

Chapter 359 of the Laws of 1978

Chapter 359 of the Laws of 1978 requires that effective September 1, 1978 all candidates for election to a board of education should file sworn statements of campaign expenses.

The following questions and answers are intended to be of assistance to school districts and school district public libraries in the implementation of the law:

Q: Is filing required of all candidates?

A: Yes, every candidate must file.

Q: Must a candidate who is appointed to a vacant board seat file?

A: No, filing is necessary only when an election is involved.

Q: With whom must the candidate file?

A: The Clerk of the District, or Principal Clerk for public libraries.

Q: Is there a specific format for filing?

A: No, the format is left to the discretion of the candidate. However, a sample form is included with this letter and may be used by the candidate.

Q: What information must be included in the filing?

A: The filing must set forth all moneys or other valuable things which has been paid, given, expended or promised or which have been incurred for or on behalf of the candidate with his/her approval by any person, firm, association or corporation for the purpose of aiding the candidate in his nomination or election or to defeat any other candidate in the election.

Q: Must a candidate file if he/she incurs little or no personal expenditures and/or if expenditures incurred by others with his/her approval is minimal?

A: Yes, every candidate must file. An itemization is necessary if expenditures exceed \$500.