007), which authorizes the Secretary of State:
“To promulgate, publish, and distribute . . . such rules as the secretary of state finds necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of the election laws.”
3. Section 1-45-111.5(1), C.R.S., (2007), which requires the Secretary of State to:
“[P]romulgate such rules in accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., as may be necessary to enforce and administer any provision of [article 45 of title 1, C.R.S.].”