



ADVISORY 2019-02

February 22, 2019

To: All County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Board Members

Re: Biennial Adjustment of Recount Charges/Campaign Contribution Limit Adjustment

SUMMARY

Biennial Adjustment of Recount Charges

There are no changes to the charges associated with a requested recount.

Campaign Contribution Limit Adjustment

Beginning February 25, 2019, new maximum contribution limits will apply.

DETAILS

Biennial Adjustment of Recount Charges

Pursuant to R.C. 3515.072, in January of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State adjusts the security deposit and amount required for a recount¹ and the minimum and maximum charge per precinct for a recount². The Secretary of State calculates the biennial adjustment according to a statutory formula³ based on the yearly average of the previous two years of the Consumer Price Index.

Based on the Secretary of State's calculations in January 2019, boards of elections are hereby advised that there will be no change to the recount charges for the period beginning February 25, 2019 through February 24, 2021.

¹ R.C. 3515.03.

² R.C. 3515.07.

³ R.C. 3515.072(A).

The recount charges remain as follows:

- The minimum recount security deposit required by R.C. 3515.03 shall remain at \$60.00 per precinct;
- The maximum recount charge required by R.C. 3515.07 shall remain at \$60.00 per precinct; and
- The minimum recount charge required by R.C. 3515.07 shall remain at \$5.00 per precinct.

Pursuant to R.C. 3515.072(B), on or before February 25th of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State shall create a report setting forth the recount charges and summary of how the recount charges were calculated. This report, entitled *2019 Procedure and Findings for Recount Charges*, is attached to this Advisory.

Campaign Contribution Limit Adjustment

Pursuant to R.C. 3517.102(A), in January of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State adjusts each contribution limitation amount specified in section 3517.102, in division (B)(4)(e) of section 3517.10, and in division (B) of section 3517.101 of the Ohio Revised Code based on the yearly average of the previous two years of the Consumer Price Index. The new maximum contribution limits will apply for the period beginning February 25, 2019 through February 24, 2021.

Pursuant to division (B)(3) of section 3517.104 of the Revised Code, the Secretary of State shall issue a report setting forth the new maximum contribution limits for the amounts specified above. This report, entitled *2019 Adjusted Campaign Contribution Limits*, is also attached to this Advisory.

- Appendix A of the report contains a summary of each new adjusted contribution limit in section 3517.102, division (B)(4)(e) of section 3517.10, and in division (B) of 3517.101 of the Revised Code. The new contribution limits are highlighted in bold.
- Appendix B of the report is an overview chart setting forth Ohio's new campaign contribution limit amounts effective as of February 25, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this Advisory, please contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel at (614) 728-8789.

Yours in service,



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