



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 111:2-6-10 Definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

(A) "Standard of proof" means, with respect to alleged violations of provisions of the Revised Code listed in division (A) of section 3517.15 of the Revised Code, "preponderance of the evidence"; except with respect to alleged violations of divisions (A) and (B) of sections 3517.21 and/or 3517.22 of the Revised Code, "clear and convincing evidence."

(B) "Affidavit" means a sworn statement verified and sealed by a notary public and including as a portion of the jurat the following language, "sworn to and subscribed in my presence" and in a form substantially in accordance with section 2935.19 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Complainant(s)" means either the person(s) making the complaint or the secretary of state's office.

(D) "Respondent(s)" means the person(s) alleged to have violated Ohio election law.

(E) "Filed" or "filing" means the date and time when an item is received by the secretary of state's office or the commission, as applicable, or when accepted by a hearing officer or accepted at any meeting held by the commission. Except as permitted by a hearing officer or the commission, "filed" or "filing" requires electronic submission.

(F) "Costs" of the commission shall include but not be limited to the following expenses:

- (1) Mailing charges for any notice or letter sent;
- (2) Delivery charges incurred in notifying and informing commission members;
- (3) Expenses incurred by a commission member for attending the meeting;



- (4) Services of a court reporter;
- (5) Any rental charges incurred for any reason directly allocable to the case;
- (6) Subpoena fees and charges whether incurred by the commission or on behalf of the commission;
- (7) Reasonable attorney fees as determined by the commission and as allowed by the Revised Code.