

SUBCHAPTER E—PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND: GENERAL ELECTION FINANCING

PART 9001—SCOPE

AUTHORITY: 26 U.S.C. 9009(b).

§ 9001.1 Scope.

This subchapter governs entitlement to and use of funds certified from the Presidential Election Campaign Fund under 26 U.S.C. 9001 *et seq.* The definitions, restrictions, liabilities and obligations imposed by this subchapter are in addition to those imposed by sections 431–455 of title 2, United States Code, and regulations prescribed thereunder (11 CFR parts 100 through 400). Unless expressly stated to the contrary, this subchapter does not alter the effect of any definitions, restrictions, obligations and liabilities imposed by sections 431–455 of title 2, United States Code, or regulations prescribed thereunder (11 CFR parts 100 through 400).

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§ 9002.1 Authorized committee.

(a) Notwithstanding the definition at 11 CFR 100.5, *authorized committee* means with respect to a candidate (as defined at 11 CFR 9002.2) of a political party for President and Vice President,

any political committee that is authorized by a candidate to incur expenses on behalf of such candidate. The term “authorized committee” includes the candidate’s principal campaign committee designated in accordance with 11 CFR 102.12, any political committee authorized in writing by the candidate in accordance with 11 CFR 102.13, and any political committee not disavowed by the candidate pursuant to 11 CFR 100.3(a)(3). If a party has nominated a Presidential and a Vice Presidential candidate, all political committees authorized by that party’s Presidential candidate shall also be authorized committees of the Vice Presidential candidate and all political committees authorized by the Vice Presidential candidate shall also be authorized committees of the Presidential candidate.

(b) Any withdrawal of an authorization shall be in writing and shall be addressed and filed in the same manner provided for at 11 CFR 102.12 or 102.13.

(c) Any candidate nominated by a political party may designate the national committee of that political party as that candidate’s authorized committee in accordance with 11 CFR 102.12(c).

(d) For purposes of this subchapter, references to the “candidate” and his or her responsibilities under this subchapter shall also be deemed to refer to the candidate’s authorized committee(s).

§ 9002.2 Candidate.

(a) For the purposes of this subchapter, *candidate* means with respect to any presidential election, an individual who—

(1) Has been nominated by a major party for election to the office of President of the United States or the office of Vice President of the United States; or

(2) Has qualified or consented to have his or her name appear on the general election ballot (or to have the names of electors pledged to him or her on such ballot) as the candidate of a political party for election to either such office

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in 10 or more States. For the purposes of this section, *political party* shall be defined in accordance with 11 CFR 9002.15.

(b) An individual who is no longer actively conducting campaigns in more than one State pursuant to 11 CFR 9004.8 shall cease to be a candidate for the purpose of this subchapter.

§ 9002.3 Commission.

Commission means the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463.

§ 9002.4 Eligible candidates.

Eligible candidates means those Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates who have met all applicable conditions for eligibility to receive payments from the Fund under 11 CFR part 9003.

§ 9002.5 Fund.

Fund means the Presidential Election Campaign Fund established by 26 U.S.C. 9006(a).

§ 9002.6 Major party.

Major party means a political party whose candidate for the office of President in the preceding Presidential election received, as a candidate of such party, 25 percent or more of the total number of popular votes received by all candidates for such office. For the purposes of 11 CFR 9002.6, *candidate* means, with respect to any preceding Presidential election, an individual who received popular votes for the office of President in such election.

§ 9002.7 Minor party.

Minor party means a political party whose candidate for the office of President in the preceding Presidential election received, as a candidate of such party, 5 percent or more, but less than 25 percent, of the total number of popular votes received by all candidates for such office. For the purposes of 11 CFR 9002.7, *candidate* means with respect to any preceding Presidential election, an individual who received popular votes for the office of President in such election.

§ 9002.8 New party.

New party means a political party which is neither a major party nor a minor party.

§ 9002.9 Political committee.

For purposes of this subchapter, *political committee* means any committee, club, association, organization or other group of persons (whether or not incorporated) which accepts contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing, or attempting to influence, the election of any candidate to the office of President or Vice President of the United States.

§ 9002.10 Presidential election.

Presidential election means the election of Presidential and Vice Presidential electors.

§ 9002.11 Qualified campaign expense.

(a) *Qualified campaign expense* means any expenditure, including a purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money or anything of value—

(1) Incurred to further a candidate's campaign for election to the office of President or Vice President of the United States;

(2) Incurred within the expenditure report period, as defined under 11 CFR 9002.12, or incurred before the beginning of such period in accordance with 11 CFR 9003.4 to the extent such expenditure is for property, services or facilities to be used during such period; and

(3) Neither the incurrence nor the payment of such expenditure constitutes a violation of any law of the United States, any law of the State in which such expense is incurred or paid, or any regulation prescribed under such Federal or State law, except that any State law which has been preempted by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, shall not be considered a State law for purposes of this subchapter. An expenditure which constitutes such a violation shall nevertheless count against the candidate's expenditure limitation if the expenditure meets the conditions set forth at 11 CFR 9002.11(a) (1) and (2).