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Rule 111:2-1-08 Local candidate waiver of reporting requirements.

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The campaign committee of a candidate that files a "Local Candidate Waiver" in addition to a designation of treasurer is not required to file any campaign finance reports pursuant to section 3517.10 of the Revised Code including any pre-election, postelection or annual report.

For purposes of determining if a "Local Candidate Waiver" is appropriate, election period is defined as the period of time beginning when the candidate files his or her candidacy petition through election day. The "Local Candidate Waiver" must be filed not later than ten days after the candidate's petition has been filed.

Candidates for an elected municipal office that pays an annual salary of five thousand dollars or less, candidates for member of a board of education (including educational service centers) except for state board of education, and candidates for township trustee and clerk may qualify to file a "Local Candidate Waiver" if all of the following apply: the campaign committee will not accept during an election period more than two thousand dollars of aggregate contributions; will not accept more than one hundred dollars from any one individual contributor; and will not make aggregate expenditures during an election period greater than two thousand dollars. For purposes of this paragraph, "individual" does not include the candidate whose campaign committee has filed a "Local Candidate Waiver."

If the campaign committee of a candidate that has filed a "Local Candidate Waiver" subsequently accepts any contributions in excess of the amounts set out above or spends more than two thousand dollars, the waiver is void and the candidate must report all contributions and expenditures received or made from the time the candidacy petition was filed to the date when the excess amount was received or spent.

The waiver covers activity accruing through the post generalreporting period of the year in which the waiver is filed. After that time, the campaign committee must either terminate or begin filing the statements required under section 3517.10 of the Revised Code.