

3517.082 Political action committee - separate segregated fund.

(A) Any corporation, any nonprofit corporation, or any labor organization may establish, administer, and solicit contributions from the persons listed in division (B) of this section, to either or both of the following:

(1) A political action committee of the corporation or labor organization with respect to state and local elections;

(2) A separate segregated fund pursuant to the Federal Election Campaign Act.

(B)

(1) A corporation and a nonprofit corporation may solicit contributions from its stockholders, officers, directors, trustees that are not corporations or labor organizations, and employees.

(2) A nonprofit corporation also may solicit contributions from:

(a) Its members that are not corporations or labor organizations;

(b) Officers, directors, trustees that are not corporations or labor organizations, and employees of any members of the nonprofit corporation.

(3) A labor organization may solicit contributions from its members, officers, and employees.

(C) A corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization shall report to a political action committee, or to a separate segregated fund with respect to state and local elections, the following costs expended by the corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization that are associated with establishing, administering, and soliciting contributions to the political action committee or separate segregated fund pursuant to division (A) of this section:

(1) Mailing and printing expenses for direct solicitation of contributions pursuant to this section;

(2) The portion of an employee's salary or wages attributable to time the employee spends in activities related to establishing, administering, and soliciting contributions to a political action committee or separate segregated fund, if that time exceeds during a reporting period fifty per cent of the time for which the employee is compensated by the corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization;

(3) The cost associated with the purchase, lease, operation, and use of equipment for activities related to establishing, administering, and soliciting contributions to a political action committee or separate segregated fund if during a reporting period more than fifty per cent of the use of the equipment is for those activities;

(4) Professional fees paid by the corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization for establishing, administering, and soliciting contributions to a political action committee or separate segregated fund.

The political action committee shall itemize the amounts and purposes of those costs expended by the corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization and file them as part of the statement required of political action committees under division (A) of section [3517.10](#) of the Revised Code . The separate segregated fund with respect to state and local elections shall file with the secretary of state a copy of the portion of each report and statement required under the Federal Election Campaign Act that applies to state and local elections at the same time that the entire original report is filed in accordance with that act.

(D) A corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor organization may obtain contributions for a political action committee or a separate segregated fund under this section from an individual described in division (B) of this section from whom the corporation, nonprofit corporation, or labor

organization was not obtaining contributions for that political action committee or separate segregated fund before the effective date of this amendment on an automatic basis pursuant to a payroll deduction plan only if the individual who is contributing to that political action committee or separate segregated fund affirmatively consents to the contribution in writing.

(E) In addition to the laws listed in division (A) of section [4117.10](#) of the Revised Code that prevail over conflicting agreements between employee organizations and public employers, this section prevails over any conflicting provisions of agreements between labor organizations and public employers that are entered into on or after the effective date of this amendment pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code.

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