



Organizing and holding public meetings during a political party leadership campaign

Reference : *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities*
(s. 499.11, which refers to s. 453 (8))

PURPOSE

Establish rules for organizing and holding public meetings during a political party leadership campaign.

ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATIONS

The costs associated with activities organized by non-partisan organizations (e.g., a chamber of commerce) are not considered campaign expenses if the following conditions are met :

- Organizing and holding this public meeting is part of the normal activities of the organization.
- Invitations are sent to organization members and the general public the same way as any other public meetings it organizes.
- No partisan advertising is distributed or disseminated on the occasion of or during such an activity. No slogan or logo is included in the invitation documents or on the premises of the meeting, either inside or outside.
- The meeting is not organized, directly or indirectly, on behalf of a party leadership candidate.

ACTIVITIES HELD BY PARTISAN ORGANIZATIONS

The cost of any activity held during a political party leadership campaign by a partisan organization (such as a party's youth commission) must be considered a campaign expense and must be paid either by the financial representative of a party leadership candidate or by the official representative of the party, where applicable.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The expenses incurred to hold meetings, including the rental of the room and the invitation to participants, are not considered election expenses, provided that these meetings are not organized directly or indirectly on behalf of a party leadership candidate. The total amount of these expenses must be less than \$200 for the duration of a political party leadership campaign.