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Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and
Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws
of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act")
Your letter dated February 17, 1981.
Opinion #0-06-81

Dear Mr. Cambria:

Your letter dated February 17, 1981 to the New Jersey
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),
including a request for advisory opinion has been for-
warded to me for reply.

The following responses follow from the expressed
statutory intent that public funds be used generally for the
costs of providing campaign information or messages to voters,
as opposed to the internal costs of operating the campaign,
and for certain other specified expenses. Accordingly, the
answers to your questions would be as follows:

- I. A. Yes.
- B. No.
- C. The answer to this question would depend on
the kind of statistical data being stored.
The answer would be yes, if related to
accounting expenses, under subsection (a)(6)
of Section 35 of the Act, (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-
35(a)(6)).
- D. Yes, if related to accounting expense, under
subsection (a)(6) of Section 35 of the Act
(N.J.S.A. 19:44A-35(a)(6)).

- E. More specific information would be needed as to what is meant, in order for the Commission to answer this part of the question.
 - F. Synthesizing and reorganizing mailing lists would be an allowable use; synthesizing and reorganizing lists of telephone numbers would not. Whether synthesizing and reorganizing contributor lists would be allowable would depend on whether the maintenance of the contributor list was related to accounting expenses, under subsection (a)(6) of Section 35 of the Act, (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-35(a)(6)).
- 2.
- A. Yes.
 - B. Yes, to the extent that those expenditures related to printing and mailing campaign literature.
 - C. No, except that campaign buttons and bumper stickers would be a permitted use; giveaways, and other campaign paraphernalia generally, would not be a permitted use.
 - D. It is not entirely clear what is meant, but on the assumption that the materials are intended essentially for internal campaign use, the answer would be no.
- 3.
- A. No.
 - B. No.

If you wish further information on any of these points, please feel free to contact the Commission.

Yours very truly,



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