

Independent Expenditures Made by Individuals, Partnerships or Other Entities — Form 30-E

For the purpose of this form, an independent expenditure is an expenditure for or against a candidate or ballot issue that is not made with the consent of, or coordinated with, the candidate's campaign committee, a registered PAC, a political contributing entity (PCE) or its agent. If the item or service provided **was** made with the consent of, or coordinated in some manner with, the benefiting committee, no reporting requirement exists for individuals or partnerships that do not constitute a committee [R.C. 3517.01(B)(17)].

If independent expenditure(s) of less than or equal to \$100.00 were made for or against a ballot issue, no form is required to be filed. [R.C. 3517.105(C)(2)(b)]

This form stands alone and should *not* be filed by a corporate PAC, labor organization, other type of PAC, political contributing entity (PCE), legislative campaign fund or political party. Committees that file campaign finance reports should file Form no. 31-U, not 30-E. Corporations and labor organizations cannot make independent expenditures in regard to candidates. If corporations or labor organizations make independent expenditures in regard to ballot issues, they should file Form no. 30-B-2.

The State block should be completed with the U.S. Post Office's standard two-letter abbreviation. For example, Ohio would appear as OH.

The Date block should be completed with six digits. For example, March 9, 2005, would appear as 03 09 05.

A pre-election filing is due by 4 p.m. 12 days before an election if \$1,000 or more in independent expenditures were made (including benefits provided) by the 20th day before the election.

A post-election filing is due by 4 p.m. 38 days after the election if:

1. Independent expenditures were made (including benefits provided) totaling less than \$1,000 by the 20th day before the election and no pre-election filing was made; or
2. Any independent expenditures were made (including benefits provided) between the 20th day before the election and the 31st day after the election.

A Semiannual filing is due by 4 p.m. on the last business day of July if any independent expenditures were made (including benefits provided) between the last day reflected in the previously filed statement, if any, to the close of business on the last day of June of that year.

An annual filing is due by 4 p.m. on the last business day of January if any independent expenditures were made (including benefits provided) between the 31st day after the election and December 31.