

**ETHICS INTERPRETATION EI-1991-002
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The Ethics Commission [the "Commission"] has received your request for an ethics interpretation asking, in effect:

When is a committee which anticipates supporting or opposing a state question, initiative or referendum required to register with the Commission?

Title 74 O.S. 1991, § 4212 (A) reads, in pertinent part:

A. Committees shall register with the Ethics Commission within ten (10) days of organization or within ten (10) days of receiving or expending more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

Section 4202 definitions (7) and (24) read as follows:

7. "Committee" means a candidate committee, political action committee, political party, or organization;

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24. "Organization" includes a corporation, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, union, education or action group or committee or entity with two or more persons having a joint or common political interest;

It is the ethics interpretation of the Ethics Commission, as voted on at its first meeting on July 17, 1991, that a committee which anticipates supporting or opposing a state question, initiative or referendum is an "organization"; therefore, a "committee" as these terms are defined by Title 74 O.S. 1991, § 4202 and is, therefore, required to register with the Commission within ten days of organizing or within ten days of receiving or expending two hundred dollars.