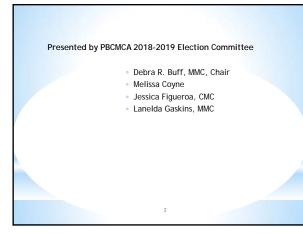
# 2019 Election Training Session

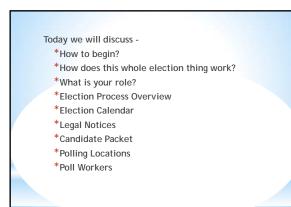
November 6, 2019 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. David B. Farber Training Center 1050 B Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL

A Big, Special "Thank You" to Diane DiSanto and Jacqueline Shimhue-Davy, and the Village of Royal Palm Beach for their generous hospitality!

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#### Yes, there is more!

- \*Agreement with PBC SOE
- \*Candidate Filing and Qualifying
- \*Poll Watchers
- \*Campaign Financing
- \*Political Advertising
- \*What to expect on Election Day
- \*Canvassing Board Responsibilities
- \*Determining Voter's Choice on a Ballot and Recount Procedures
- \*Q&A

## How to begin?

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### First, know that YOU Can do this!

Second, if you have election questions, please contact a Palm Beach County municipal clerk with election experience and/or the Florida Division of Elections. Please do not contact the County Supervisor of Elections or her/his staff before reaching out to a local clerk WITH ELECTION EXPERIENCE.

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## How to begin?

Finally, you must know the contents of your municipal Charter and Code as it relates to your election, to include, but not limited to:

- When shall your election be held?
- When is your qualifying period?
- Do either address advertising requirements?
- What other elements of the election process is governed by your Code of Ordinances that may be different from Florida Election Laws?

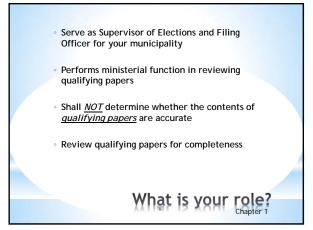
# How does this whole election thing work?

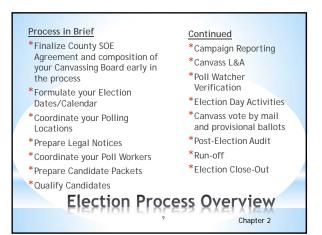
#### Advance preparation is key

- Start working on your election four to five months, or more, out from the date of your election
- Take your time in preparing everything
- If you have questions, use your resources to find the answers! Call an <u>experienced</u> municipal clerk!!

## NOT THE COUNTY SOE!

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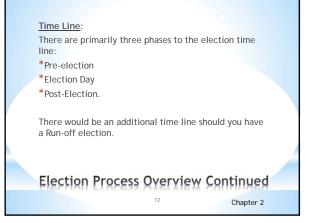
CYA (Cover Your Assets) in the event of a law suit, as such: \*Document Everything

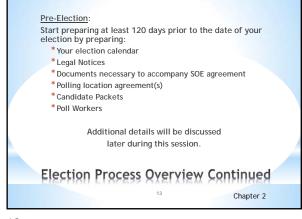
- \*Keep a "Candidate Contact Information Sheet"
- \*Have Candidate acknowledge receipt of Candidate Package, with appropriate disclaimers, and implement a "Candidate Check List" (include all qualifying documents required, fees due, due dates of Treasurer's Report, etc.)
- \*Date and time stamp everything you receive from a Candidate

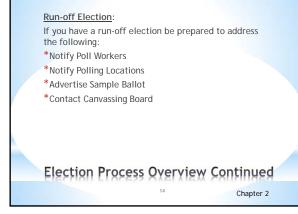
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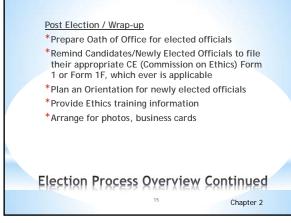
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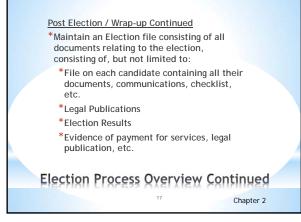
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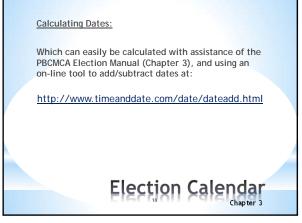
 \*Arrange for newly elected officials to meet with Human Resources to complete required documents

 \*Newly elected official may wish to tour municipal facilities or meet with Department Heads

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#### Getting Started:

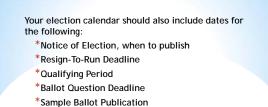
In order to build your election calendar you must know two things that is governed by your individual municipality:

- \*The date your municipality's election will be held; and
- \*Your municipality's qualifying period

Not every municipality holds their elections and qualifying periods at the same time!

### Election Calendar Chapter 3

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- \*Voter Registration Closing
- \*Campaign Treasurer's Reporting
- \*Contribution Deadline

Election Calendar Continued





#### Language Requirements:

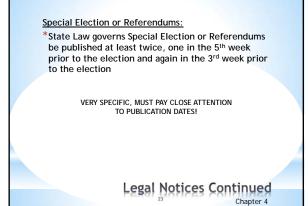
- \*State Law governs legal notices to be in both English and Spanish
- Notice of Qualifying and Election:
- \*State Law governs legal notice for qualifying and election dates shall be published, in a newspaper of general circulation in each county, twice within 30 days prior to beginning of qualifying

#### Sample Ballot:

\*State Law governs Sample Ballot shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, prior to the day of election

> Legal Notices Chapter 4

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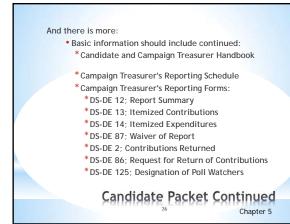


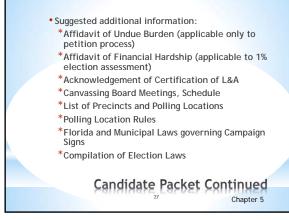
What to include in your candidate packets: A compilation of documents that the candidate will need to further their candidacy and understand applicable laws

- Basic information should include:
  - \*DS-DE 9; Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates
  - \* DS-DE 84; Statement of Candidate (file within 10 days of filing DS-DE 9)
  - \* DS-DE 302NP; Candidate Oath Nonpartisan Office \* CE Form 1; Statement of Financial Interests

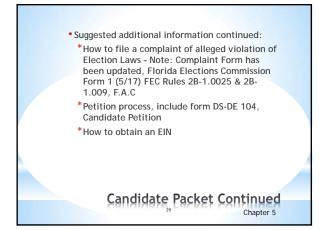
Candidate Packet

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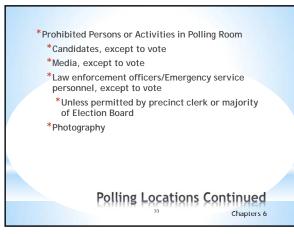
\*Must be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Implementation Act) compliant

- \*Secure Polling Location Agreements well in advance, to include a possible run-off
- \*Ensure access ability before and after election
- \*Collect emergency contact information
- \*No solicitation inside and not closer than 150 feet \*Exception - exit polling, which media or others may conduct, may approach voters only after voters leave the polling place

# Polling Locations

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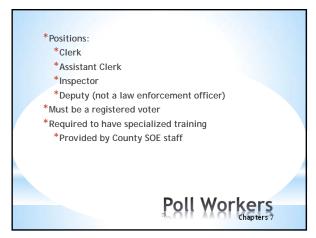


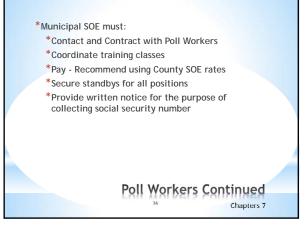


If the polling room is in a location commonly used by the public or in an area traditionally used as public area for discussion, there may be other people traveling through the polling area. However, care should be taken that these people do not interfere with the voting process.

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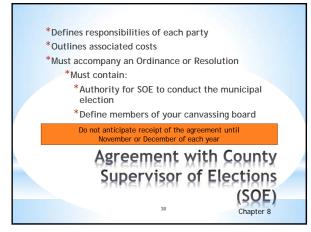
The Department of State, Division of Elections, has developed a guide for election officials and poll workers in the proper implementation of election procedures and laws. Form DS-DE 11 (effective 1/2012), entitled "Polling Place Procedures Manual" is available at: <u>https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?NO=R</u> <u>ef-00946</u> and is a good resource to review and to be familiar with.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: June 29, 2018 at 1:00 PM

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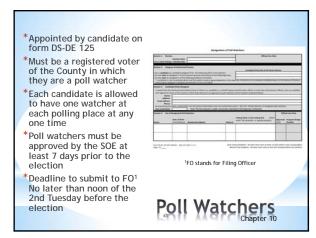




Prepare a checklist to include:

- \*Candidate's selected seat/position
- \*Required forms
- \*Required Fees
- \*Proof of Residency/Registered Voter Card (if applicable)
- \*At close of qualifying, submit list of qualified candidates to SOE
- \*Process State Assessment Fee

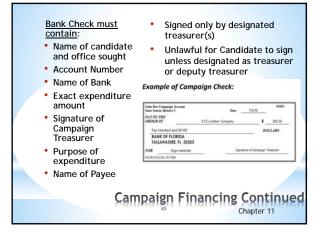
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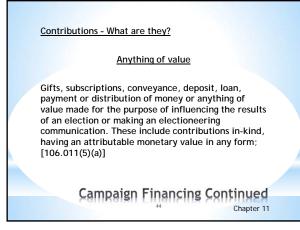












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#### Exceptions are:

- Services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate including, but not limited to, legal and accounting services; and
- Editorial endorsements [106.011(5)].

<u>Contributions are considered received</u> when received by the candidate, the campaign or deputy treasurer or an agent of the campaign.

- Not when mailed
- Not the date of check
- Not the date deposited
  - Campaign Financing Continued <sup>45</sup> Chapter 11

#### Contribution Limits:

- \$50.00 cash or cashier's check [F.S. 106.09(1)(b)]
- \$1,000.00 by check, money order, credit card, or debit card [F.S. 106.08(1)(a)2]
- No limit on amounts contributed by the candidate to his/her own campaign. [F.S. 106.08(1)(b)]

#### Unauthorized:

- When received on the day of that election or less than five days prior to the day of the election
- Any contribution received after the date at which the candidate becomes unopposed, withdraws, is defeated, or elected to office Campaign Financing Continued <sup>46</sup> Chapter 11

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#### Unauthorized Solicitation of Contributions:

- Religious, charitable, civic, or other causes or organizations established primarily for the public good, and candidates may not make contributions, in exchange for political support, to these organizations. Any contribution received after the date at which the candidate becomes unopposed, withdraws, is defeated, or elected to office
- Within a building owned by a governmental entity
  - Unless the governmental facility is rented for the purpose of a campaign fund raiser

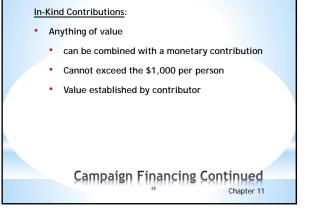
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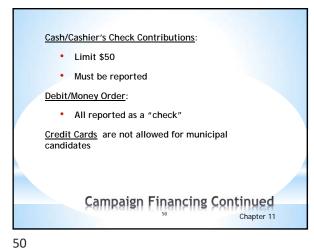
#### Anonymous Contributions:

- Must be reported
- Letter explaining the circumstances must be filed
  with the Filing Officer
- Cannot be spent
- Shall be donated in accordance to §106.141, F.S. Foreign Contributions:
- Prohibited Unless contributor has a green card

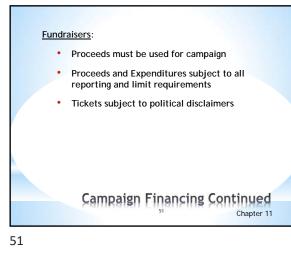
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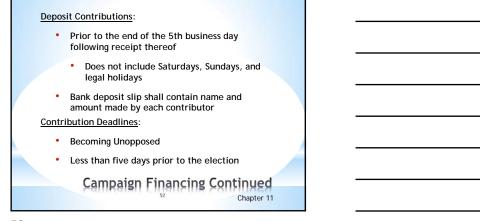


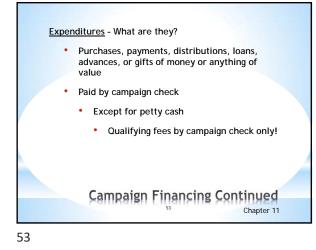














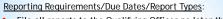
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#### Petty Cash:

- Established by using campaign check
- Used only for office supplies, transportation expenses, and other necessities
- Purchases cannot exceed \$100
- Limits
  - \$500 per calendar quarter up until the last day of qualifying
  - \$100 per week up until unopposed, elected, or defeated

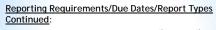
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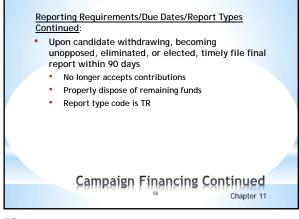


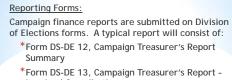
- File all reports to the Qualifying Officer no later than 5:00 p.m. of the due date
- Report all contributions/expenditures made during the reporting period
- Timely file monthly reports by the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the end of each calendar month
  - Reporting period covers all financial activities made during the entire month
  - Report type code is M plus the numeral month (examples: M1 = January; and M12 = December)

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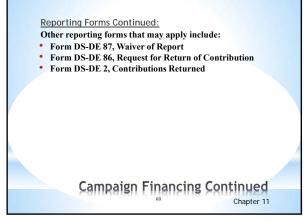
- Timely file reports due on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> days immediately preceding the general election
  - Reporting period covers all financial activities made as of the preceding Friday
- Report type codes are G1 and G2, respectively
- Timely file report due on the 4th day immediately preceding the general election
- Reporting period covers all financial activities made as of the day preceding this designated due date
  - Report type code is G3 Campaign Financing Continued <sup>57</sup> Chapter 11



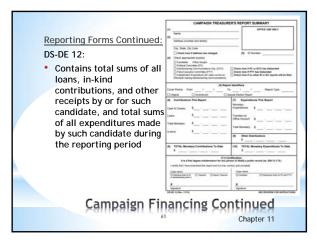


- \*Form DS-DE 13, Campaign Treasurer's Report -Itemized Contributions
- \*Form DS-DE 14, Campaign Treasurer's Report -Itemized Expenditures or

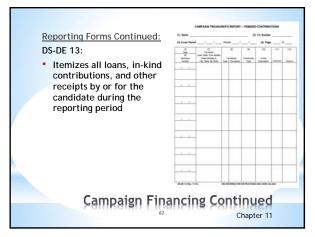
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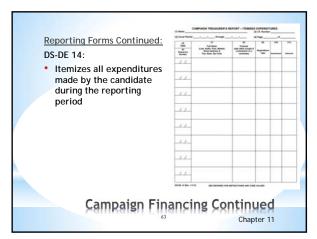




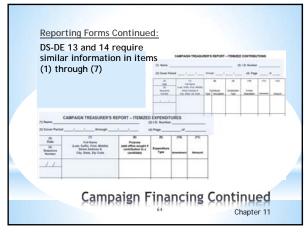




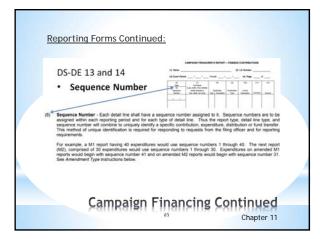




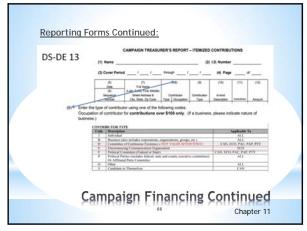




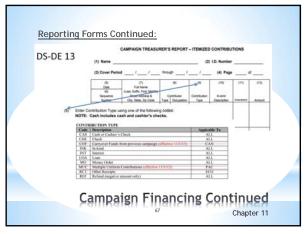




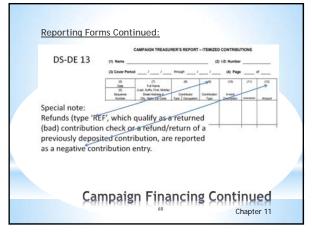


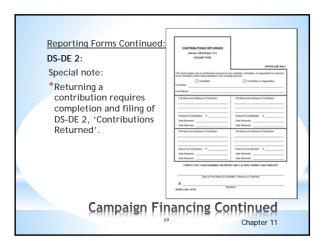




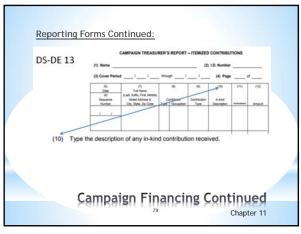




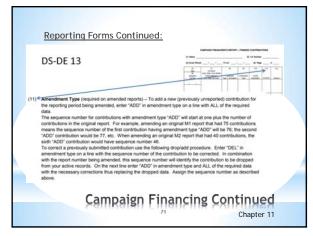




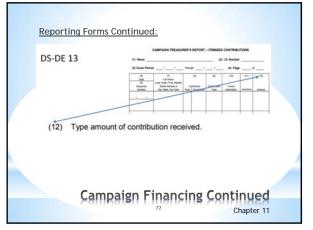




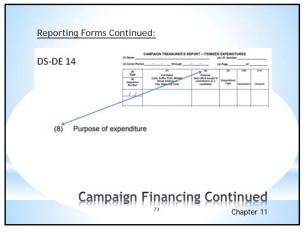




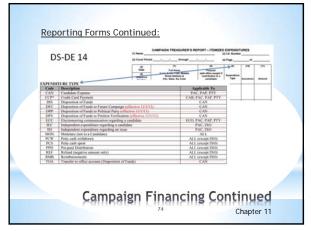


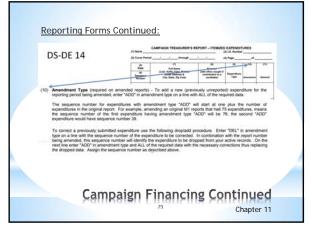




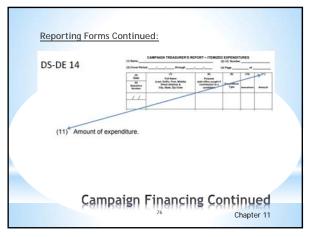




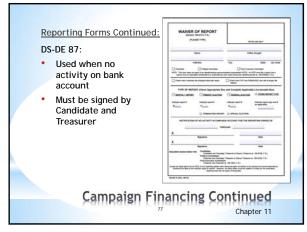




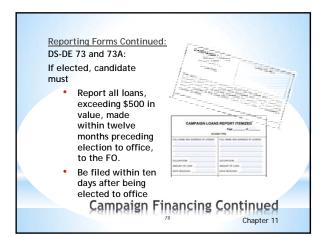




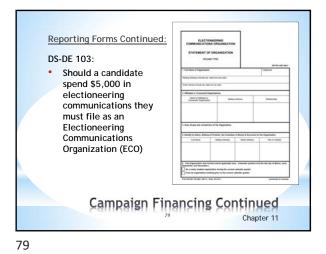










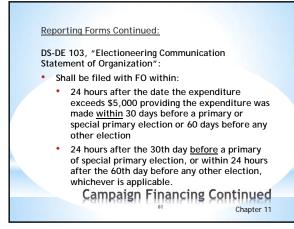


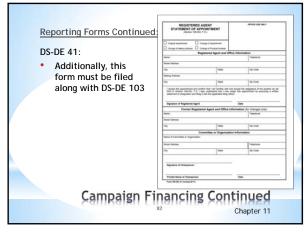


Reporting Forms Continued:
Electioneering Communication:

Is any broadcast, cable or satellite communication that fulfills each of the following conditions:
The communication refers to a clearly identified candidate;
The communication is publicly distributed by a television station, radio station, cable television system or satellite system for a fee; and
The communication is distributed within 60 days prior to a general election or 30 days prior to a primary or special election

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- Shall be accepted by the Filing Officer
- Filing Officer (FO) required to check report for completeness and accuracy
- FO must notify treasurer, by certified mail, as to why report is incomplete
- Treasurer has 7 days from date of receipt to correct report

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#### Amending Reporting Forms:

Requires using the Report Summary form, and either the Itemized Contribution or Expenditure form, or both.

#### To amend the Itemized Contribution form:

To add a <u>new (previously unreported)</u> contribution for the reporting period being amended, enter "ADD" in amendment type on a line with ALL of the required data. The sequence number for contributions with amendment type "ADD" will start at one plus the number of contributions in the original report.

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Amending Reporting Forms Continued: To amend the Itemized *Contribution* form continued:

To correct a <u>previously submitted</u> contribution use the following drop/add procedure. Enter "DEL" in amendment type on a line with the sequence number of the contribution to be corrected. In combination with the report number being amended, this sequence number will identify the contribution to be dropped from your active records.

On the next line enter "ADD" in amendment type and ALL of the required data with the necessary corrections thus replacing the dropped data. Assign the sequence number as described above.

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Amending Reporting Forms Continued: To amend the Itemized *Expenditure* form:

To add a new (previously unreported) expenditure for the reporting period being amended, enter "ADD" in amendment type on a line with ALL of the required data.

The sequence number for expenditures with amendment type "ADD" will start at one plus the number of expenditures in the original report.

Campaign Financing Continued

Amending Reporting Forms Continued: To amend the Itemized *Expenditure* form continued:

To correct a <u>previously submitted</u> expenditure use the following drop/add procedure. Enter "DEL" in amendment type on a line with the sequence number of the expenditure to be corrected. In combination with the report number being amended, this sequence number will identify the expenditure to be dropped from your active records.

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Amending Reporting Forms Continued: To amend the Report Summary form:

Summarize only contributions, expenditures, and distributions being reported as additions and/or deletions

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#### Late Report:

Immediately notify candidate that report was not timely filed and that a fine will be assessed Fine shall be assessed by the filing officer and based upon the earliest of the following: Date actually received Date of postmark

- Date of certificate of mailing
- Date received by established courier company

Campaign Financing Continued

#### Late Report Continued:

- Fine shall be paid within 20 days after receipt of notice
- Fine paid from candidate's personal funds
- Fine can be appealed
- Fine funds deposited in municipality's general revenue fund

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#### Penalty for Late Reports:

- \$50 per day for the first three days late
- Thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day
- Not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report
- Exceptions on next slide

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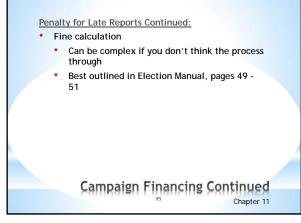
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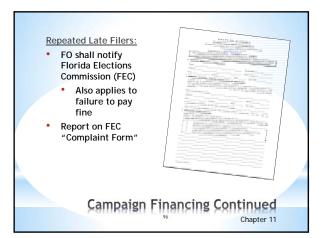
Exceptions continued

- Reports immediately preceding each primary, general, or special election the fine is \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report
- Termination report (TR), the fine is \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the late report

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#### Surplus Funds:

Disbursement

- Purchase 'thank you' advertising up to 75 days
- Pay for prior campaign obligations

Disposing

- Return pro rata to each contributor
- Donate funds to charity or 501(c)(3) organizations
- Give funds to candidate's political party
- Give funds to the municipality
- Transfer (up to \$5,000 multiplied by the number of years in the term of office) funds to an office account. [This option requires additional reporting requirements.]

**Campaign Financing Continued** 

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\*Candidates running for non-partisan office may not state the candidate's political party affiliation in the disclaimer, or in the body of the advertisement. Exception: The candidate is not prohibited from stating the candidate's partisan related experience

\*Therefore, political ads paid for by a candidate shall state:

"Political advertisement paid for and approved by (name of candidate), for (office sought)" or "Paid by (name of candidate), for (office sought)."

> Political Advertising <sup>59</sup> Chapter 12

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 \*Exceptions are many, below are two examples
 \*Designed to be worn by a person and novelty items, i.e. clothing, buttons, pens/pencils, bumper sticker, etc.
 \*Distributed as a text message or other message via Short Message Service, provided the message

is no more than 200 characters in length or requires the recipient to sign up or opt in to receive it

Political Advertising Continued



#### Campaign Signs

Usage and removal of political campaign advertisements \*Each candidate, whether for a federal, state, county, or district office, shall make a good faith effort to remove all of his or her political

campaign advertisements within 30 days after: \*(a) Withdrawal of his or her candidacy;

\*(b) Having been eliminated as a candidate; or

\*(c) Being elected to office.

#### Political Advertising Continued Chapter 12

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#### Campaign Signs Continued:

However, a candidate is not expected to remove those political campaign advertisements which are in the form of signs used by an outdoor advertising business as provided in chapter 479. The provisions herein do not apply to political campaign advertisements placed on motor vehicles or to campaign messages designed to be worn by persons

#### Political Advertising Continued Chapter 12

\*Expect a long day - arrive early, before the polls open. Expect to be extremely late, as you are required to take certain election materials to the Tabulation Center that same evening \*Have all contact information for your polling

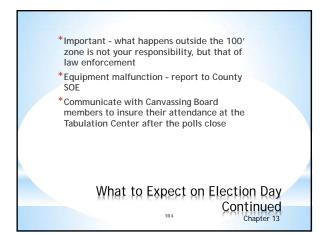
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Election Day Chapter 13

\*Visit your polling locations several times throughout the day

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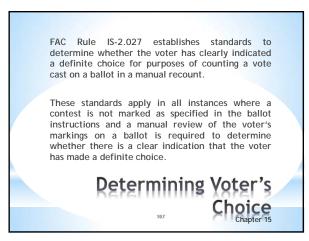
#### Responsibilities

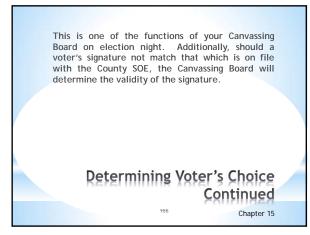
- \*Examine provisional ballots
- \*Certify accuracy of tabulating equipment
- \*Compare write-in votes
- \*Conduct manual audits
- \*Canvass vote by mail ballots
- \*Participate in recounts

NEVER TOUCH THE BALLOTS!

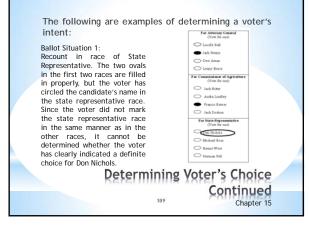
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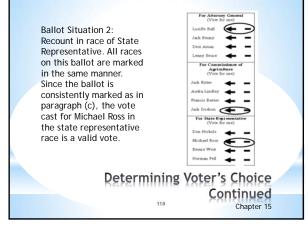


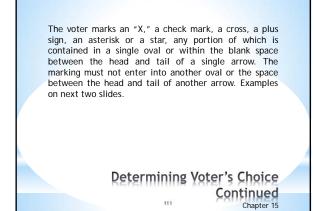




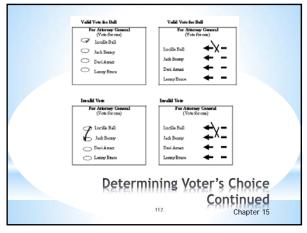




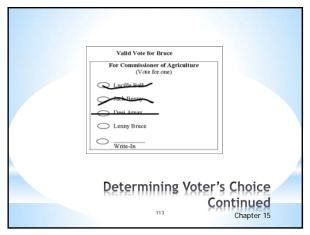


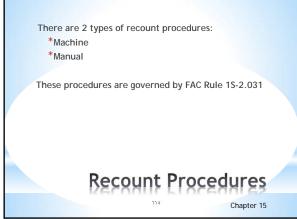














Machine Recount entails basically the following:

- Tabulating equipment being used in the recount must be tested
- \* Ballots are re-tabulated through the tabulating equipment, along with sorting out the over/under voted ballots
- Sorted ballots are secured in sealed container
- \* Container remains sealed until it is determined whether a manual recount will be conducted

The above is performed by the County SOE staff and is preformed on election night.

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Manual Recount is to involved to include in the presentation; however, County SOE staff performs this task, along with observation by your Canvassing Board.

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Do not touch the ballots during this process!

It is highly recommended that you share this Chapter with your Canvassing Board members.

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