

§ 9008.3 Eligibility for payments; registration and reporting.

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(ii) Each convention committee established by a national committee under paragraph (a)(2) of this section shall submit to the Commission a copy of any and all signed agreements that the convention committee has entered into with the city, county, or State hosting the convention, a host committee, or a municipal fund, including subsequent modifications to previous agreements. Each such agreement or modification shall be filed along with the first report due under paragraph (b)(2) of this section after the agreement or modification is executed.

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16. In section 9008.7, paragraph (a)(4) would be revised to read as follows:

§ 9008.7 Use of funds.

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(4) "Convention expenses" include all expenses incurred by or on behalf of a political party's national committee or convention committee with respect to and for the purpose of conducting a presidential nominating convention or convention-related activities.

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17. Section 9008.8 would be amended by revising the paragraph heading for paragraph (b)(2), revising paragraph (b)(2), and revising paragraph (b)(4)(ii)(B) to read as follows:

§ 9008.8 Limitation of expenditures.

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(2) *Expenditures by municipal funds.* Expenditures made by municipal funds shall not be considered expenditures by the national committee and shall not count against the expenditure limitations of this section if the funds are spent in accordance with the requirements of 11 CFR 9008.53.

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(B) The contributions raised by a Convention Legal and Accounting Fund to pay for legal and accounting services must comply with the limitations and prohibitions of 11 CFR parts 110, 114 and 115 and shall be deposited in a separate account. These contributions shall not exceed \$25,000 per person, and \$15,000 per multi-candidate political committee in any calendar year.

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18. Section 9008.9 would be revised to read as follows:

§ 9008.9 Receipt of goods and services from commercial vendors.

(a) *Standard reductions or discounts.*

A commercial vendor may sell, lease, rent or provide goods or services to the national committee with respect to a Presidential nominating convention at reduced or discounted rates, provided that it does so in the ordinary course of business. A reduction or discount shall be considered in the ordinary course of business if the commercial vendor has an established practice of providing the same reductions or discounts for the same amount of its goods or services to non-political clients, or if the reduction or discount is consistent with established practice in the commercial vendor's trade or industry. Examples of reductions or discounts made in the ordinary course of business include standard volume discounts and reduced rates for corporate, governmental or preferred customers. Reductions or discounts provided under this section need not be reported. For purposes of this section, *commercial vendor* has the same meaning as provided in 11 CFR 116.1(c).

(b) *Expenditure Limits.* The value of goods or services provided pursuant to this section will not count toward the national party's expenditure limitation under 11 CFR 9008.8(a).

19. Section 9008.10 would be amended by revising the introductory language to read as follows:

§ 9008.10 Documentation of disbursements; net outstanding convention expenses.

In addition to the requirements set forth at 11 CFR 102.9(b), the convention committee must include as part of the evidence of convention expenses the following documentation:

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20. Section 9008.12 would be amended by revising paragraph (b)(7) to read as follows:

§ 9008.12 Repayments.

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(7) The Commission may seek repayment, or may initiate an enforcement action, if the convention committee knowingly helps, assists or participates in the making of a convention expenditure by the host committee or municipal fund that is not in accordance with 11 CFR 9008.52 or 9008.53, or the acceptance of a contribution by the host committee or municipal fund from an impermissible source.

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21. Part 9008 would be amended by adding new § 9008.17, to read as follows:

§ 9008.17 Payment for Convention and Host Committee or Municipal Fund Expenses.

(a) *Convention expenses* include all expenses incurred by or on behalf of a political party's national committee or convention committee with respect to and for the purpose of conducting a presidential nominating convention or convention-related activities. The following convention expenses may be paid by the convention committee, but shall not be paid by the host committee or municipal fund:

(1) Salaries and expenses of convention committee employees, volunteers and similar personnel, whose responsibilities involve planning, management or otherwise conducting the convention;

(2) Salary or portion of the salary of any national committee employee for any period of time during which, as a major responsibility, that employee performs services related to the convention;

(3) Expenses of national committee employees, volunteers or other similar personnel if those expenses were incurred in the performance of services for the convention in addition to the services normally rendered to the national committee by such personnel;

(4) Expenses for conducting meetings of or related to committees dealing with the conduct and operation of the convention, such as rules, credentials, platform, site, contests, call, arrangements and permanent organization committees, including printing materials and rental costs for meeting space;

(5) Expenses for entertainment activities which are part of the official convention activity sponsored by the national committee, including but not limited to dinners, concerts, and receptions; except that expenses for the following activities are excluded:

(i) Entertainment activities sponsored by or on behalf of candidates for nomination to the office of President or Vice President, or State delegations;

(ii) Entertainment activities sponsored by the national committee if the purpose of the activity is primarily for national committee business, such as fund-raising events, or selection of new national committee officers;

(iii) Entertainment activities sponsored by persons other than the national committee; and

(iv) Entertainment activities prohibited by law;