Ch. 7 Study Guide – American Government

Political Action Committee (PAC) Caucus Absentee Voting Soft Money Hard Money

Self-Announcement Subsidy Coattail Effect Poll Watcher Precinct Fundraiser

1. What method of nominating candidates took the place of the caucus in the 1830s?
2. When are elections for state offices usually held in most states?
3. A county board of elections selects what?
4. Give some facts of soft money today.
5. List the problems of high cost elections.
6. What keeps the Federal Election Commission from doing a better job of enforcing election laws?
7. What or who is responsible for nominating those who will run for public office?
8. In what situation is a winning candidate really chosen by a political party rather than by the voters?
9. Which nominating method is no longer used at the national level after Andrew Jackson’s boycott of it in 1824?
10. Which method of nominating candidates for Congress is required by law in most states?
11. Runoff primaries are used in 8 states. When is it necessary to use this type of primary?
12. According to the Constitution, federal election laws should regulate what?
13. Which candidate usually has the biggest advantage in a national election?
14. Which best describes the role of the Internet in candidates’ efforts to raise funds for political campaigns?
15. How is campaign funding regulated in state and local elections?
16. The time that polling places open on election day is set by who’s law?
17. In which election does Congress have the power to regulate the use of money?
18. Nomination by petition would likely not be used for what?
19. Who can contribute directly to a candidate running for a federal office?
20. Laws limiting campaign spending have been found to violate what?
21. The nominating process is usually the only point at which there is any real contest for public office in what?
22. What happens in a blanket primary?
23. Which type of primary is no longer used today?
24. A runoff primary is only held when what happens?
25. In which procedure are candidates nominated by means of a document signed by a certain number of qualified voters in the election district?
26. In the United States, congressional elections are held when?
27. State laws generally restrict precinct size to an area with no more than how many qualified voters?
28. About how much money must a candidate for a seat in the House of Representatives typically raise and spend for his or her campaign?
29. Small contributors typically donate to a candidate for office because they what?
30. Hard-money contributions are given to?