



POLITICAL COMMITTEE REGISTRATION
SECRETARY OF STATE
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Fee: \$25.00 for each registration (registration must be renewed each calendar year)

Political Committee Registration provisions are found in North Dakota Century Code, Section 16.1-08.1-03.2.

Please print.

Full name of committee (e.g. John Doe for Treasurer, ND Retail PAC, Bismarck Dems, etc.)		Contact Telephone Number	
Acronym of committee name if applicable (e.g. NDRA-PAC)			
Committee address (Street Address or Post Office Box)	City	State	Zip Code

Complete the information for one of the following (#1, #2, or #3) that best describes your organization. (see descriptions on reverse side)

#1 - Candidate Committee

Name of candidate seeking office _____

Office candidate is seeking _____

Political party affiliation of candidate

Democratic - NPL Republican Independent

No-Party Other

#2 - PAC , **Multicandidate Political Committee** or **527 Organization**

Which primary interests best describe the PAC, Political Committee or 527 Organization?

Agriculture Education Human Services Political Utilities

Banking Energy Labor Senior Citizens Youth

Business Health Mining Transportation Other

#3 - Committee Organized in Support Of or Opposition To Initiated or Referred Measure

Organized in **SUPPORT** of (title of measure) _____

Organized in **OPPOSITION** to (title of measure) _____

Full name of the agent for the committee		Daytime Telephone Number	
Title or position of agent			
Mailing address of agent if different than committee address provided above	City	State	Zip Code

 Signature of candidate or agent acting on behalf of the committee

 Date

A political committee that organizes for political purposes is required to register each calendar year with the Secretary of State.

A political committee is defined as:

- Candidate Committee (established to support an individual seeking statewide office);
- PAC;
- Committee Organized In Support Of or Opposition To Initiated or Referred Measures and;
- Multicandidate Committee (established to support multiple groups or slates of candidates seeking public office)

This registration, known as **Political Committee Registration**, must be completed **WITHIN 15 BUSINESS DAYS** of the receipt of **ANY** contribution or expenditure made..

Each Political Committee Registration must be accompanied with a registration fee of **\$25.00**. (Checks must be payable to "Secretary of State". Payment may also be made by credit card using VISA, Master Card, or Discover.)

Political Committee Registration must be completed as follows:

#1 - Candidate Committee

Committees organized in support of candidates seeking nomination or election to statewide public office and a person holding public office, must register with the Secretary of State. Political parties or committees organized in support of A legislative candidate have **NO** registration requirements.

Committees must include the name of the candidate, the office the candidate is seeking, and the candidate's political party affiliation. If the candidate is seeking a no-party statewide office, the box indicating No-Party should be marked.

#2 - PAC or Multicandidate Committee or 527 Organization

Corporations, cooperative corporations, limited liability companies, or associations may not make direct political contributions, unless via a separate and segregated fund, known as a **PAC**. PACs administering a segregated fund which aids or opposes, in any manner, any candidate for public office, any political purpose, or any political party, must register with the Secretary of State.

A PAC that organizes and registers according to federal law and makes disbursements in excess of \$200 to nonfederal North Dakota candidates, or to a political party or political committee, is not required to complete a Political Committee Registration. This is true if the federally registered PAC files a copy of that portion of the PAC's federal report detailing the disbursements made to nonfederal North Dakota candidates. The PAC shall file a copy of the PAC's federal report with the Secretary of State at the time of filing their report with the applicable federal agency. The report must include: the name, mailing address, and treasurer of the PAC; the names of the North Dakota candidates receiving disbursements; and the date and amount of each disbursement made. **This form (SFN 17909) is not required for reporting this kind of activity.**

A **Multicandidate Committee** is any committee, established to support multiple groups or slates of candidates seeking public office, that elicits or receives contributions primarily for political purposes. A committee that meets this definition, other than a political party and a committee organized in support of a legislative candidate, must also register with the Secretary of State.

A 527 Organization is an organization governed by section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 527], which solicits or receives contributions or makes expenditures for political purposes. A committee that meets this definition, must also register with the Secretary of State.

A PAC, Multicandidate Committee or a 527 Organization must indicate which interest(s) best describe the PAC, Multicandidate Committee or 527 Organization using those listed on the form. If none of the interests listed describe the interest(s) of the PAC, Multicandidate Committee or 527 Organization, the box indicating Other should be marked and completed.

#3 - Committee Organized in Support Of or Opposition To Initiated or Referred Measure

Committees organized in support of or opposition to initiated or referred measures, including any corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability company, or association that receives contributions pursuant to Section 16.1-08.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code or spends money for the purpose of promoting passage or defeat of initiated or referred measures, must register with the Secretary of State.

The committee must indicate which initiated or referred measure(s) it is organized in support of or in opposition to.

The Political Committee Registration must indicate the name, title, mailing address, and telephone number of the agent acting on behalf of the committee.

Either the candidate or the agent acting on the behalf of the committee must certify that the information contained in the registration is true, correct, and complete by signing and dating the Political Committee Registration.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: File your Political Committee Registration **AND** registration fee of **\$25.00** with the Secretary of State:

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ASSISTANCE: Questions regarding Political Committee Registration may be directed to the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office at (701) 328-4146 or (800) 352-0867.