

351—4.32(68A) Contributions from political committees not organized in Iowa. Iowa committees may receive contributions from committees outside Iowa, and committees outside Iowa may contribute to Iowa committees provided the out-of-state committee complies with either subrule 4.32(1) or subrule 4.32(2). For purposes of this rule, “out-of-state committee” means a committee that is registered with the campaign enforcement agency of another state or is registered with the Federal Election Commission. For purposes of this rule, “contribution” does not include an item purchased at fair market value from an Iowa committee.

4.32(1) Regular filings. Out-of-state committees may choose to comply with the regular disclosure filing requirements in Iowa Code Supplement sections 68A.201 and 68A.402 by filing a statement of organization and periodic disclosure reports.

4.32(2) Verified statement of registration. In lieu of filing a statement of organization and regular disclosure reports as required by Iowa Code chapter 68A, the out-of-state committee shall file with the board a verified statement registration form (VSR) for each contribution in excess of \$50. The VSR shall contain the following information:

- a. The complete name, address and telephone number of the out-of-state committee;
 - b. The state or federal agency with which the out-of-state committee is registered;
 - c. All parent entities or other affiliates or sponsors of the out-of-state committee;
 - d. The purpose of the out-of-state committee;
 - e. The name, address and telephone number of an Iowa resident authorized to receive service on behalf of the out-of-state committee;
 - f. The name and address of the Iowa recipient committee;
 - g. The date and amount of the contribution, including description if the contribution is in-kind;
- and

h. An attested statement that the jurisdiction with which the out-of-state committee is registered has reporting requirements substantially similar to those of Iowa Code chapter 68A. The statement shall include confirmation that the contribution is made from an account that does not accept contributions prohibited by Iowa Code section 68A.503 unless the contribution from the out-of-state committee is made to an Iowa ballot issue committee.

4.32(3) Where filed. Every VSR filed for a contribution in excess of \$50 shall be filed electronically using the board’s website at ethics.iowa.gov.

4.32(4) When filed. The VSR shall be filed with the board on or before the fifteenth day after the date of the contribution. For purposes of this subrule, “date of the contribution” means the day, month, and year the contribution check is dated. If the board deems it necessary, a copy of any contribution check may be required to be filed with the board. When a copy of a check is required to be filed with the board, the copy shall be filed within ten days after notice by the board.

4.32(5) Enhanced filing. An out-of-state committee determining that the jurisdiction under which the committee is registered does not have reporting requirements substantially similar to those of Iowa Code chapter 68A may choose to comply by enhancing the committee’s filing in the other jurisdiction. The enhanced filing shall meet the reporting requirements of Iowa Code chapter 68A for the reporting period during which contributions to Iowa committees are made. The report shall cover a period of at least one month. An out-of-state committee choosing this option shall comply with the VSR procedures in subrule 4.32(2) and affirm that the report has been enhanced to satisfy the Iowa reporting requirements.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 68A.201A.

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