

(Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Title 2, Division 6, California Code of Regulations.)

§ 18430.1. Prepaid Cards, Prohibitions and Limitations on Contributions and Expenditures.

(a) A candidate or committee may not:

(1) Purchase, use, or make an expenditure of campaign funds of \$100 or more for a prepaid debit, prepaid credit, or gift card.

(2) Accept contributions totaling \$100 or more from any single source consisting of, or made with, a prepaid debit, prepaid credit, or gift card.

(b) Notwithstanding the prohibition of subdivision (a), a candidate or committee may use campaign funds to establish a U.S. based prepaid expense account with a management system that includes prepaid expense cards for committee staff and volunteers, provided all of the following conditions are met:

(1) Any funds placed into a prepaid expense card management system originate from a campaign bank account, and any remaining funds are returned to that originating campaign bank account prior to termination of the committee.

(2) The prepaid expense platform provides detailed, itemized records of all expenses incurred through the expense cards, including identifying the specific cardholder who incurred each expense.

(c) Notwithstanding the prohibition of subdivision (a), a candidate or committee may use campaign funds to purchase a gift card exceeding \$100 for an individual employee, a committee worker, or an employee of the elected officer's agency, so long as the individual does not receive

gifts with a total cumulative value of \$250 or more in a single year, as permitted under Section 89513(f)(3).

Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Section 84300, Government Code.

History

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