

REFERENCE TITLE: campaign literature; identification

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Introduced by  
Representative Poelstra

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-912, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CAMPAIGN  
CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-912, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-912. Campaign literature and advertisement sponsors;  
5 identification; civil penalty

6 A. A political committee that makes an expenditure for campaign  
7 literature or advertisements that expressly advocate the election or defeat  
8 of any candidate or that make any solicitation of contributions to any  
9 political committee shall be registered pursuant to this chapter at the time  
10 of distribution, placement or solicitation and shall include on the  
11 literature or advertisement the following disclosure:

12 1. If authorized or paid for by a candidate, a candidate's campaign  
13 committee or an agent of either, the literature or advertisement shall  
14 clearly state that it was paid for by the candidate or the candidate's  
15 campaign committee **AND SHALL INCLUDE THE FIRST AND LAST NAME OF THE CANDIDATE**  
16 **AND THE OFFICE SOUGHT AND IF THERE IS A DISTRICT DESIGNATION FOR THE OFFICE,**  
17 **THE DISTRICT DESIGNATION.**

18 2. If not authorized or paid for by a candidate, a candidate's  
19 campaign committee or any agent of either, the literature or advertisement  
20 shall clearly state:

21 (a) The name of the political committee that paid for the literature  
22 or advertisement, the name of the chairman of the political committee and a  
23 telephone number where that individual can be contacted. **THE LITERATURE OR**  
24 **ADVERTISEMENT SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE FIRST AND LAST NAME OF THE CANDIDATE AND**  
25 **THE OFFICE SOUGHT AND IF THERE IS A DISTRICT DESIGNATION FOR THE OFFICE, THE**  
26 **DISTRICT DESIGNATION.**

27 (b) That the literature or advertisement is not authorized by any  
28 candidate or candidate's campaign committee.

29 B. If the expenditure for the campaign literature or advertisements by  
30 a political committee is an independent expenditure, the political committee,  
31 in addition to the disclosures required by subsection A of this section,  
32 shall include on the literature or advertisement the names and telephone  
33 numbers of the three individuals and political committees making the largest  
34 contributions to the political committee making the independent expenditure.

35 If an acronym is used to name any political committee outlined in this  
36 section, the name of any sponsoring organization of the political committee  
37 shall also be printed or spoken. For purposes of determining the three  
38 contributors to be disclosed, the contributions of each individual or  
39 political committee to the political committee making the independent  
40 expenditure during the one year period before the election being affected are  
41 aggregated.

42 C. The provisions of subsection A of this section do not apply to  
43 bumper stickers, pins, buttons, pens and similar small items on which the  
44 statements required in subsection A of this section cannot be conveniently  
45 printed or to signs paid for by a candidate with campaign monies or by a

1 candidate's campaign committee or to a solicitation of contributions by a  
2 separate segregated fund from those persons it may solicit pursuant to  
3 sections 16-920 and 16-921.

4 D. The disclosures required pursuant to this section shall be printed  
5 clearly and legibly in a conspicuous manner or, if the advertisement is  
6 broadcast on a telecommunications system, the disclosure shall be spoken.

7 E. A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of  
8 three times the cost of the literature or advertisement. This civil penalty  
9 shall be imposed as prescribed in section 16-924.