

NEW YORK STATE SENATE



Notice of Public Hearing

New York State Senate Standing Committee on Elections
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Senator Martin Malave Dilan
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Senator Brian X. Foley

Senator Thomas W. Libous
Senator Joseph A. Griffo
Senator Thomas P. Morahan

SUBJECT: To address a number of proposals to update and reform the state's campaign finance laws.

Thursday, May 28, 2009
10am
Nazareth College
Otto A. Shults Community Center
The Forum
4245 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14618

Wednesday, June 3, 2009
10am
Hearing Room B
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12247

The goal of this series of hearings is to open the legislative process to the public, listen to thoughts and feedback about proposed election reforms and reinvigorate participatory democracy. The campaign finance reform hearings in Rochester (May 28) and Albany (June 3) are the third set in a series of five that will continue in September and November.

Previous hearings in April and May considered reforms to the registration process, casting a ballot and poll site operations. In future hearings, the Elections Committee will consider Board of Elections oversight, additional election law reforms and oversight of the November elections.

This dialogue between lawmakers and the public are part of the Senate's commitment to beginning a robust committee process, developing sound public policy through open dialogue and creating transparency in the legislative process.

The purpose of the hearings in Rochester on May 28, and in Albany on June 3, is to seek public comment on the following bills and bill drafts; full text is available at [NYSenate Markup](#):

- **(Multiple bill drafts)** Public financing of elections through three different systems: "clean elections," 4:1 matching system with "triggers," and hybrid matching system with grants
- **TBD (Squadron):** Lowers contribution limits to candidates and parties
- **TBD (Squadron):** Closes multiple LLC contribution loophole
- **S5565 (Addabbo):** Disclosure of bundling by "intermediaries"
- **S4061B (Schneiderman):** Increases penalties for campaign finance violations
- **S5545 (Addabbo):** Disclosure of occupation, employer and business address of contributors
- **S5546 (Addabbo):** Limits candidates to one campaign committee per election

Those who wish to attend or testify should call Bernadette Oliver at (518) 455-2310, and fill out and return the attached reply form via fax at least two days prior to the hearing. The Elections Committee will accommodate as many witnesses as possible, and encourages the submission of written testimony, which will be considered and made part of the hearing record. Written testimony should be e-mailed no later than two days prior to the hearing as an attachment in any common format to: oliver@senate.state.ny.us.

Witnesses are requested to keep their oral testimony to no more than five minutes in length and to bring 10 copies of their prepared statement to the hearing.

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