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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 17, 2017
TO: Candidate, Political, Independent, Ballot Question and Political Committees
FROM: Genesee County Clerk’s Office
SUBJECT: **Legislative Changes to the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA)**

PA 119 of 2017 implements a number of significant changes to Michigan's Campaign Finance Act (MCFA). The most significant changes that impact committees currently on file in Genesee County include:

1. Requires an Annual Campaign Statement be filed by local committees that do not maintain a reporting waiver.
2. Requires all committees to provide an email address to the filing official.

The changes to the MCFA in these new public acts have immediate effect and may affect committee filings and other disclosure requirements this year. The changes impact all committee types; Candidate Committees, Political and Independent Committees, Ballot Question Committees and Political Party Committees on both the State and Local level.

Covered in this memorandum:

- **Annual Campaign Statements Required**
- **Email Address for Committees Required**

Annual Campaign Statements Required

Section 35 was amended to provide that all committee’s both state and local must file the Annual Campaign Statement in addition to any other statement required by the MCFA. Section 35 reads in part:

“In addition to any other requirements of this act for filing a campaign statement, **a committee** shall also file a campaign statement not later than January 31 of each year. The campaign statement has a closing date of December 31 of the previous year. The period covered by the campaign statement filed under this subsection begins the day after the closing date of the previous campaign statement. A campaign statement filed under this subsection is waived if a postelection campaign statement has been filed that has a filing deadline within 30 days of the closing date of the campaign statement required by this subsection.”

NOTE: Committees that qualify for and maintain the \$1,000 Reporting Waiver are not required to file campaign statements, including an Annual Statement. If you are unsure whether or not your committee maintains such a waiver, please visit our web site at:

<http://genesee.mi.campaignfinance.us/>

Email Address for Committees Required

Section 26 was amended to require that committees provide an email address to the filing official. Section 26(1)a reads:

(1) A campaign statement of a committee, other than a political party committee, required by this act must contain all of the following information:

(a) The filing committee's name, address, and telephone number, and the full name, residential and business addresses, electronic mail address, and telephone numbers of the committee treasurer or other individual designated as responsible for the committee's record keeping, report preparation, or report filing.

We request that you visit our web site at the following link to review the information currently on file with us for your committee. <http://genesee.mi.campaignfinance.us/>

If the information is inaccurate or if there is no e-mail address listed, you **MUST** file an amended Statement of Organization. Here is a link to the appropriate form:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/CANSofOwithEF_71512_7.pdf?20130806135546

An amended Statement of Organization must be signed by both the candidate and treasurer (if any). You can deliver it to our office in person or mail it to the address above.

For your reference, we have included a copy of the 2017/2018 Campaign Finance – Quick Dates.