

(Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Title 2, Division 6, California Code of Regulations.)

**§ 18404. Termination of Candidate and Section 82013 Committee Filing Requirements.**

(a) Major Donor and Independent Expenditure Committees. A committee that qualifies under Section 82013(b) or (c) is obligated to file campaign reports under the Act only for activity occurring during the calendar year in which it qualifies. The committee's filing obligations will terminate once all campaign reports required under the Act for the qualifying year are filed.

(b) Recipient Committees. A committee that qualifies under Section 82013(a) is obligated to file campaign reports under the Act until its status is terminated. The committee terminates its status according to the requirements and procedures set forth in Regulation 18404.1 except as noted in Regulation 18404.1(g).

(c) Candidates and Officeholders. Pursuant to Section 82007, a candidate (which includes an officeholder) is obligated to file campaign reports under the Act until their status as a candidate is terminated, and if the candidate has a controlled committee, the committee is terminated. An officeholder must file campaign reports required under the Act during the entire time the individual holds office. A candidate's status terminates when the candidate is defeated, leaves office or the term of office ends, withdrew from the election, or was not on the ballot in the election. The filing obligations of a candidate or officeholder terminate as follows:

(1) Candidates or Officeholders with Committees. The filing obligations of a candidate or officeholder who has one or more controlled committees terminate when the individual has terminated all controlled committee(s) as set forth in Regulation 18404.1, is no longer a candidate, and has left office. This includes a committee opened by a candidate in anticipation of

qualifying as a Section 82013(a) committee where the candidate did not receive contributions totaling \$2,000 or more in a calendar year.

(2) Candidates or Officeholders without Committees. The filing obligations of a candidate or officeholder who has not opened a controlled committee, and received contributions and made expenditures of less than \$2,000 in the calendar year terminate at the end of the calendar year if:

- (A) The candidate is defeated, withdrew, or was not on the ballot in the election that year; or
- (B) The individual left office or the term ended during the calendar year; and
- (C) The individual has ceased to receive contributions and make expenditures and has filed all required campaign reports.

(d) A candidate or a committee whose filing obligations have terminated remains subject to all civil and criminal penalties and remedies for any violations of this title or any other provision of law.

Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 82007, 82013 and 84214, Government Code.

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