**Section 125.10 Definitions**

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings specified:

"Article 9" means Article 9 of the Election Code (campaign disclosures, contributions and expenditures).

"Board" means the State Board of Elections.

"Complainant" means a party initiating a proceeding under Article 9 by the filing of a complaint.

"Election Code" or "Code" means 10 ILCS 5.

"File", "Filed" or "Filing" means, with respect to reports, statements and documents required to be filed with the State Board of Elections:

delivery to the principal office of the State Board of Elections, Springfield, Illinois by the close of business of the prescribed filing date;

delivery to the permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections, Chicago, Illinois, by the close of business of the prescribed filing date;

deposit with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, in sufficient time so that the mailed documents will arrive by the close of business of the prescribed filing date;

delivery by e-mail or facsimile if permitted elsewhere within Title 26 of the Illinois Administrative Code; or

for filings under Code Section 9-28, electronic filing.

"General Counsel" means the person designated and appointed as General Counsel of the Board, or any individual acting in the General Counsel's stead in the event of:

a vacancy in the position of General Counsel; or

the absence, incapacity or unavailability of the General Counsel.

"Hearing Officer" means a person duly qualified and designated to conduct hearings under Code Section 9-19 and when applicable, Section 125.90 of this Part.

"Party" means an individual, trust, partnership, committee, corporation, association, public or private organization or group of persons of any character, or any governmental agency, entitled or required to participate in any hearing or proceeding.

"Respondent" means a party against whom a complaint is directed.

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