## DE 02-16 - October 23, 2002

## Contributions to a County Party Executive Committee Via Credit Card § 103.091, Florida Statutes

To: The Honorable John Stafford, Supervisor of Elections, Duval County, 105 East Monroe Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202-3228

Prepared by: Division of Elections

Dear Mr. Stafford:

This is in response to your request for an advisory opinion regarding a county party executive committee's ability to accept contributions via credit card. You are the Supervisor of Elections for Duval County and pursuant to section 106.23(2), Florida Statutes, the Division of Elections has authority to issue an opinion to you. You ask essentially the following question:

May a county party executive committee accept contributions via credit card?

The short answer to your question is yes.

As the Division previously opined in DE 90-40, a political party may accept contributions made by credit card as long as the contributions meet the disclosure requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. A county party executive committee, pursuant to section 103.091(1), Florida Statutes, is a component of a state political party and, as such, may accept contributions via credit card subject to the same disclosure requirements as the political party.

## SUMMARY

A county party executive committee, as a component of a state political party, may accept contributions via credit card subject to the same disclosure requirements as the political party.

Sincerely,

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