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Form 410 – New Requirements

It is likely that many of you will need to ask your candidates and PACs to update their Forms 410 to comply with the new requirements.

Committee Names

Beginning in 2009, the name of a committee controlled by a candidate for purposes of election shall include the last name of the candidate, the office sought, and the year of the election. This applies to all elections held on or after January 1, 2009, or for committees redesignated by a candidate for an election to be held on or after January 1, 2009

Committees Not Controlled by a Candidate (such as PACs)

Beginning in 2009, committees, other than those committees controlled by a candidate, shall disclose the full name, street address, and telephone number of the “principal officer” of the committee in its statement of organization (Form 410). “Principal Officer” is defined as the individual primarily responsible for approving the political activity of the committee including, but not limited to, the following activities:

- (1) Authorizing the content of the communications made by the committee.
- (2) Authorizing expenditures, including contributions, on behalf of the committee.
- (3) Determining the committee's campaign strategy.

If more than one individual shares in the primary responsibility for approving the political activities of the committee, then the following applies:

- (1) A committee with three or fewer principal officers shall identify all principal officers.
- (2) A committee with more than three principal officers shall identify no fewer than three principal officers.