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## Financial affairs of election campaign of independent candidates

### Local Self-Government Elections of 2017

+ Initiative groups of voters are entitled to:

a) found a non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity, whose bank account will be used as the account of the election campaign fund, or b) open a bank account in the name of the candidate, which will be used as the account of the election campaign fund.

- + Electoral subjects are obliged to open a bank account of the election campaign fund **within five working days** after registration.
- + Electoral subjects are obliged to submit information about the bank account of the election campaign fund (bank details), from which the election campaign will be funded, to the State Audit Office **immediately** after opening the account.
- + Electoral subjects are obliged to publish information, [in the forms defined](#), about the sources, amounts, and dates of receipt of donations **once in every three weeks following the registration**.
- + Electoral subjects are obliged to make payments related to financial-economic activities only **by bank transfer**. This form of payment does not apply to the issuance of relevant remuneration (salaries, bonuses, business trip expenses) of persons who are in labor relations with an electoral subject, as well as if the total value of the goods received and/or services rendered during one calendar month does not exceed GEL 1,000.
- + Parties must submit information on receiving donations or membership fees to the State Audit Office **within 5 working days** after the given sum is received.
- + When making a monetary/non-monetary donation, the person making the donation must indicate his/her full name and personal number.
- + Monetary donations made by citizens may be received **only by bank transfer**.
- + The amount of donations from public activities **may not** exceed GEL 30,000 per year. The total amount of donations received from individual citizens **may not** exceed GEL 60,000 per year, and the total amount of donations received from individual legal persons may not exceed GEL 120,000 per year.

See frequently asked questions about independent candidates [here](#).

**The Georgian Young Lawyers' Association expresses its readiness to provide legal aid to independent candidates who run in the local self-government elections.**