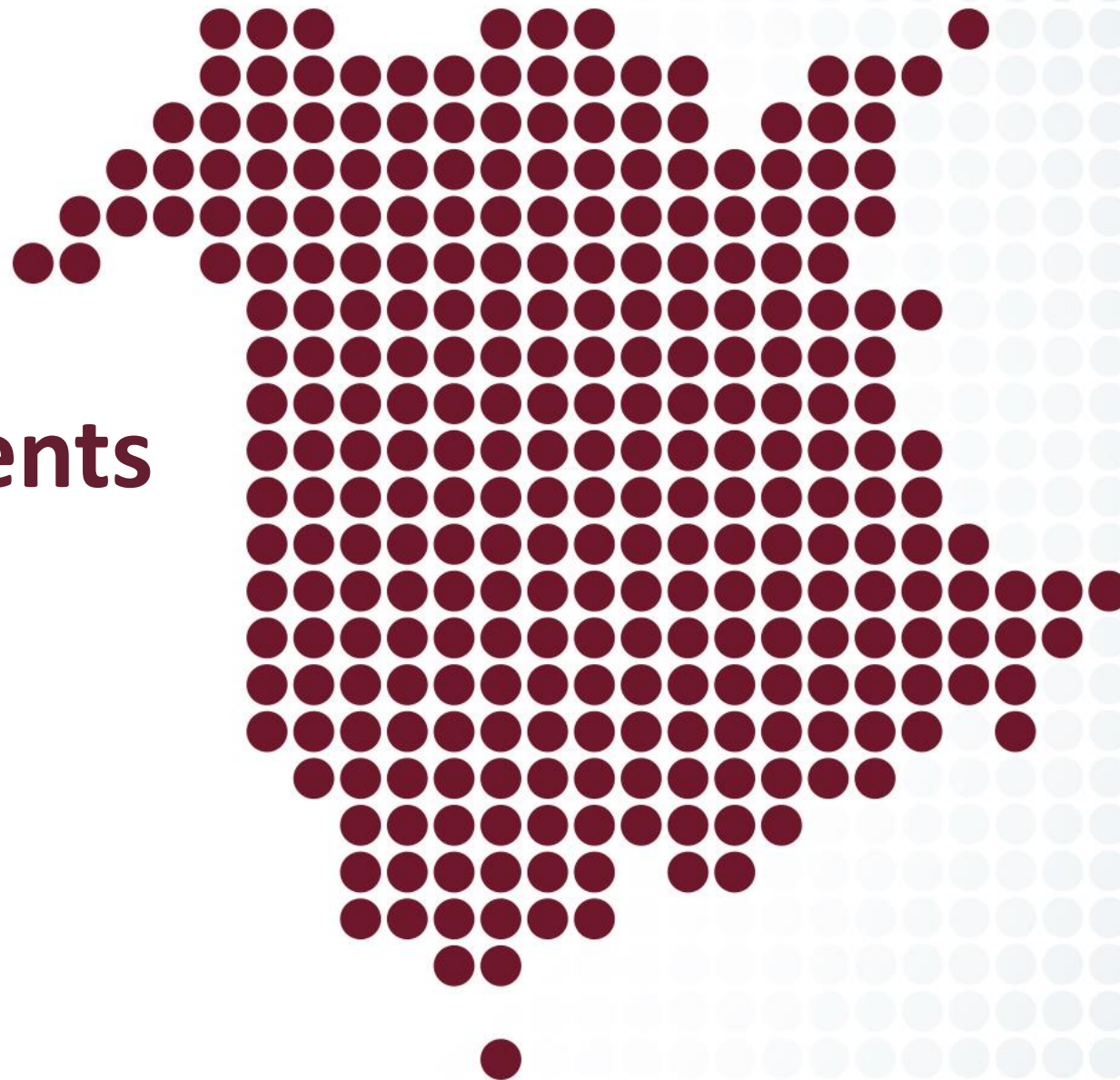




# Transparency in Election Commitments 2024



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# Legislation

- *Transparency in Election Commitments Act*
- *General Regulation - Transparency in Election Commitments Act*

# Disclosure statements

- Applies to all registered political parties
- Applies to “party commitments” and “leader commitments” made, restated, or renewed within **90 days** before ordinary polling day
- Three types of disclosure statements:
  - Cost estimate
  - Maximum cost statement
  - No estimate prepared
- Obligation on party’s official representative to publish and file with Supervisor of Political Financing

# Research support from Legislative Library

- Research services provided
  - during six-month period before ordinary polling day
  - to assist political parties in meeting their obligations
- Director of Library Services
  - entitled to request and receive records from government departments
  - shall take reasonable steps to access other relevant information
- Departments shall respond to Director
  - more than 60 days before ordinary polling day: within 7 days
  - within 60 days before ordinary polling day: within 3 business days



# Timing of publication and filing

| Date               | Tuesday, July 23, 2024  |  | Monday, September 16, 2024 | Tuesday, September 17, 2024 | Wednesday, September 18, 2024  | Thursday, September 19, 2024  |  | Tuesday, October 08, 2024  | Wednesday, October 09, 2024 | Thursday, October 10, 2024 | Friday, October 11, 2024 | Saturday, October 12, 2024 |  | Monday, October 21, 2024 |
|--------------------|---|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|--|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Description        | 90th day preceding ordinary polling day   |  |                            |                             |  | Issue of writs of election  |  |  |                             |                            |                          | First advance polling day  |  | Ordinary polling day     |
| Party Commitments  | For party commitments made, restated, or renewed during this period, disclosure statements must be filed no later than Thursday, September 19. [3(b); 6(1)(a)]  |  |                            |                             |  | A disclosure statement must be filed the day on which a party commitment is made. [6(1)(b)] |  |  |                             |                            |                          |                            |  |                          |
| Leader Commitments | For leader commitments made, restated, or renewed during this period, disclosure statements must be filed no later than Thursday, September 19. [3(b); 6(1)(a)] |  |                            |                             | For leader commitments made during this period, disclosure statements must be filed no later than the third day following the day on which the commitment is made. [6(1)(c)] |   |  | A disclosure statement must be filed the day on which a leader commitment is made. [6(1)(d)] |                             |                            |                          |                            |  |                          |

# Review process

- Supervisor to review, within two business days, all disclosure statements for compliance with the Act and its regulations
- Official representative has 24 hours to comply with direction of Supervisor to correct disclosure statement
- Penalties for failure to comply with direction to correct statement:
  - Party prohibited from advertising for remainder of election period
  - Subject to administrative penalty

# Complaints process

- Registered political party may make complaint to Supervisor alleging a failure to file required disclosure statement by another registered political party
- Supervisor must respond to complaint within 72 hours
- If Supervisor determines a disclosure statement must be filed, party must file disclosure statement within 24 hours of being notified



# Penalties

- Penalties for failure to comply with direction of Supervisor to file statement:
  - Party prohibited from advertising for remainder of election period
  - Subject to administrative penalty
- Within 30 days after return of writs, registered political party may apply to court for a declaration that another party violated or failed to comply with Act's requirements
  - No later than Monday, December 2, 2024
- If a declaration is made, the party is disqualified from receiving annual allowance until fiscal year after next general election