

ADVISORY OPINION SUMMARIES:

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A candidate can qualify for contributions in an election period following a Primary Election only if the candidate is the winner of the Primary election. The Primary must be held and the candidate must be the party nominee as a result of the Primary Election in order to accept contributions in excess of the original election period limitations. A contributor may not contribute and a candidate must not accept a contribution in excess of the limitation for that particular election period. For example, a candidate committee, having accepted the maximum allowable contribution from an individual during the election period cannot accept an additional contribution for a post-primary election period until the Primary Election is held, the candidate wins and is the party nominee for the General Election. In this case the new election period begins on the day following the primary and the candidate committee can begin accepting new contributions.