

(Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Title 2, Division 6, California Code of Regulations.)

**§ 18402. Committee Names.**

(a) A committee must use only one name on its statement of organization.

(b) The Secretary of State must not issue an identification number to any committee with the same name as any existing committee that already has an identification number. The name of one committee is considered the same as that of another committee if the same words are used in the same order, excluding articles. If two or more different committees file a statement of organization listing the same name, the Secretary of State will issue an identification number to the first committee to file a statement of organization once it qualifies as a committee and indicates on the statement that the committee has qualified as a committee and the date it qualified.

(c) Whenever identification of a committee is required by law, the identification must include the full name of the committee as required in the statement of organization except as provided in Sections 84502 and 84503.

(1) The name of a committee controlled by one or more candidates must include the last name of each candidate that controls the committee.

(2) The name of a committee controlled by one or more candidates for purposes of the election of the controlling candidate or candidates must include, in addition to the last name of the controlling candidate(s), the office sought and year of the election. This paragraph only applies to a committee formed for an election held on or after January 1, 2009, or redesignated by a candidate for local elective office for an election held on or after January 1, 2009.

(3) The name of a non-candidate controlled committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more candidates must include the last name of each candidate whom the committee supports or opposes as listed on its statement of organization, the office sought, year of the election, and whether the committee supports or opposes the candidate.

(4) The statement of organization of the following types of committees must include the name of the committee as specified in the Section or Regulation listed below:

(A) Sponsored Committee -- Regulation 18419(b)(1).

(B) Officeholder Committee -- Regulation 18531.62(c)(2).

(C) Legal Defense Fund Committee -- Regulations 18530.4(b) and 18530.45(c).

(D) Recall Committee -- Regulation 18531.5(c)(1) and (3).

(E) Ballot Measure Committee -- Section 84107 applies to a committee primarily formed to support or oppose a ballot measure. In addition, Regulation 18521.5(a) applies to a state candidate controlled ballot measure committee.

### **Credits**

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 84102, 84502 and 84503, Government Code.

### **HISTORY**

1. New section filed 1-8-86; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 86, No. 2).
2. Amendment of subsection (c), new subsections (c)(1)-(4) and amendment of NOTE filed 1-24-2002 as an emergency; operative 1-24-2002 (Register 2002, No. 4). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 5-24-2002 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

3. Certificate of Compliance as to 1-24-2002 order, including redesignation and amendment of former subsections (c)(3)-(4) as subsections (c)(2)(A)-(B), transmitted to OAL 5-15-2002 and filed 6-27-2002 (Register 2002, No. 26).
4. Editorial correction of HISTORY 3 (Register 2002, No. 45).
5. Amendment of subsections (b) and (c)(1), new subsection (c)(2), subsection renumbering and amendment of newly designated subsection (c)(3) filed 5-21-2007; operative 6-20-2007 (Register 2007, No. 21).
6. Amendment filed 2-2-2009; operative 3-4-2009. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2009, No. 6).
7. Amendment of subsection (b) filed 5-8-2009; operative 6-7-2009 (Register 2009, No. 19).
8. Editorial correction of subsection (c)(3) (Register 2009, No. 28).
9. Amendment of subsections (a)-(c)(4) and (c)(4)(E) and amendment of NOTE filed 2-13-2018; operative 3-15-2018 pursuant to title 2, section 18312(e)(1)(A) of the California Code of Regulations. Submitted to OAL for filing and printing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2018, No. 7).
10. Amendment of subsection (c) and NOTE filed 7-17-2023; operative 8-16-2023 pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, section 18312(e). Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of

Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2023, No. 29).