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MEMORANDUM

TO: Electioneering Communication Organizations

FROM: Donald Palmer, Director
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SUBJECT: Chapter 2010-167, Laws of Florida

With the Governor signing into law House Bill 131 (now Chapter 2010-167, Laws of Florida), electioneering communication laws will again be enforced in Florida. The new laws regarding electioneering communications and electioneering communications organizations (ECOs) became effective on May 28, 2010. The chapter law can be found at: <http://laws.flrules.org/>.

The Division of Elections has posted a new registration form on its website to accommodate ECOs in complying with the new laws. All ECOs that meet the criteria of the new law, **including any ECO that kept its registration current during the period of non-enforcement of the electioneering communications law**, must submit new Forms DS-DE 6, 41, and 103 with the applicable filing officer.

The Division will post a new ECO handbook on its website as soon as it is available. We suggest that once it is available, you review the handbook for an overview of the new definition of an "electioneering communication" and the registration, reporting, and disclaimer requirements. When complete, the handbook will be posted under "Publications" at:

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/publications/index.shtml>.

If you have questions, you may contact the Division's helpline at 850-245-6280.

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