



STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

CAMPAIGN FINANCE BASICS

Declaration of Intent (DOI): Must be filled out before any campaign funds are accepted or spent. This includes personal funds. This document only has to be filled out once and is good for the life of your campaign.

Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report (CCDR): This is a report of all funds raised and spent during a filing period. CCDR's are required once you file your DOI. They are due four times a year until you close out your campaign. All report due dates have a 5-day grace period.

January 31st

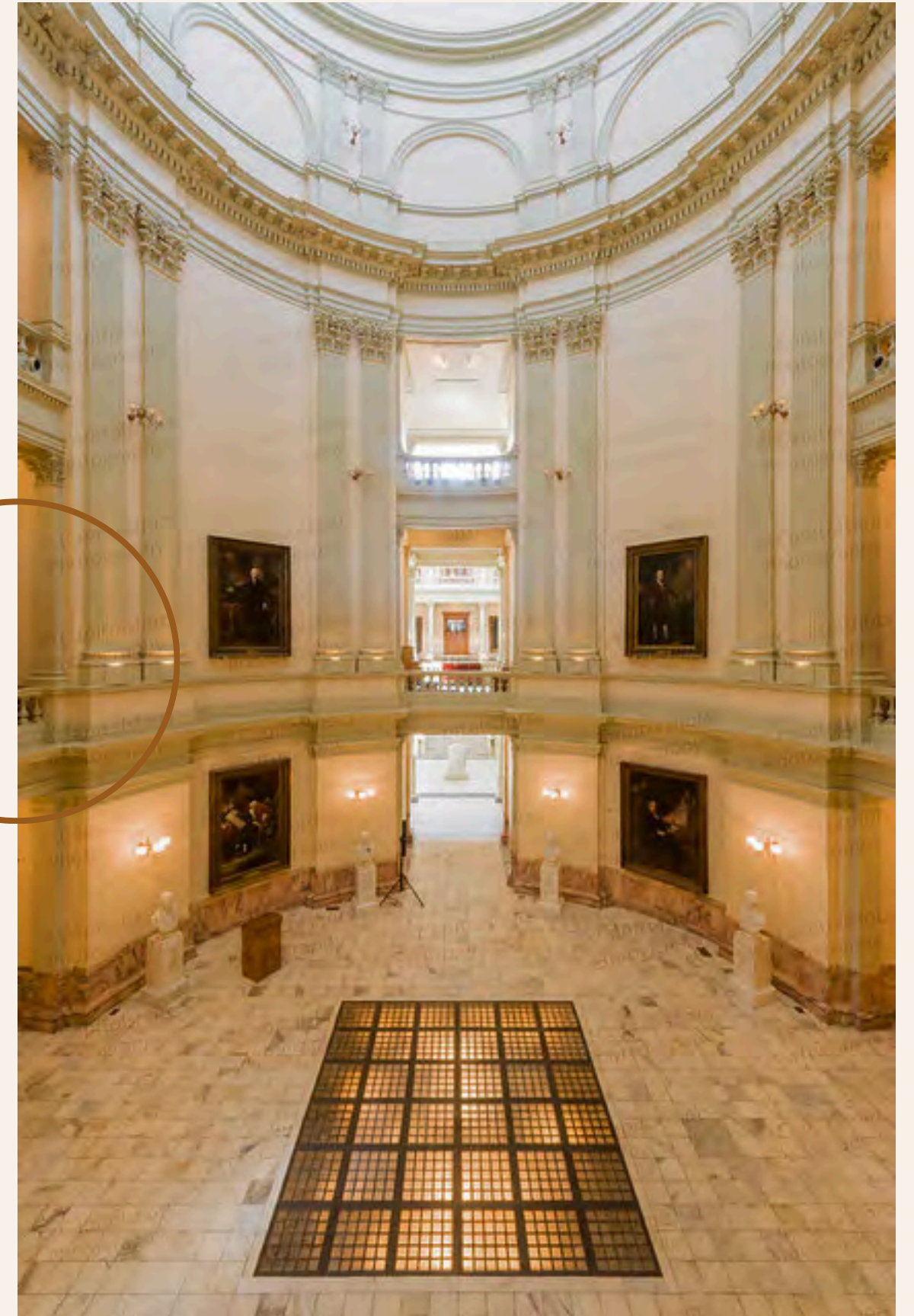
April 30th

July 31st

October 20th

Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (PFDS): A Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, also known as a "PFDS," is a periodic public disclosure made by candidates for public office and incumbent public officers which detail their personal financial positions, as well as the financial positions of their immediate family member, to the general public.

Due by **April 1st** with **no grace period**.

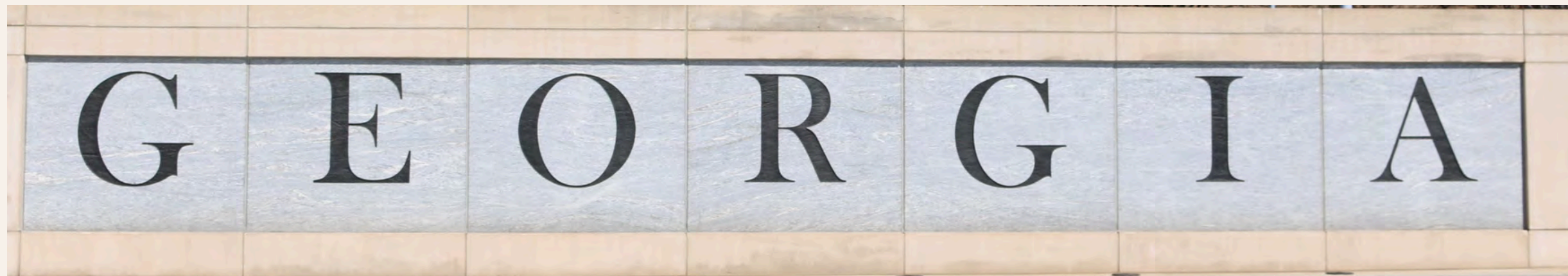


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COOSA, Choosing Option of Separate Accounting: This allows candidates to accept campaign contributions for multiple election cycles at a time. This form is completed during registration.

Two-Business Day Reports :These reports are required beginning the day after the last report is filed before election day for any donations that you may receive for \$1,000 or more.

Example: The last report filed before election day (November 3rd) is the October 20th report. Any donation of \$1000 or more that you receive between October 21st and November 2nd will require you to file a Two Business Day Report.



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What is a Campaign Committee, and do I need one?

- A campaign committee, also known as a “candidate’s campaign committee,” is a separate legal entity which is authorized by a candidate for public office to accept campaign contributions and make campaign expenditures on behalf of the candidate’s campaign for office.
- A campaign committee is formed with the Commission by filing a “Registration of Campaign Committee” (RC). To file an RC with the Commission, the campaign committee must have a designated Committee Chairman and Treasurer. The office of Chairman and Treasurer must be always filled and the same person, including the candidate, may serve simultaneously in both capacities. If either office is vacant, the campaign committee must suspend operations until the vacancy is filled.
- To register a campaign committee, a candidate will need to select the box labeled “Do you have a campaign committee” during their initial registration. A candidate may amend their registration to register a campaign committee at anytime by logging into their account at: <https://peachfile.ethics.ga.gov/login>





PRE-SESSION CHECKS



Please use the date that is on the check, not when you receive the check

What can I use my campaign funds for as a legislator?

When we think about these types of expenses, we typically use the “but for” test. But for the fact that you were not in elected office, you would not have these expenses.

SESSION HOUSING

You may use campaign funds to rent any accommodations you may need during the legislative session.

CONFRENCES

Campaign funds may be used to pay for any conference fees that may be related to your office or committee that you are on.

CAREGIVER EXPENSES

You may use campaign funds to pay for childcare or elder care. The Commission released Advisory Opinion, at the request of Stacy Evans and Beth Camp in a bipartisan effort.

SESSION LEGISLATIVES AIDES

Campaign funds may be used to pay an aide if you see fit during session.

MILEAGE

You may use campaign funds to reimburse yourself for mileage, using the IRD mileage rate, if your travel is related to your official business.

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

You may use campaign funds for constituent service related matters such as donating to a local community organizations or local disaster relief efforts.

INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE VS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

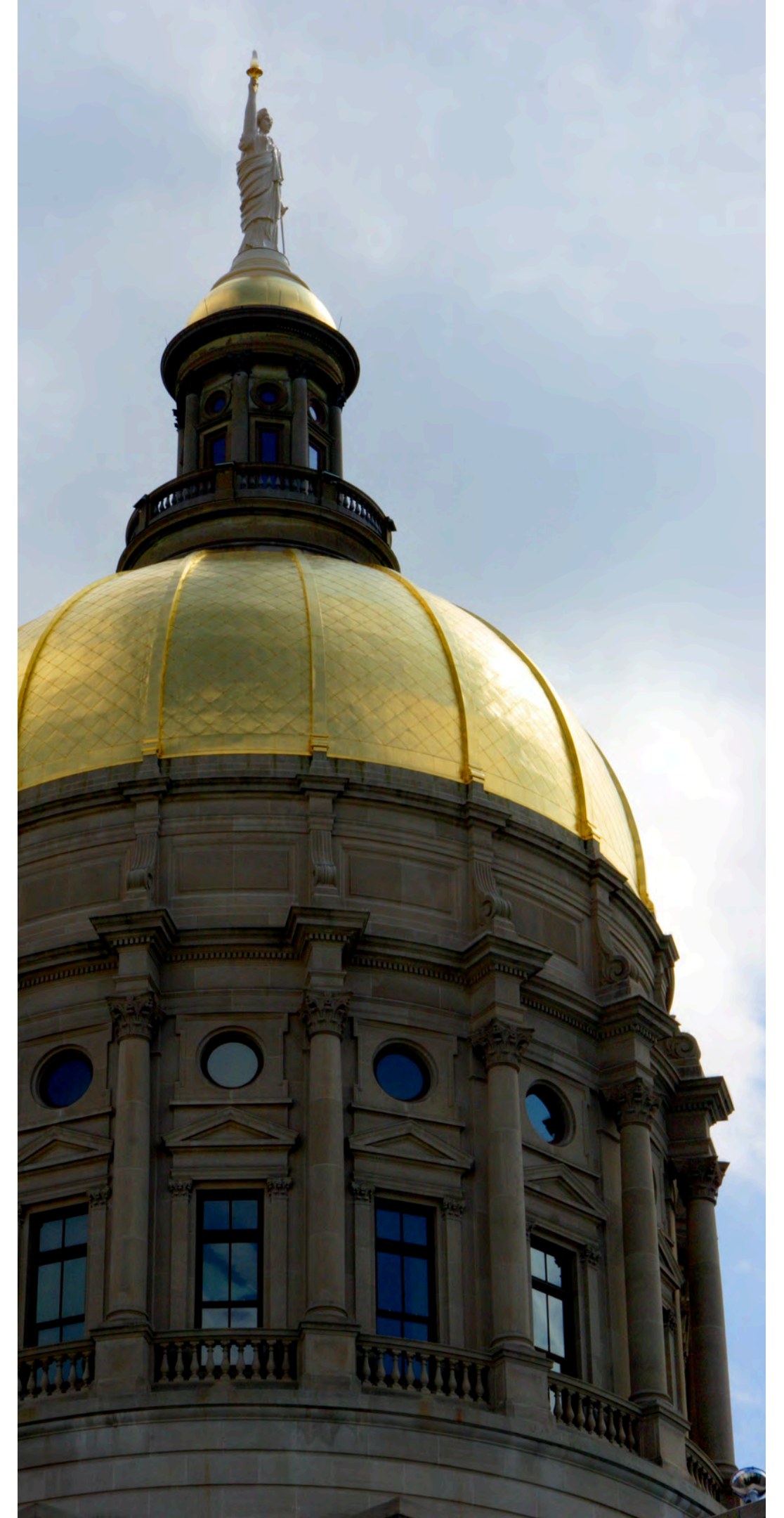
It is important to remember that neither one of these committees allow coordination with a candidate

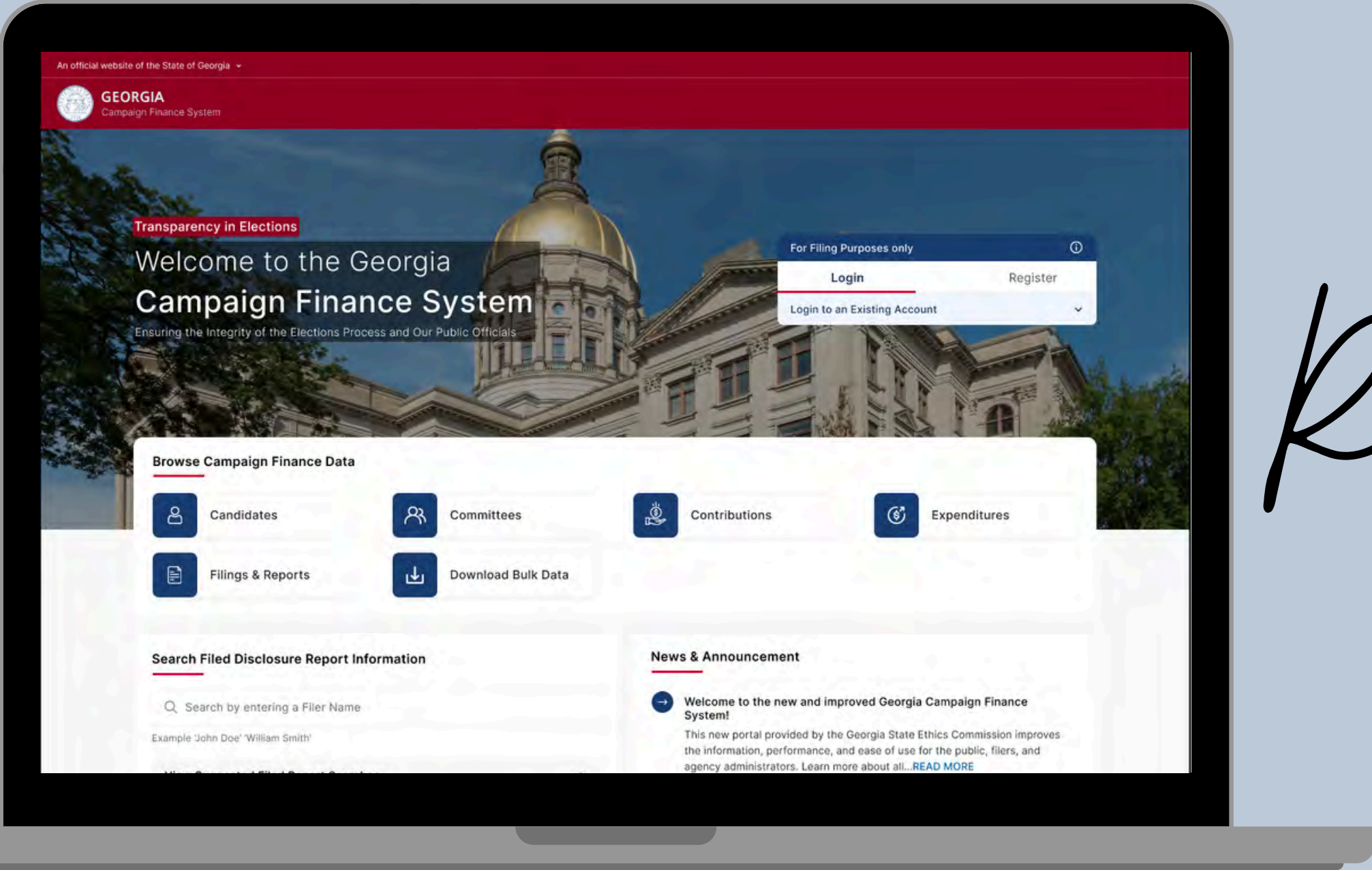
IC

- Used for strategic initiatives and advertisements in support and opposition of a candidate.
- IC's do not have a threshold to register with the Commission. Once they start spending money in support or opposition of a candidate, they must register and file reports with the Commission.
- IC 's will have a 2 Month Prior, 1 Month Prior, 2 Week Prior and December 31st report, based on which election(s) they are participating in.

PAC

- Used to raise and donate money to other candidates
- PAC's no longer have a threshold to register with the Commission. Once they start spending money in support or opposition of a candidate, they must register and file reports with the Commission.
- PAC's follow the filing schedule to which candidate(s) they are donating to.



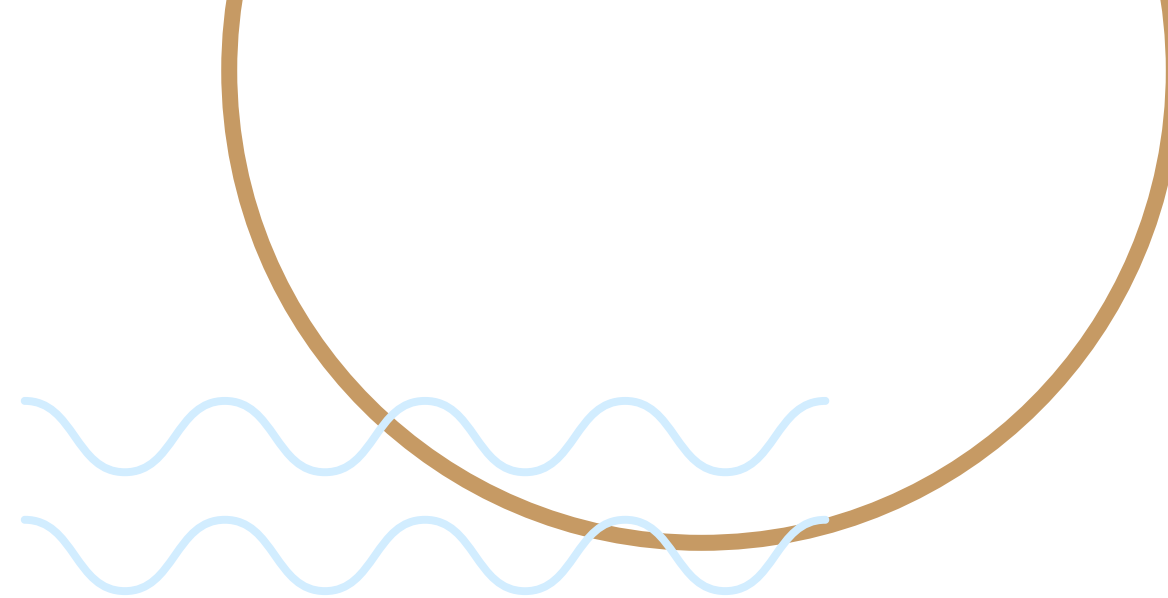


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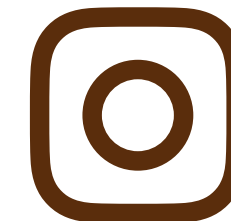
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