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Rulemaking Calendar for Third and Fourth Quarters 2012

Campaign Cost Index Adjustments

Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 19:25

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Authority: N.J.S.A. 19:44A-6 and 38

Take notice that the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (hereafter, the Commission) anticipates proposal in August or September, 2012, in the New Jersey Register of amendments to its rules to implement the statutorily mandated requirement to adjust the limits and thresholds in the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq., (hereafter, the Act) for campaign cost inflation.

The Commission is statutorily required to “establish an index reflecting the changes occurring in the general level of prices of particular goods and services . . . directly affecting the overall costs of election campaigning in this State” (hereafter, the campaign cost index); see N.J.S.A. 19:44A-7.1.b. The Commission must use the campaign cost index to adjust on a quadrennial basis various limits and thresholds which apply to publicly-financed elections for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor; see N.J.S.A.

19:44A-7.1.c. The campaign cost index calculated for the public financing program for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor is required to be applied also to limits and thresholds applicable to candidates, candidate committees, joint candidates committees, political committees, continuing political committees, political party committees, legislative leadership committees, and other entities; see N.J.S.A. 19:44A-7.2.

Calculation of the campaign cost index requires data that the Commission expects to become publicly available in July, 2012, and the campaign cost index adjustments must be available to candidates and committees by December 1, 2012; see N.J.S.A. 19:44A-7.1. The Commission therefore publishes this rulemaking calendar to notify the public that it will file with the Office of Administrative Law in July or August 2012, for publication in the New Jersey Register in August or September, 2012, proposed amendments to those sections of its rules requiring adjustment by the campaign cost index and related changes. A 30-day comment period will be observed; see N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.1.

Take further notice that the Commission anticipates that other proposals will be published during 2012 with a 60-day comment period pursuant to the rulemaking calendar exception at N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a)5.