



CHAPTER 131F
ARTICLE 3 - FUND-RAISING CONSULTANTS, SOLICITORS, AND COVENTURERS

N.C.G.S. § 131F-15.

License required for fund-raising consultant.

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§ 131F-15(a) License Required. - Unless exempted under G.S. 131F-3, a person shall not act as a fund-raising consultant in this State unless that person has obtained a license from the Department.

§ 131F-15(b) License Application. - Applications for a license or renewal of a license shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department, shall be signed under oath, and shall include the following:

- (1) The street address and telephone number of the principal place of business of the applicant and any street addresses of business locations in this State if the principal place of business is located outside this State.
- (2) The form of the applicant's business.
- (3) The names and residence addresses of all officers, directors, and owners.
- (4) Whether any of the owners, directors, officers, or employees of the applicant are related as parent, child, spouse, or sibling to any of the following individuals:
 - a. Other directors, officers, owners, or employees of the applicant.
 - b. Any officer, director, trustee, or employee of any charitable organization or sponsor under contract to the applicant.
 - c. Any supplier or vendor providing goods or services to any charitable organization or sponsor under contract to the applicant.

- (5) Whether the applicant or any of the applicant's officers, directors, employees, or owners have, within the last five years, been convicted of any felony, or of any misdemeanor arising from the conduct of a solicitation for a charitable organization or sponsor or charitable or sponsor purpose, or been enjoined from violating a charitable solicitation law in this or any other state.

§ 131F-15(c)

Fees. - The application for an initial or renewal license shall be accompanied by a license fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). A fund-raising consultant that is a partnership or corporation may obtain a license for and pay a single fee on behalf of all of its partners, members, officers, directors, agents, and employees. In that case, the names and street addresses of all of the officers, employees, and agents of the fund-raising consultant and all other persons with whom the fund-raising consultant has contracted to work under its direction shall be listed in the license application. Each license is valid for one year or a part of one year and expires on March 31 of each year. The license may be renewed on or before March 31 of each year for additional one-year periods upon application to the Department and payment of the license fee.

§ 131F-15(d)

Contracts. - Every contract or agreement between a fund/y-raising consultant and a charitable organization or sponsor shall be in writing, signed by two authorized officials of the charitable organization or sponsor, and filed by the fund-raising consultant with the Department at least five days prior to the performance of any service by the fund-raising consultant. Solicitation under the contract or agreement shall not begin before the filing of the contract or agreement. The contract shall contain all of the following provisions:

- (1) A statement of the charitable purpose or sponsor purpose for which the solicitation campaign is being conducted.
- (2) A statement of the respective obligations of the fund-raising consultant and the charitable organization or sponsor.
- (3) A clear statement of the fee that will be paid to the fund-raising consultant.
- (4) The effective and termination dates.
- (5) A statement that the fund-raising consultant shall not, at any time, have control or custody of contributions.

§ 131F-15(e)**BURDEN OF PROOF**

Departmental Review. - The Department shall examine each application or renewal filed by a fund-raising consultant and determine whether the requirements are

satisfied. If the Department determines that the requirements are not satisfied, the Department shall notify the fund-raising consultant within 10 days after its receipt of the application or renewal. If the Department does not respond within 10 days, the license is deemed approved. Within seven days after receipt of a notification that the license requirements are not satisfied, the applicant may file a petition for a contested case. The State has the burden of proof in the contested case. The contested case hearing must be held within seven days after the petition is filed. A final decision must be made within five days of the hearing. The contested case hearing proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, except that the time limits and provisions set forth in this section shall prevail to the extent of any conflict. The applicant shall be permitted to continue to operate or continue operations pending judicial review of the Department's denial of the application. The Department shall make rules regarding the custody and control of any funds collected during the review period and disposal of such funds in the event the denial of the application is affirmed on appeal.

§ 131F-15(f)

Fund. - All license fees shall be paid to the Department and deposited into the Solicitation of Contributions Fund to be used to pay the costs incurred in administering and enforcing this Chapter.

§ 131F-15(g)

Change in Information. - Unless otherwise provided, any material change in information filed with the Department pursuant to this section shall be reported in writing to the Department within seven working days after the change occurred.

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APPARATUS I
5 ACTS

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02	1985	c. 497, s. 1						AMENDED			
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04	1989	1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 759, s. 2	AMENDED
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APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 131F-3	(a)	"License Required. - Unless exempted under"

APPARATUS III

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