

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 26: Elections

Chapter 5: Disclosure of Campaign Finances

§ 47. Financial Disclosure Report—Contents

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A. Contributions. With respect to contributions, the report shall include the name, occupation, and mailing address of the source of each contribution and interest earned on contributions.

B. Expenditures. The report shall detail all campaign related expenditures in categories set forth on the report form, including costs of travel and expenses from campaign related events. Payment made by a Candidate or his or her Financial Agent from the Candidate's own funds shall be included as expenditures for purposes of this subsection, and may be shown as a loan from the Candidate or may include any funds loaned to the Candidate by a bank, savings and loan association or credit union and on his or her own behalf, and shall not be considered as contributions. All expenditure from loans shall specify the name of the lending institution, the date and amount of the loans. The Candidate may reimburse his or her personal funds from campaign contributions in the amount of the reported loan(s).

C. Radio and Television Time. Where radio and television time is donated or offered on an equal basis to all qualified Candidates for any particular office, said donation shall be reported by or on behalf of each Candidate receiving the same, without assigning any cash value thereto.

D. No Financial Activities. If there has been no financial activity subject to the reporting requirements of this section for the reporting period, the Candidate and/or his or her Financial Agents shall so certify on the report.

E. Certification; Criminal Sanctions for Misrepresentation. Each Financial Disclosure Report shall be certified by the Candidate or his or her Financial Agents. A Candidate or a Candidate's Financial Agent who certifies a report and therein knowingly fails to fully disclose the information required in this section as to any gift, promise, treat, reward, favor, or anything of value given or expended, is guilty of a crime. If a person is convicted of a criminal violation under this subsection, then he or she shall not hold the office and shall be barred for a period of five (5) years from holding any elective office of the Cherokee Nation. Where any person who has received the highest number of votes for any office is disqualified from holding said office, a Special Election shall be held to elect another person to hold such office. If the Candidate has been elected and sworn into office, such

conviction may be grounds for removal under Article XI of the Cherokee Nation Constitution.

Historical Data

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