## CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

# SEEC FORM 1, 1A and 1B REGISTRATION BY CANDIDATE, CANDIDATE COMMITTEE REGISTRATION STATEMENT and CERTIFICATION OF EXEMPTION FROM FORMING A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

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#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- Type or print clearly all information in black or blue pen. Please do not use pencil.
- SEEC staff is available to answer legal compliance questions and advise on how to complete this form (860-256-2940).
- Candidates who are forming a candidate committee: Use SEEC Form 1 and 1A
- Candidates who are exempt from forming a candidate committee: Use SEEC Form 1 and 1B

#### WHERE TO FILE THIS FORM

With the State Elections Enforcement Commission ONLY (State Elections Enforcement Commission, Campaign Finance Disclosure Unit — 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 20 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06106):

• Candidates for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, Judge of Probate, State Senator or State Representative, elective office in a municipal election in one of the 20 selected municipalities for the 2017 Municipal Pilot Program

#### With the Town Clerk ONLY:

- Candidates for an elective office in a municipal election (unless participating in the 2017 Municipal Pilot Program)
- Candidates for the position of town committee member at a town committee primary

#### WHEN TO FILE THIS FORM

An individual must give public notice of the manner in which the individual's campaign will be funded within **10 days** after becoming a candidate by filing these forms with the proper filing repository (*See Where to File this Form*). Generally, each candidate must register a single candidate committee to fund their campaign. However, there are certain exemptions from this requirement (*See Certification of Exemption from Forming a Candidate Committee—SEEC Form 1B*). No candidate may form more than one candidate committee.

If any information on the SEEC Form 1 changes, the candidate must file an **amended** SEEC Form 1 together with SEEC Form 1A or 1B, whichever is applicable, within **10 days** of the date of the change, unless the change concerns the candidate's funding source, in which case the candidate must file within three days (*See SEEC Form 1B instructions*).

#### LATE FILING PENALTY

A late filing penalty of \$100 is charged for registration statements filed late *for any reason*. The fee is the personal liability of the candidate and cannot be paid from committee funds. In addition, if a late registration statement is not filed within 21 days after notification of a missed filing date, the treasurer is liable for a minimum penalty of \$200, and may be liable for a fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year or both.

#### **SEEC MAILING ADDRESS:**

#### **SEEC TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

MAIN NUMBER:

STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE UNIT—3RD FLOOR 20 TRINITY STREET HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1628

TOLL FREE WITHIN CT: 866-SEEC-INFO

860-256-2940

SEEC WEBSITE ADDRESS: www.ct.gov/seec

eCRIS enables campaign treasurers to electronically submit required committee registration information and campaign finance statements.

See the Commission website <a href="https://www.ct.gov/seec">www.ct.gov/seec</a> for more information.

#### SEEC FORM 1 INSTRUCTIONS

**Registration Type**: Check the type of filing that the current document refers to, either *Initial* or *Amendment*. Check **Initial** registration statement if this is the first registration statement of the candidate for the election indicated on Line 1. Check **Amendment** if changes are being made by the candidate to information on a previously filed registration statement.

- 1. **Election Date**: Provide the date of the primary or election for which the candidate is registering. If you may be in *both* a primary and election, enter the date of the election.
- 2. **Municipality**: Provide the name of the city or town in which the candidate is running for elective office *only applicable to municipal candidates*.
- 3. **Office or Position Sought**: Provide the name of the public office sought by the candidate (*e.g. Governor*) or, in the instance of a town committee primary, the position sought (*e.g. Town Committee member*).
- 4. **District Number**: Provide the district number, if applicable, for the office being sought by the candidate.
- 5. **Party Affiliation**: Check the appropriate box to indicate the candidate's political party affiliation. If the candidate checks "Other," indicate the name of the other party affiliation (Name of a Minor Party, Petitioning or None).
- 6. Candidate Name: Provide the full name of the candidate.
- 7. **Candidate Residence Address**: Provide the residential street address of the candidate. The candidate may enter an alternate address in lieu of a residential address *only* if they are in the Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to General Statutes § 54-240 (a) or have protected address status under General Statutes §1-217. *Business Addresses or Post Office Boxes are not acceptable for residential street address*.
- 8. **Candidate Mailing Address**: Provide the mailing address of the candidate if different from the Residence Address on Line 7.
- 9. Candidate Telephone: Provide the phone number of the candidate, including area code.
- 10. **Candidate Email Address**: Provide the email address of the candidate. *Completion of this information is encouraged in order to disseminate important communications in the most efficient and timely manner.*
- 11. **Designation of Funding Source**: Check the appropriate box. Each candidate must either designate a single candidate committee to fund their campaign **OR** claim an exemption from forming a candidate committee.
  - A. Candidate checks box A if they are designating a candidate committee.

    Complete SEEC Form 1A "Candidate Committee Registration Statement."
  - B. Candidate checks box B if they are declaring an exemption from forming a candidate committee.

    Complete SEEC Form 1B "Certificate of Exemption from Forming a Candidate Committee."

ALL candidates MUST complete a SEEC Form 1 accompanied by *either* a SEEC Form 1A *or* 1B.

Registration Statements will be returned for incomplete information.

#### SEEC FORM 1A INSTRUCTIONS

**Registration Type**: Check the type of filing that the current document refers to, either *Initial* or *Amendment*. Check *Initial* if this is the first candidate committee registration statement for the election indicated on Line 1 of the SEEC Form 1. Check **Amendment** if changes are being made by the candidate to information on a previously filed candidate committee registration statement.

**Candidate Name**: Provide the candidate's name for reference purposes in order that the filing repository can reconnect these pages with the SEEC Form 1 should the two become separated.

#### **COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

- 12. **Committee Name**: Provide the full name of the committee. This will be the registered name with the Commission and used on all financial disclosure statements, advertising, etc.
- 13. **Committee Address**: Provide the address of the committee. *Post Office Boxes are acceptable as a committee address. Committees may also use the candidate's or treasurer's address as the committee address.*
- 14. & 15. Committee Email Address & Website: Provide the email address and website address of the committee, if any.

#### TREASURER INFORMATION

- 16. **Treasurer Name**: Provide the full name of the treasurer.
- 17. **Treasurer Residence Address**: Provide the residential street address of the treasurer. The treasurer may enter an alternate address in lieu of a residential address *only* if they are in the Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to General Statutes § 54-240 (a) or have protected address status under General Statutes §1-217. *Business Addresses or Post Office Boxes are not acceptable for residential street address*.
- 18. **Treasurer Mailing Address**: Provide the mailing address of the treasurer if different from the Residence Address on Line 17.
- 19. **Treasurer Telephone**: Provide the phone number of the treasurer, including area code.
- 20. **Treasurer Email Address**: Provide the email address of the treasurer. Completion of this information is encouraged in order to disseminate important communications in the most efficient and timely manner.

#### **DEPUTY TREASURER INFORMATION** (If applicable)

- 21. **Deputy Treasurer Name**: Provide the full name of the deputy treasurer.
- 22. **Deputy Treasurer Residence Address**: Provide the residential street address of the deputy treasurer. The deputy treasurer may enter an alternate address in lieu of a residential address *only* if they are in the Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to General Statutes § 54-240 (a) or have protected address status under General Statutes §1-217. *Business Addresses or Post Office Boxes are not acceptable for residential street address*.
- 23. **Deputy Treasurer Mailing Address**: Provide the mailing address of the deputy treasurer if different from the Residence Address on Line 22.
- 24. **Deputy Treasurer Telephone**: Provide the phone number of the deputy treasurer, including area code.
- 25. **Deputy Treasurer Email Address**: Provide the email address of the deputy treasurer. *Completion of this information is encouraged in order to disseminate important communications in the most efficient and timely manner.*

#### **DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION INFORMATION**

- A depository institution may be any financial institution situated in or having an office in Connecticut, including but not limited to a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union.
- 26. **Depository Institution Name**: Provide the complete name of the financial institution located in this state which serves as the depository of the committee's funds.
- 27. **Depository Institution Address**: Provide the complete address of the committee's depository institution. *Post Office Boxes are acceptable.*

### **SEEC FORM 1A INSTRUCTIONS**

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**Candidate Name**: Provide the candidate's name for reference purposes in order that the filing repository can reconnect these pages with the SEEC Form 1 should the two become separated.

CERTIFICATION
28. <b>Certification</b> : The certifications, which are made under penalties of false statement, <b>must</b> be signed and dated by
the candidate, campaign treasurer and deputy treasurer, if the candidate has designated an individual to serve as deputy treasurer. Registration statements will be returned unless signed by all parties.

#### **SEEC FORM 1B INSTRUCTIONS**

**Registration Type**: Check the type of filing that the current document refers to, either *Initial* or *Amendment*. Check **Initial** if this is the first exemption from forming a candidate committee for the election indicated on Line 1 of the SEEC Form 1. Check **Amendment** if changes are being made by the candidate to information on a previously filed exemption from forming a candidate committee.

**Candidate Name**: Provide the candidate's name for reference purposes in order that the filing repository can reconnect these pages with the SEEC Form 1 should the two become separated.

#### REASON FOR EXEMPTION FROM FORMING A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

- 12. **Reason for Exemption**: Candidate must indicate the reason for their qualification for exempt status from forming a candidate committee. Check the box corresponding with **one** of the four reasons for exemption.
  - **A**. Candidate will be solely and entirely funded by *either* a town committee or a political committee formed to support a slate of candidates for a single election or primary (slate committee). The full name of the town committee or slate committee that the candidate is authorizing as their funding source must be disclosed on the line. *This only applies to candidates for municipal office or in a town committee primary*.
  - **B**. Candidate intends to fund the campaign entirely from personal funds. The candidate must not request or receive funds or in-kind receipts from any outside sources (such as, but not limited to, individuals, town committees, political committees, etc.) If a candidate **expends more than \$1,000 from personal funds**, they are **required** to file financial disclosure statements (SEEC Form 23) as though a candidate committee was created and must do so in the manner and in accordance with the same schedule of filings as a treasurer of a candidate committee. If a candidate requests or receives funds or in-kind receipts from any outside source, the candidate must form a candidate committee and file a SEEC Form 1A with the proper filing repository within three days of any such request or receipt.
  - C. Candidate does not intend to receive or expend over \$1,000 in funds from all sources, including funds from sources other than the candidate's own funds. If the candidate receives or expends over \$1,000 they no longer qualify for exemption status and must form a candidate committee and file a SEEC Form 1A with the proper filing repository within three days of any such acceptance or expenditure.
  - **D**. Candidate does not intend to expend any funds for the campaign, including personal funds.

**Important Note:** If the qualifying condition checked for this certification changes and the candidate is eligible for another exemption, the candidate must file an amendment to the certification indicating the new reason within three days of the change in circumstances. If the candidate no longer qualifies for an exemption, a Candidate Committee Registration Statement (SEEC Form 1 & 1A) must be filed within such time.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

13. **Certification**: The certification, made under penalties of false statement, must be signed and dated by the candidate.