

The 65th General Assembly, 1973 session, created the Campaign Finance Disclosure Commission to review, monitor and make available for public inspection financial disclosure reports filed by political committees and candidates' committees in the state of Iowa. The commission consists of five members, not more than three of whom shall be from the same political party. The members are appointed by the governor for a six-year term. Appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

The duties of the commission are: to develop forms for the filing of reports and statements required to be filed under the provisions of the campaign disclosure law; to furnish forms to committee treasurers and county commissioners of election; to prepare and publish a manual; to assure that reports and statements are available for public inspection and copying; and to review reports and statements filed under the provisions of the disclosure law.

The commission also serves as a quasi-judicial body. The commission may gather evidence, hold a hearing and propose a finding of fact and decision based on the conclusions of law as to whether a committee has violated the provisions of Chapter 56 of the Code. Any eligible elector may file a complaint. In this case, the commission would hear the complaint and propose a decision based on conclusions of law as applied to the facts brought forth by the complainant. If the commission finds reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the law has occurred, it may refer the complaints to the appropriate prosecuting authority.

The commission is also the Iowa depository for copies of disclosure material required to be filed by federal committees with the Federal Elections Commission in Washington, D.C. These records are also available to the public for viewing and copying at a nominal charge.

The Campaign Finance Disclosure Commission is also responsible for working with the state director of revenue and the state comptroller to administer the provisions of the Iowa election campaign fund. This fund allows any person whose state income tax liability for any taxable year is \$1 or more to designate \$1 of such liability to be paid over to the Iowa election campaign fund for the account of any specified political party. The fund also allows a taxpayer to voluntarily contribute an additional \$1 or \$2 to the political party of choice; such contribution increases the taxpayer's liability by the amount of the contribution.

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The Iowa State Capitol Planning Commission was established by the 58th General Assembly in 1959 and is composed of legislators, residents of the state appointed by the governor, and the director of the Department of General Services. The commission's purpose is to advise on the location and architecture of buildings and on other aspects of the development of Iowa's state capitol grounds.

The commission was provided funds by the 60th General Assembly for planning future expansion and development of the statehouse grounds. A report of the commission's findings was submitted to the 61st General Assembly and adopted by the assembly as the "master plan and guide for future expansion and development of the state capitol grounds of the State of Iowa."