Breakdown of common election expenses among multiple candidates

Reference: *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities* (CQLR, c. E-2.2), ss. 451, 463, 465, and 595(1)

PURPOSE

To define the notion of common election expenses and to prescribe the basis on which the official agents must divide such expenses when preparing the return of election expenses.

CONTENT

A common election expense is first and foremost an election expense. This expense type is defined in section 451 of the *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities*. An expense is common when its cost can be attributed to all candidates of a party, to a group of candidates of a party, or to several authorized independent candidates by virtue of the common use they make of it.

Common election expenses shared by all candidates of a party

When a common election expense concerns all candidates of a party, it must be charged to each of them in proportion to their respective election expense limit as set out in the Act.

Common election expenses shared by a group of candidates

If a common election expense concerns only a few candidates of a party or a group of authorized independent candidates, this expense must only be charged to the candidates concerned, in proportion to their respective election expense limit as set out in the Act.

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