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Title: AN ACT OF LEGISLATION AMENDING UOSACA TITLE VII TO LIMIT
CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

Section 1: This Act shall be known and may be cited as "An Act of Legislation Amending
UOSACA Title VII to Limit Campaign Expenses"

Section 2: The Purpose of this Act shall be to limit campaign spending for all university-wide
UOSA Elections.

Section 3: Amend Title VII, Chapter 3, Section 22

~~c. Campaign Spending~~

~~At least seven (7) days before the election, Candidates in the UOSA Presidential race and candidates for CAC Chair must compile and submit to the Election Chair complete and accurate information on campaign spending, listing all spending on campaign materials and salaries, including assigned spending values of all donated material. This shall include projected spending through the General Election. *The Election Procedures Act; Congressional Bill No. 700304 and Senate Bill No. GS03-3, Sec. 9.2.*~~

~~i. Role of Election Board~~

~~The Election Board shall assess spending values of donated materials following investigation of the validity of the value assigned by the candidate. The Election Board may dispute any assigned spending value and assess new values that they find to be more accurate. Determination and confirmation of the accuracy of spending disclosure is the responsibility of the Election Board, subject to appeal to the Election Commission. The above process shall be repeated for runoff elections for the UOSA Presidential race and CAC Chair, with spending information due to the election chair four (4) days prior to the election and confirmed information provided to student media in time for publication two (2) days prior to the election. *The Election Procedures Act; Congressional Bill No. 700304 and Senate Bill No. GS03-3, Sec. 9.2.*~~

c. Campaign Spending

Definition. "Campaign Spending" shall mean the retail value of any obligations incurred; the retail value of any goods and services donated (excluding services performed entirely by University of Oklahoma students); and any actual funds expended to promote or oppose the election of any individual to any UOSA office. This definition shall include the value of any discounts not available to the general public and the retail value of any donated professional services (such as printing, graphic design, entertainment, and advertising). It shall not include any fines assessed under this Code or the value of donated non-professional services.

- i. There shall be an upper limit placed on all campaign spending. The spending limit shall be established at **\$2000** for each Executive ticket, **\$1500** for each CAC Chair candidate, and **\$250** for each Student Congress Representative candidate.*
- ii. All campaign spending shall be accounted for. The Elections Chair shall provide standardized forms for this purpose.*
- iii. At least seven (7) days before the election, Candidates shall file an Expense Report. Each report shall list and briefly describe the expenses incurred by or on behalf of the reporting candidate up to the reporting deadline and a detailed projected budget of expenditures they will make between the reporting deadline and the time the polls close the last day of the elections. Reports shall also include the sources of all incoming funds.*
- iv. By 5pm the day after the General Election, candidates shall file a Final Expense Statement. The candidates, due to extraordinary circumstances, may request in writing an additional 24 hours, given the request must be made by 5pm of the primary Final Expense Statement deadline. The Election Commission shall then vote upon receipt of written request, whether to grant the candidate's request. The Final Expense Statement shall contain the following information:
 - 1. An itemized listing of all campaign expenses, with appropriate original receipts or copies thereof;*
 - 2. The total amount of all campaign expenses;*
 - 3. An itemized listing of all donations made to the campaign, including materials carried over from previous campaigns and utilized during the current campaign;*
 - 4. The total amount of all campaign contributions, and;*
 - 5. A statement attesting to the validity of the reported information, signed by the designated agent**
- v. Incorrect/incomplete reports will not be accepted.*
- vi. Verification. The Elections Commission shall review each Final Expense Statement to verify that the information provided is complete and accurate. The Elections Commission shall also*

- determine whether any spending limits have been violated. In making this determination, the Commission shall have full authority to resolve any questions concerning the retail value of goods and services not evidenced by receipts or other verified documentation.*
- vii. Budgets from two or more candidates may not be combined in any way. Any campaign material promoting more than one candidate must be expensed at actual cost or fair market value, depending on the appropriate circumstance, by each candidate named.*
 - viii. Candidates must list the entire cost of each individual expense that results in campaign material that in any way suggests support for their candidacy. There shall be no prorating of costs to account for unused campaign items which were purchased.*

Section 4: This Act shall become effective immediately when passed in accordance with the UOSACA.

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