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# **CHAPTER 7**

## **SENATE BILL 1029**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-933, 16-934 AND 16-937, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;  
RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-933, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-933. Transfer and disposal of committee monies;  
5 limitations

6 A. A committee that intends to terminate shall dispose of surplus  
7 monies as follows:

8 1. Return surplus monies to the contributor.

9 2. Contribute surplus monies pursuant to and within the limits  
10 prescribed in article 1.2 of this chapter.

11 3. In the case of a candidate committee, contribute surplus monies  
12 to a candidate committee for another candidate under the following  
13 conditions:

14 (a) The candidate committee makes the contribution after the time  
15 period for filing a nomination paper pursuant to section 16-311,  
16 subsection A.

17 (b) The candidate associated with the candidate committee that  
18 makes the contribution did not file a nomination paper to run for election  
19 in the current election cycle.

20 (c) In the case of a candidate committee for legislative office,  
21 the candidate committee makes the contribution when the legislature is not  
22 in regular legislative session.

23 (d) The candidate committee makes the contribution within the  
24 limits prescribed for individuals in section 16-912.

25 4. Donate surplus monies to a nonprofit organization that has tax  
26 exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.

27 5. In the case of a statewide or legislative candidate committee  
28 and subject to section 41-133, transfer surplus monies to the candidate's  
29 officeholder expense account.

30 B. Surplus monies shall not be used for or converted to personal  
31 use.

32 C. This section does not preclude the repayment of a loan to a  
33 committee.

34 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, ON THE DEATH OF A CANDIDATE,  
35 THAT CANDIDATE'S CANDIDATE COMMITTEE IS DEEMED TO HAVE THE INTENTION TO  
36 TERMINATE THE COMMITTEE.

37 Sec. 2. Section 16-934, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
38 read:

39 16-934. Termination statement; filing; contents

40 A. A committee may terminate only when the committee treasurer  
41 files a termination statement with the filing officer with whom the  
42 committee's statement of organization was filed.

43 B. In the termination statement, the committee treasurer shall  
44 certify under penalty of perjury that all of the following apply:



1 the filing officer shall send a written notice by ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL to the  
2 committee within five days after the filing deadline that identifies the  
3 late report, describes how fines accrue and identifies methods of payment.

4 B. A committee that fails to timely file a report shall pay the  
5 filing officer a penalty of ~~ten dollars~~ \$10 for each day that the filing  
6 is late during the first fifteen days after the filing deadline and  
7 ~~twenty-five dollars~~ \$25 for each subsequent day that the filing is late.  
8 Penalties accrue until the late report is filed.

9 C. If a committee fails to file a complete report within thirty  
10 days after the filing deadline and after providing notice pursuant to  
11 subsection A of this section, the filing officer may notify the  
12 appropriate enforcement officer prescribed in this article.

13 D. For any political action committee or political party that fails  
14 to file three consecutive complete reports, the filing officer shall send  
15 by ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL to the committee a notice of temporary suspension and the  
16 following apply:

17 1. On receipt, the committee's authority to operate in the  
18 jurisdiction is temporarily suspended.

19 2. The notice shall state that failure to comply with all filing  
20 and payment requirements within thirty days after the date of the notice  
21 shall result in permanent suspension of the committee's authority to  
22 operate in that jurisdiction.

23 E. After compliance with subsection D of this section, the filing  
24 officer may permanently suspend the committee and shall notify the  
25 committee by ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL and is not required to provide any further  
26 notice. Permanent or temporary suspension does not eliminate a  
27 committee's continuing obligation to file reports and pay any outstanding  
28 and accruing penalties provided by law.

29 F. ON COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 16-934, A FILING OFFICER MAY WAIVE  
30 ANY PENALTIES ACCRUED UNDER THIS SECTION FROM A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE'S  
31 FAILURE TO FILE A REPORT IF THE REPORT WAS DUE AFTER THAT CANDIDATE'S  
32 DEATH.

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