

**Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board**  
County Central Committee

Committees must comply with *Code of Iowa* Chapter 68A. Iowa Code 68A contains the campaign regulations enforced by the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board. The Board is an independent state agency that enforces the laws related to activities of political committees. Other statutes concerning the Board are found in Iowa Code Chapter 68B.

**Campaign Finance Disclosure**

A County Central Committee is a statutory committee. Changes to the committee (including new officers) need to be filed by amending the Statement of Organization within 30 days of the change. The committee is responsible for filing campaign disclosure reports (DR-2 and appropriate schedules) on or before the due dates in Code Section 68A.402. It is important to file the report on or before the due date as civil and criminal penalties may be imposed for late-filed reports. The reports disclose campaign money and other items donated or spent by the candidate. County Central Committee **MUST** file their reports electronically.

**Common Campaign Violations to Avoid**

- 1) A County Central Committee cannot accept contributions or use the resources of any corporation, bank, savings and loan, credit union, or insurance company (Code Section 68A.503). However, a County Central Committee may purchase a good or service from a corporation at fair market value.
- 2) A County Central Committee must attribute the source on any printed political advertising. If a County Central Committee has registered a committee by filing the Statement of Organization, the words “paid for by” and the name of the committee are required to be included on the material. The attribution must appear on all political advertising including newspaper advertisements, billboards, brochures, letters, posters and Web sites. Yard signs placed in a residential yard that are 32 square feet or less are exempt. Items too small to include the attribution, such as buttons or pens, are also exempt.
- 3) A County Central Committee must make sure that campaign signs are not placed on corporate property or any governmental property including the public right-of-way (usually the area between the sidewalk and the curb).
- 4) A County Central Committee’s funds must be kept in a separate account in a financial institution located in Iowa (Code Section 68A.203)

**Assistance**

Campaign finance laws, rules, advisory opinions, blank forms, brochures and other useful information may be obtained on the Board’s Web site at [www.iowa.gov/ethics](http://www.iowa.gov/ethics). Call the Board at (515) 281-4411 with questions or concerns about a campaign finance issue.

**STATE AND COUNTY STATUTORY POLITICAL COMMITTEE  
(PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE)**

**Election Year Reporting Dates  
(Even Numbered Years)**

<u>Report Due</u>	<u>Covering Period</u>
May 19	January 1 through May 14
July 19	May 15 through July 14
October 19	July 15 through October 14
January 19 (next calendar year)	October 15 through December 31 of election year

**Non-Election Year Reporting Date  
(Odd Numbered Years)**

<u>Report Due</u>	<u>Covering Period</u>
January 19 (next calendar year)	January 1 through December 31 of non-election year