

This is an amendment to 1.10.13 NMAC, Sections 8 and 9 effective 10/7/2025.

1.10.13.8 CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE REGISTRATIONS:

A. A candidate for a non-statewide office shall register the candidate's campaign committee with the secretary of state within 10 days of receiving contributions or expending one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more for campaign expenditures or filing a declaration of candidacy; whichever occurs earlier.

B. A candidate for statewide office shall register the candidate's campaign committee with the secretary of state within 10 days of receiving contributions or expending three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or more or filing a declaration of candidacy; whichever occurs earlier.

C. All candidates shall complete a campaign committee registration online via the registration process in the campaign finance information system (CFIS). Following acceptance of the campaign committee registration form, the secretary of state will create a user account for the candidate in CFIS and will issue the candidate a unique CFIS user identification.

D. A candidate is responsible for entering accurate and current contact information in CFIS, including mailing address and email address. Failure to provide accurate or current contact information does not limit the candidate's liability regarding fines and civil actions against the candidate or public official related to campaign reporting.

E. Section 1-19-27 NMSA 1978 requires that all campaign finance reports be filed electronically with the secretary of state's office. In order to file electronically, the candidate must, at all times, maintain a valid email address on file with the secretary of state.

F. A candidate may serve as the candidate's own treasurer. If the candidate does not serve as the candidate's own treasurer, then the candidate shall appoint a treasurer who shall be jointly responsible as a reporting individual with the candidate for the campaign committee.

G. If the candidate does not serve as the candidate's own treasurer, in the event of a vacancy in the position of treasurer, the candidate shall appoint a successor treasurer within 10 days of the vacancy by updating the information electronically in CFIS.

H. The candidate is deemed to have authorized and approved each report entry submitted to CFIS.

I. A candidate may only have one campaign committee at a time unless the candidate is seeking public financing and must keep a previous campaign account open and separated.

J. A candidate seeking re-election to the same office is not required to submit a new campaign committee registration form if the candidate already has an open campaign account.

K. A candidate seeking election to a new office covered by the campaign reporting act than what the candidate previously registered is required to submit a new campaign committee registration form. If a new candidate campaign committee registration form is submitted by a candidate with an open campaign committee for a new office, the candidates shall expend all funds in accordance with the Campaign Reporting Act or transfer any remaining funds from the old campaign committee to the new campaign committee and file a final report to close the old campaign committee ~~[within ten days from the date]~~ before the registration form is accepted by the secretary of state unless the candidate is seeking public financing and must keep a previous campaign account open and separated.

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1.10.13.9 WITHDRAWING FROM CANDIDACY; DEATH OF A CANDIDATE:

A. If a candidate files a statement of withdrawal, the candidate must file a final report in CFIS no later than the next report deadline or continue to file CFIS reports pursuant the schedule defined by Section 1-19-29 NMSA 1978.

B. If a candidate dies, any remaining campaign committee funds do not become a part of the personal estate of the candidate. Upon receipt or discovery of a death certificate or an obituary for a candidate, the secretary of state shall change the committee's account status to "deceased" and permit the account's treasurer to report any outstanding transactions, expend all remaining funds pursuant to Section 1-19-29.1 NMSA 1978, and close the account in CFIS.

[1.10.13.9 NMAC - N, 10/10/2017; A, 10/7/2025]