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### **ADVISORY ALERT**

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On June 22, 2022, Mayor Kenney signed into law bills [No. 220049](#) and [No. 220361](#), which amend Philadelphia's Campaign Finance Law. To summarize, these amendments to the Campaign Finance Law:

- Update existing rules to permit campaigns to pay political committees or other persons to conduct get-out-the-vote activities, canvassing, or literature distribution, so long as the recipient political committee offers similar services to other campaigns and the amount charged is commensurate with the services provided.
- Permit campaigns to pool resources to jointly pay for campaign literature, advertising, or get-out-the-vote activities so long as each campaign simultaneously pays its fair portion of the costs and obtains and maintains appropriate documentation, including invoices and printer's samples, which shall be provided to the Board upon request.
- Explicitly prohibit a campaign from making expenditures through any person other than the designated candidate committee, unless specifically provided for in the Law.
- Permit expenditures for advertising to be made through another person, so long as the campaign obtains and maintains receipts and documentation of where and when the advertising ran, which shall be made available to the Board upon request.
- Permit a vendor to incur costs incidental to the provision of services so long as such costs are promptly invoiced and promptly reimbursed. For such reimbursements, a campaign shall obtain and maintain appropriate receipts and documentation, which shall be made available to the Board upon request.
- Set a specific time-period during which a candidate's contributions to their own campaign count towards the threshold for doubling of the contribution limits.
- Make technical changes to ensure consistency and clarity of language.

In July, the Board will begin the process of updating Board Regulation No. 1 (Campaign Finance) to incorporate these changes to the Campaign Finance Law. Beginning in the Fall, the Board will present a series of campaign finance trainings.

For more information about the City's Campaign Finance Law, please visit the Board's website at [ethics.pub](https://ethics.pub) or follow [@PhillyEthicsBd](#) and [@EthicsSeal](#) on Twitter for the latest information. If you have any questions, please contact [boegcstaff@phila.gov](mailto:boegcstaff@phila.gov).