

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Charles E. Goston

Case No.: FEC 19-043

TO: Charles E. Goston
407 Southeast 14th Lane
Gainesville, FL 32601

Division of Elections
500 S Bronough Street, Room 316
Tallahassee, FL 32399

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 14, 2019 at 8:30 am**, *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 110-S, Tallahassee, Florida 32399**. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

If you are the Respondent, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are the Complainant, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are an Appellant, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

See further instructions on the reverse side.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
April 30, 2019

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

Respondent may argue why the established facts in the Staff Recommendation do not support the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause. At Respondent's request, the Commission may determine whether Respondent's actions in the case were willful. The Respondent may also address the appropriateness of the recommended fine. If Respondent claims that his limited resources make him unable to pay the statutory fine, *he must provide the Commission with written proof of his financial resources* at the hearing. A financial affidavit form is available from the Commission Clerk.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT
Case Number: FEC-19-043

NAME: **CHARLES E. GOSTON**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 02/11/19

DATE REPORT DUE: 11/02/18 (2018 G7)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 12/19/18

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 47

AMOUNT OF FINE: **\$677.56**

FINE BASED ON: (.) NUMBER OF DAYS (.) 25% OF RECEIPTS (X) 25% OF EXPENDITURES

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$2,710.26

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 01/04/19

| | |
|---|---|
| CANDIDATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | STATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| PC <input type="checkbox"/> | DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CCE <input type="checkbox"/> | COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> |
| POLITICAL PARTY <input type="checkbox"/> | CITY <input type="checkbox"/> |

SUMMARY: Charles E. Goston was a candidate for State Senator, District 8 in the 2018 elections. Mr. Goston was his own treasurer.

Charles E. Goston is appealing the fine claiming that a waiver notice was originally filed, on-time, for the November 2nd report. According to Mr. Goston, when closing out the campaign, he found that he missed filing expenditures and misfiled physical documents. He also states that “in the interest of transparency and accurate reporting”, he amended the report to reflect the expenditures. He requests that the fine be waived due to the inadvertent oversight. Mr. Goston also notes that he thought the waiver was the same as a campaign report and that amending it would not carry a penalty.

- The 2018 G7 Original Report covers the period from 10/20/18-11/12/18; it was due on 11/02/18.
- The 2018 G7 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created and filed on 11/01/18.¹
- Charles E. Goston reported receiving zero contributions, while making 6 expenditures.
- FEC staff was advised, “The candidate filed a notice of no activity (waiver) on 11/01/18. A waiver is not a report. On 12/19/18, the candidate filed a report showing \$2,710.26 of activity. The fine is based on 25% of the activity.
- The Division of Elections has two entries that pertain to Charles Goston’s 2018 G7 report.

PRIOR CASES: None.

¹ The filing discussed in this bullet refers to the waiver that reflected zero activity.

February 8, 2019

Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0150

Dear Commissioners and Commission Director,

I was assessed an auto-fine by the Division of Elections for filing my November 2, 2018 election report on December 19, 2018.

A waiver notice was originally filed, on-time, for the November 2nd report. When closing out the campaign and reconciling the campaign accounting, I found that I had missed filing some expenditures for which the physical documentation had been misfiled.

In the interest of transparency and accurate accounting, I filed an amendment to list those expenditures. I respectfully request that the auto-fines be waived. The oversight was inadvertent, as I had been campaigning and visiting constituents and had misplaced some documentation.

I thought a waiver was the same as a campaign report. Had it not been a waiver – had there even been the smallest item on that report, an amendment to that report would have carried no penalty, no matter how large the item missed.

Thank you, so much, for your consideration of this request, and thank you for your public service to the great state of Florida.

Sincerely,



Charles Goston

/cc:

Kristi Reid Willis
Florida Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Michael Ertel
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice

Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9014 9645 1724 1560 12**
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT For Tracking or Inquiries go to USPS.com
or call 1-800-222-1811

January 24, 2019

Charles E. Goston
Candidate for State Senator, District 8
407 Southeast 14th Lane
Gainesville, FL 32601-2601

CAN 72771

Dear Mr. Goston:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on November 2, 2018, was filed on December 19, 2018. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$677.56.

You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:

1. Pay the fine to the Florida Division of Elections (For a candidate only, a fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds) at:

*Florida Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Room. 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011*

2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

*Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150*

If you appeal, please send a copy also to the Florida Division of Elections so that you will not receive further notices from the Division about this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

January 4, 2019

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Bureau of Election Records

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Charles E. Goston (2) 72771
 Candidate, Committe or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 407 Southeast 14th Lane Gainesville FL 32601
 Address (number and street) City State Zip Code

Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate (office sought):
 Political Committee Check If PC has DISBANDED
 Committee of Continuous Existance Check If CCE has DISBANDED
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 10/20/2018 To 11/01/2018 Report Type: G7

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Cash & Checks | \$0.00 |
| Loans | \$0.00 |
| <i>Total Monetary</i> | \$0.00 |
| In-Kind | \$0.00 |

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Monetary Expenditures | \$2,710.26 |
| Transfers to Office Account | \$0.00 |
| <i>Total Monetary</i> | \$2,710.26 |

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss.839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Candidate Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Name: Charles E. Goston

Report: 2018 G7

Period: 10/20/2018 to 11/01/2018

**** Records in Filed Report ****

| Seq # Date | Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip | Contributor Type | Occupation In-Kind Description | Amount Amend |
|---------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | |
| | | | | |

Name: Charles E. Goston

Report: 2018 G7

Period: 10/20/2018 to 11/01/2018

**** Records in Filed Report ****

| Seq # | Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) | Type | Purpose | Amount |
|------------|---|------|---------------------|------------|
| Date | Street Address & City, State, Zip | | | Amend |
| 1 | FLORIDA FOOD SERVICE | MON | FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS | \$132.50 |
| 10/26/2018 | 5201 NE 40TH TERR GAINESVILLE, FL 32609 | | | ADD |
| 2 | RENAISSANCE PRINTING | MON | PRINTING | \$208.98 |
| 10/20/2018 | 4130 NW 16TH BLVD GAINESVILLE, FL 32605 | | | ADD |
| 3 | ALACHUA COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS | MON | VOTER RECORDS | \$10.00 |
| 10/22/2018 | 515 N MAIN ST GAINESVILLE, FL 32601 | | | ADD |
| 4 | NAACP OF MARION COUNTY | MON | VOTER FORUM | \$500.00 |
| 10/26/2018 | 1850 SW 1ST ST OCALA, FL 34475 | | | ADD |
| 5 | BLACK COLLEGE MONTHLY | MON | ADVERTISING | \$1,750.00 |
| 10/25/2018 | 901 SE 18TH TERRACE GAINESVILLE, FL 32641 | | | ADD |
| 6 | CIRCLE K | MON | FUEL | \$108.78 |
| 10/21/2018 | 3420 W SILVER SPRINGS BLVD OCALA, FL 34475 | | | ADD |

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

Name: Charles E. Goston

Report: 2018 G7

Period: 10/20/2018 to 11/01/2018

**** Records in Filed Report ****

| Seq # Date | Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip | Type | Nature of Account | Amount Amend |
|---------------|--|------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | |

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

Name: Charles E. Goston

Report: 2018 G7

Period: 10/20/2018 to 11/01/2018

**** Records in Filed Report ****

| Seq # Date | Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip | Recipient | Purpose | Amount |
|---------------|--|-----------|---------------------|--------|
| | | Type | Related Expenditure | Amend |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |

Queued Items for 2018-G7

Account: 72771

STS 008 Charles E. Goston

Rpt Seq: 14

| <i>ProcessDescription</i> | <i>Status</i> | <i>Submitter</i> | <i>Created</i> | <i>LastUpdate</i> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Create Pending Report | Processing Complete | 72771 | 11/1/2018 5:48:00 PM | 11/1/2018 5:48:00 PM |
| File Pending Report | Processing Complete | 72771 | 11/1/2018 5:48:15 PM | 11/1/2018 5:48:15 PM |
| Amend Filed Report | Processing Complete | 72771 | 12/19/2018 3:30:46 PM | 12/19/2018 3:30:46 PM |
| Review Pending Report | Processing Complete | 72771 | 12/19/2018 3:43:46 PM | 12/19/2018 3:43:46 PM |
| File Pending Report | Processing Complete | 72771 | 12/19/2018 3:50:47 PM | 12/19/2018 3:50:47 PM |



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Charles E. Goston

Name:

Account: 72771

Election:

Acct: 72771

Type:

Candidate

Search

Reset

| Date Due | Type | Date Filed | Status | Days Late | Fine Assessed | Appealed | Amount Fined | Amount Paid |
|------------|------|------------|--------|-----------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------------|
| 2/4/2019 | TR | 12/19/2018 | | | | | | |
| 11/2/2018 | G7 | 11/1/2018 | SNT | 0 | \$677.56 | | \$677.56 | \$0.00 |
| 10/26/2018 | G6 | 10/24/2018 | | | | | | |
| 10/25/2018 | G4 | 10/12/2018 | | | | | | |
| 10/19/2018 | G5 | 10/18/2018 | | | | | | |
| 10/5/2018 | G3 | 10/2/2018 | | | | | | |
| 9/21/2018 | G2 | 9/20/2018 | | | | | | |
| 9/7/2018 | G1 | 9/4/2018 | | | | | | |
| 8/24/2018 | P7 | 8/23/2018 | | | | | | |
| 8/17/2018 | P6 | 8/16/2018 | | | | | | |
| 8/10/2018 | P5 | 8/9/2018 | | | | | | |
| 8/3/2018 | P4 | 7/27/2018 | | | | | | |
| 7/27/2018 | P3 | 7/26/2018 | | | | | | |
| 7/13/2018 | P2 | 7/6/2018 | | | | | | |
| 6/29/2018 | P1 | 6/29/2018 | | | | | | |



Florida Department of State
Division of Elections

2018 General Election
Charles E. Goston (NPA)
State Senator

Campaign Finance Activity

Note: The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. [About the Campaign Finance Data Base.](#)

| | Filing Period | Contributions | | | Expend | Other | Transfers |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | Monetary | Loans | InKind | | | |
| <input type="radio"/> | 06/21/2018 - 06/22/2018 | 0.00 | 1,300.00 | 0.00 | 1,187.88 | 227.41 | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | 06/23/2018 - 07/06/2018 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | 07/07/2018 - 07/20/2018 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> | 07/21/2018 - 07/27/2018 | 2,500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,559.36 | 1,300.00 | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | 07/28/2018 - 08/03/2018 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> | 08/04/2018 - 08/10/2018 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | 08/11/2018 - 08/23/2018 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | 08/24/2018 - 08/31/2018 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | 09/01/2018 - 09/14/2018 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> | 09/15/2018 - 09/28/2018 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> | 09/29/2018 - 10/05/2018 | 4,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,350.57 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | 10/06/2018 - 10/12/2018 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | 10/13/2018 - 10/19/2018 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> | 10/20/2018 - 11/01/2018 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,710.26 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> | 11/02/2018 - 12/19/2018 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,491.93 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | All Dates (Totals) | 8,500.00 | 1,300.00 | 0.00 | 9,800.00 | 1,527.41 | 0.00 |

Note: ^(E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

W Indicates that a waiver was filed and **L** Indicates that a loan report was filed

Select Detail Type

Contributions ▼

Select Sort Order

Date(Ascending) ▼

Select Output Type

Display On Screen ▼

Submit Query Now

[Query the Campaign Finance Data Base](#)

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HISTORY NOTES
Charles E. Goston - 72771

| Unique ID | Date Recorded | Last Edited Date | Originally Recorded By |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 63037 | 1/30/2019 10:17:00 AM | | ealustria |
| RE: Returned Mail, Email sent 1/30/2019 | | | |
| Message below sent to candidate's email address: treasurer@electioneeringconsulting.com. | | | |
| Dear Mr. Charles Edward Goston, Candidate for State Senator (72771), | | | |
| We have received returned mail from your address of record: | | | |
| 407 Southeast 14th Lane Gainesville, Florida 32601-2601 | | | |
| A copy of the returned mail that was sent on January 4, 2019 is attached for your information and records. The late fine on the 2018 G7 campaign treasurer's report resulted from the fact that it was an amended waiver and filed with reportable activity after the due date. Please bear in mind that a final notice of this late fine letter was mailed on January 24, 2019 with delivery confirmation stating that it was delivered to your address on January 26, 2019. This email is a courtesy in hopes of preventing a referral to the Florida Elections Commission and that you are able respond in a timely matter. | | | |
| If you would like to update your contact information with the Division, then you may do so by any the following methods: | | | |
| EFS – Log onto your EFS account; go the Campaign Account tab; update address, phone number and/or email address, as needed; enter PIN and Save. | | | |
| Mail a signed letter to: Bureau of Election Records Florida Department of State R.A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 S. Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399 | | | |
| Email a copy of a signed letter to: ElecRecords@dos.myflorida.com | | | |
| Or FAX to: (850) 245-6259 or (850) 245-6260 | | | |
| If you have any questions, please contact our help desk at 850-245-6280. | | | |
| 63032 | 1/30/2019 9:53:00 AM | | ealustria |
| RE: Returned Mail | | | |
| A late fine letter on the 2018 G7 report that was mailed on Jan. 4, 2019 was returned to the Division on January 29, 2019 from Mr. Goston's address of record. The 2018 G7 report was initially filed as a waiver on Nov. 1, 2018, but was amended after the due date and filed with reportable activity on Dec. 19, 2018. The Final Notice fine letter was sent on January 24, 2019 with delivery confirmation. | | | |
| On Jan. 30, 2019 at 9:34 am, I left a voicemail message for Mr. Goston at his phone number of record (352) 231-0294 referring to the returned late fine letter and I will send a copy of the returned mail to his email address(es) of record. (treasurer@electioneeringconsulting.com; Bcftbcm@gru.net) | | | |
| eal, 01/30/2019 | | | |
| 59000 | 6/26/2018 4:14:00 PM | | jcsoria |
| Re: Credentials | | | |
| I spoke with Mr. Goston and released his credentials over the phone. | | | |



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

June 25, 2018

Charles Edward Goston
407 Southeast 14th Lane
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Mr. Goston:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Senator, which was placed on file in our office on June 21, 2018. Your name has been placed on the 2018 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **June 29, 2018**. The report will cover the period of June 1-22, 2018 (2018 P1). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your filing credentials.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>

Identification Number: 72771

Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight

Division of Elections

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of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the candidate and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Instructions and Assistance

An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports. The Division of Elections will also provide assistance to all users by contacting the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/jcs

Enclosures

HAND DELIVERED

CANDIDATE OATH - STATE AND LOCAL PARTISAN OFFICE

Check applicable one:

- Candidate with party affiliation
Candidate with no party affiliation
Write-in candidate

RECEIVED

2018 JUN 22 AM 10:07

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS TALLAHASSEE, FL

OFFICE USE ONLY

Candidate Oath

(Section 99.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes)

1. CHARLES E. GOSTON

(Print name above as you wish it to appear on the ballot. If your last name consists of two or more names but has no hyphen, check box []. (See page 2 - Compound Last Names). No change can be made after the end of qualifying. Although a write-in candidate's name is not printed on the ballot, the name must be printed above for oath purposes.)

am a candidate for the office of STATE SENATE, District # 8, Circuit #

I am a qualified elector of ALACHUA County, Florida; I am qualified (Group or Seat #)

under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Statement of Party

(Section 99.021(1)(b), Florida Statutes)

(Complete Statement of Party only if you are seeking to qualify for nomination as a party candidate.)

I am a member of the Party; I have not been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which I seek to qualify; and I have paid the assessment levied against me, if any, as a candidate for said office by the executive committee of the political party, of which I am a member.

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card):

Phonetic spelling for audio ballot: Print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form): [Not applicable to write-in candidates.]

Signature of Candidate: Charles E. Goston (352) 231-0294 Email Address: bcftzbcnr@gmail.com

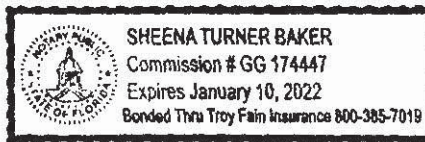
Address: 407 S.E. 14th Lane, City: Gainesville, State: FLA., ZIP Code: 32601

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Leon

Signature of Notary Public: Sheena Turner Baker Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 22nd day of June, 2018.

Personally Known: or Produced Identification: Type of Identification Produced: Drivers License



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**CANDIDATE OATH -
STATE AND LOCAL PARTISAN OFFICE**

Check applicable one:

- Candidate with party affiliation
- Candidate with no party affiliation
- Write-in candidate

Candidate Oath

(Section 99.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes)

I, Charles Goston

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am a candidate for the office of FLORIDA STATE, 8, _____
(Office) (District #) (Circuit #)

_____ ; I am a qualified elector of ALACHUA County, Florida; I am qualified
(Group or Seat #)

under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): [REDACTED]

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X Charles E. Goston (352) 231-0294 CGT26C@GRCU.NET

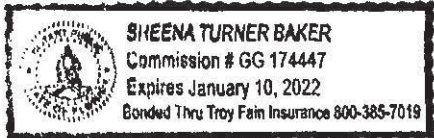
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address
407 S.W. 14th LANE GAINESVILLE FLA. 32601
Address City State ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

Sheena Turner Baker
Signature of Notary Public
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 21st
day of June, 2018.

Personally Known: _____ or Produced Identification:
Type of Identification Produced: Drivers License



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**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

**NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying
officer before opening the campaign account.**

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1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Charles Edward Goston

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

407 SE 14th Lane
Gainesville, FL 32601

4. Telephone

(352) 231-0294

5. E-mail address

Bcftbcm@gru.net

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

Florida Senate, District 8

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

Write-In No Party Affiliation _____ Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Charles Edward Goston

11. Mailing Address

407 SE 14th Lane

12. Telephone

(352) 231-0294

13. City

Gainesville

14. County

Alachua

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

32601

17. E-mail address

Bcftbcm@gru.net

18. I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Alliance Credit Union

20. Address

412 E. University Ave.

21. City

Gainesville

22. County

Alachua

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

32601

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

June 19, 2018

26. Signature of Candidate

Charles E. Goston

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Charles Edward Goston, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

June 19, 2018

Date

Charles E. Goston
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

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I, Charles Goston,

candidate for the office of Florida Senate, District 8;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X Charles E. Goston
Signature of Candidate

June 20, 2018
Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).