

Vendors of Campaign Finance Software:

Please be advised the Illinois General Assembly has passed legislation (Public Act 96-0832) that significantly changes campaign finance reporting in Illinois. All political committees filing electronic campaign finance reports in Illinois are affected. Some aspects of this legislation are effective July 1, 2010; however vendors should pay particular attention to the significant changes to reporting that take effect January 1, 2011. *Vendors that provide campaign finance software to Illinois political committees must modify their software to meet the requirements of the new law.*

The State Board of Elections (SBE) is releasing a new version of its electronic filing software, IDIS 2.0. As part of this release, the SBE is offering vendors of campaign finance software access to the services IDIS 2.0 uses to file reports. The SBE stands ready to work with vendors to complete the necessary changes to use the new software.

Many of these new requirements are incompatible with the existing electronic filing software. This means, once this new law takes effect, reports in the "pdp" file format will no longer be accepted. Vendors must complete modifications to their software and satisfy the SBE testing requirement by November 30, 2010 to avoid disruption for their clients.

In summary, vendors should:

- Contact the State Board of Elections Campaign Disclosure Division immediately at (217)782-4141 or (312)814-6440 to request the Developer's Kit.
- Complete and submit the Request for Access to IDIS Services contained in the Kit.
- Sign and submit the Usage Agreement.
- Obtain credentials to access IDIS Services as well as an authorized copy of the IDISFile software.
- Make arrangements with the SBE to complete testing well in advance of the November 30, 2010 deadline.

Please contact the State Board of Elections Campaign Disclosure Division - (217)782-4141 or (312)814-6440 - with any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you to meet the requirements of the new Illinois campaign disclosure law.