

LOCAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING

- PACs or political parties that have accepted contributions and made expenditures of \$500.00 or more for the purpose of influencing a local election or supporting or opposing one or more candidates in a local election must also file campaign finance reports 10 days before and 10 days after the local election with the municipal clerk and with the Secretary of State.
- Candidates for local office that spend or receive \$500 or more must file a bank designation and treasurer appointment form with the municipal clerk and file disclosure reports 10 days before and 10 days after the local election. (17 V.S.A. §2822).

IDENTIFYING SPONSORS OF ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS (POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS)

- 17 V.S.A. §2892 requires all electioneering communications* that advocate the success or defeat of a clearly identified candidate to clearly designate the name and address of the person who paid for the advertisement.
- In the case of printed or written matter, the name and address must be printed or written large enough to be clearly legible.
- The identifying provisions do not apply to buttons, lapel stickers, or electioneering communications made by a single individual acting alone who spends no more than \$150.00 on such communications within a two-year election cycle.

Note: This provision does not apply to advertisements that focus solely on issues and that do not both clearly identify a candidate for office, and promote, support, attack or oppose a candidate for that office.

*“Electioneering communication” means any communication, including communications published in any newspaper or periodical or broadcast on radio, or television or over any public address system, placed on any billboards, outdoor facilities, buttons or printed material attached to motor vehicles, window displays, posters, cards, pamphlets, leaflets, flyers or other circulars, or in any direct mailing, robotic phone calls or mass emails that refers to a clearly identified candidate for office and that promotes or supports a candidate for that office, or attacks or opposes a candidate for that office, regardless of whether the communication expressly advocates a vote for or against a candidate.