



CHAPTER 163
ARTICLE 22A - REGULATING CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

N.C.G.S. § 163-278.38Z.

Definitions.

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As used in this Part:

"Advertisement" means any message appearing in the print media, on television, or on radio that constitutes a contribution or expenditure under this Article.

"Candidate" means any individual who, with respect to a public office listed in G.S. 163-278.6(80), has filed a notice of candidacy, notice of retention, or a petition requesting to be a candidate, or has been certified as a nominee of a political party for a vacancy, or has otherwise qualified as a candidate in a manner authorized by law, or has filed a statement of organization under G.S. 163-278.7 and is required to file periodic financial disclosure statements under G.S. 163-278.9.

"Candidate campaign committee" means any political committee organized by or under the direction of a candidate, except for an affiliated party committee as defined in G.S. 163-278.6(1).

"Full-screen" means the only picture appearing on the television screen during the oral disclosure statement contains the disclosing person, that the picture occupies all visible space on the television screen, and that the image of the disclosing person occupies at least fifty percent (50%) of the vertical height of the television screen.

"Political action committee" has the same meaning as "political committee" in G.S. 163-278.6(74), except that "political action committee" does not include any political party, political party organization, or affiliated party committee.

"Political party organization" means any political party executive committee or any political committee that operates under the direction of a political party executive committee or political party chair, or any affiliated party committee.

"Print media" means billboards, cards, newspapers, newspaper inserts, magazines, mass mailings, pamphlets, fliers, periodicals, and outdoor advertising facilities.

"Radio" means any radio broadcast station that is subject to the provisions of 47 U.S.C. §§ 315 and 317.

"Scan line" means a standard term of measurement used in the electronic media industry calculating a certain area in a television advertisement.

"Sponsor" means a candidate, candidate committee, political party organization, political action committee, referendum committee, individual, or other entity that purchases an advertisement.

"Television" means any television broadcast station, cable television system, wireless-cable multipoint distribution system, satellite company, or telephone company transmitting video programming that is subject to the provisions of 47 U.S.C. §§ 315 and 317.

"Unobscured" means the only printed material that may appear on the television screen is a visual disclosure statement required by law, and nothing is blocking the view of the disclosing person's face. (1999-453, s. 2(a); 2004-203, s. 12(a); 2010-170, s. 7; 2015-66, s. 8(b); 2015-258, s. 3(q); 2015-264, s. 81(f); 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)

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5 AUTHORITIES

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. 163-278.6(80)	(null)(2)	<i>"to a public office listed in"</i>
G.S. 163-278.7	(null)(2)	<i>"filed a statement of organization under"</i>
G.S. 163-278.9	(null)(2)	<i>"file periodic financial disclosure statements under"</i>
G.S. 163-278.6(1)	(null)(3)	<i>"affiliated party committee as defined in"</i>
G.S. 163-278.6(74)	(null)(5)	<i>"same meaning as "political committee" in"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

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