

BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE

A Ballot Question Committee (see 38.005 Definitions below) is required to file a **Statement of Organization** not later than 15 days after the date upon which the committee made contributions, received contributions, or paid expenses in excess of \$500. Please see the attached form under Resources.

The first **Campaign Finance Disclosure Statement** will be due on **02/03/16** with activity through **01/31/16**.

The financial statements will be added to the website once they have been finalized.

SDCL 12-27-23. Statement of organization to be filed for ballot question committee--Time for filing--Violation as misdemeanor. If the treasurer for a **ballot question committee** does not file a statement of organization pursuant to chapter 2-1, the treasurer shall file a statement of organization with the secretary of state not later than fifteen days after the date which the committee made contributions, received contributions, or paid expenses in excess of five hundred dollars. However, if such activity falls within thirty days of any statewide election, the statement of organization shall be filed within forty-eight hours. A ballot question committee that regularly files a campaign finance disclosure statement with another state or the Federal Election Commission or a report of contributions and expenditures with the Internal Revenue Service is not required to file a statement of organization. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Note: Section 38.005 defines a ballot question committee.

38.005 DEFINITIONS

BALLOT QUESTION. Any referendum, initiative, proposed city charter amendment or other measure submitted to voters at any election.

BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE. A person or organization that raises, collects or disburses contributions for the placement of a **ballot question** on the ballot or the adoption or defeat of any **ballot question**. A **BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE** is not a person, **political committee** or political party that makes a contribution to a **ballot question committee**. A **BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE** is not an organization that makes a contribution to a **BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE** from treasury funds.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE. Any candidate campaign committee, political action committee or **ballot question committee**.