



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



44.11.203 PRIMARY PURPOSE

- (1) The term "primary purpose" refers to the major, principal, or important goal, function, or reason for existence of a political committee.
- (2) The commissioner may determine that the primary purpose of a political committee is to support or oppose candidates or ballot issues based upon any one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) allocation and source of budget;
 - (b) allocation of staff or members' activity;
 - (c) articles of organization, articles of incorporation, or other official documentation filed with the State of Montana or the committee's home state;
 - (d) reportable election activity;
 - (e) receipt of contributions in response to an appeal or that are designated for a specified candidate, ballot issue, or petition;
 - (f) coordination with any candidates or political committees;
 - (g) ordinary business actually conducted; or
 - (h) the committee's bylaws.
- (3) The COPP's determination of the primary purpose of a political committee shall be based upon a preponderance of the evidence.

Authorizing statute(s): 13-37-114, MCA

Implementing statute(s): 13-1-101, 13-37-114, 13-37-226, 13-37-232, MCA

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