

The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government

*North Carolina Bipartisan
State Board of Elections and
Ethics Enforcement*

**Merger Status and Progress
Report**

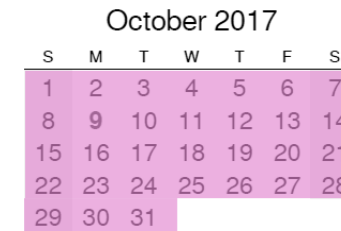
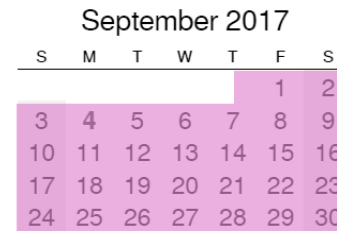
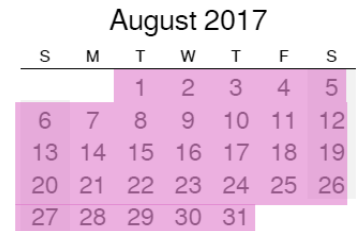
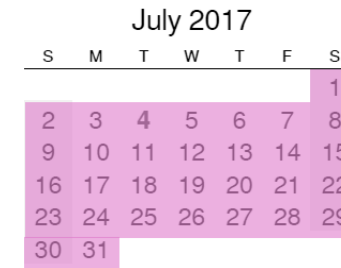
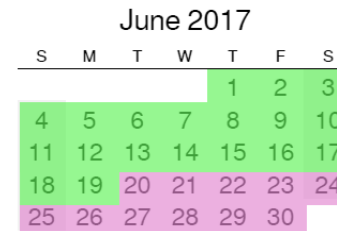
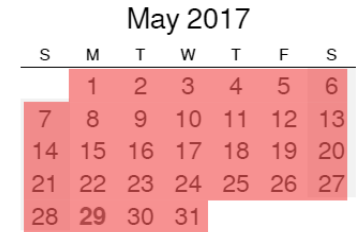
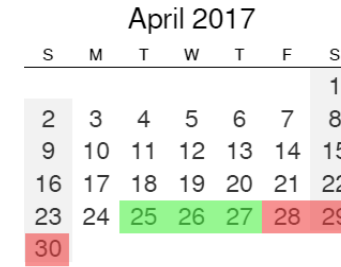
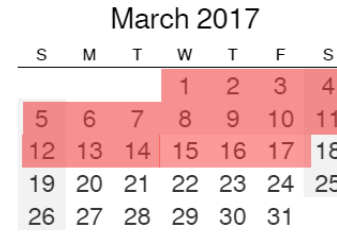
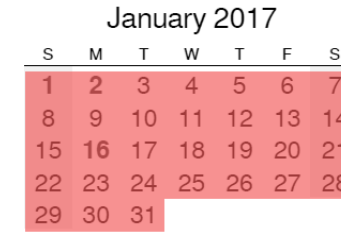
Legal Status of the
Merger

Legislation and Litigation Timeline

TIMELINE

December 16, 2016	S.L. 2016-125 becomes law (merger effective date: January 1, 2017)
December 30	Wake Superior Court judge temporarily stays merger
February 9, 2017	Court of Appeals lifts stay; Elections & Ethics merged
February 14	Supreme Court reinstates stay of merger; Elections & Ethics unmerged
March 17	3-judge panel permanently enjoins merger under S.L. 2016-125

April 25, 2017	S.L. 2017-6 becomes law (merger effective date: May 1)
April 28	Wake Superior Court judge temporarily stays merger
June 1	Three-judge panel dismisses Governor’s challenge to law; Elections & Ethics merged
June 20	Supreme Court prohibits action on “unimplemented portions” of S.L. 2017-6; Elections & Ethics remain merged but without board members ; merger of Lobbying (Secretary of State) put on hold
September 1	Supreme Court orders 3-judge panel to enter new order addressing basis for dismissal and merits of case
October 31	Deadline for 3-judge panel to enter new order



What has this meant for progress?

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-Meetings with Ethics ED, Chair and Ethics Staff
 - Provided overview materials to prospective Board members on current and future responsibilities related to elections and campaign finance.

Statewide Training for county board election officials. **Opened** conference as the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement and **closed** as the State Board of Elections.

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Implementation begins...

Merger implementation paused

New law takes effect

Board/Commission Member Status

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Separate Boards



Ethics Commissioners



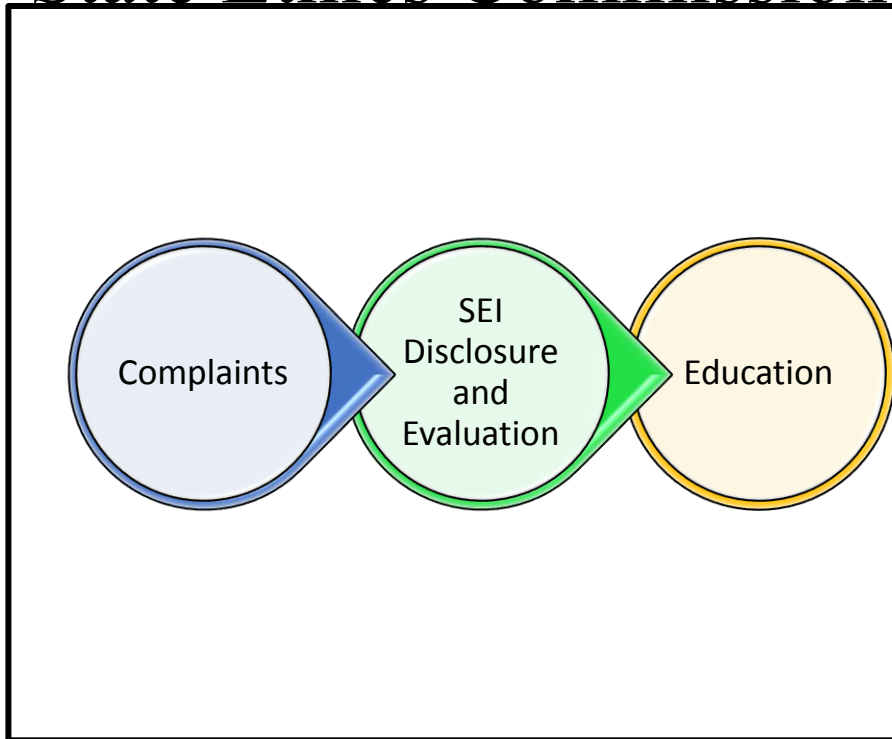
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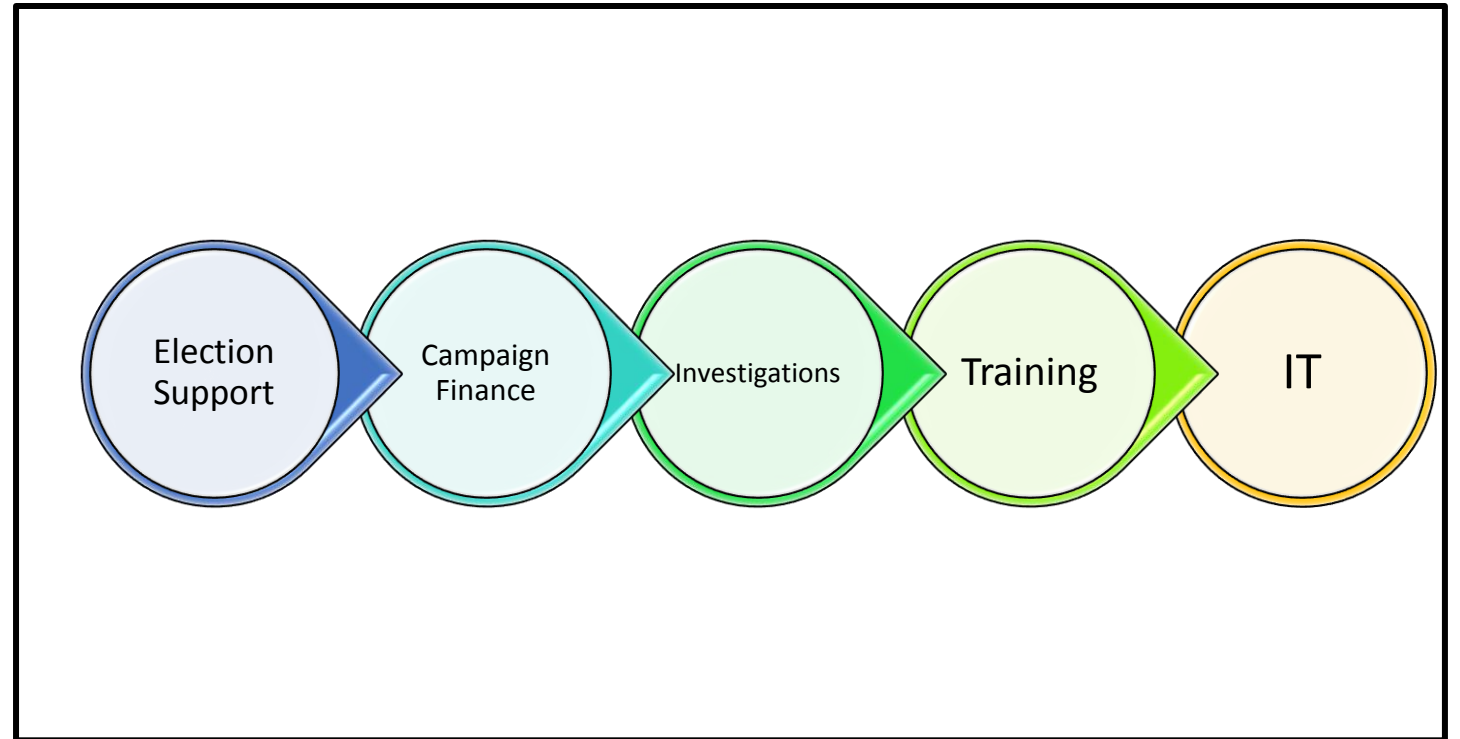
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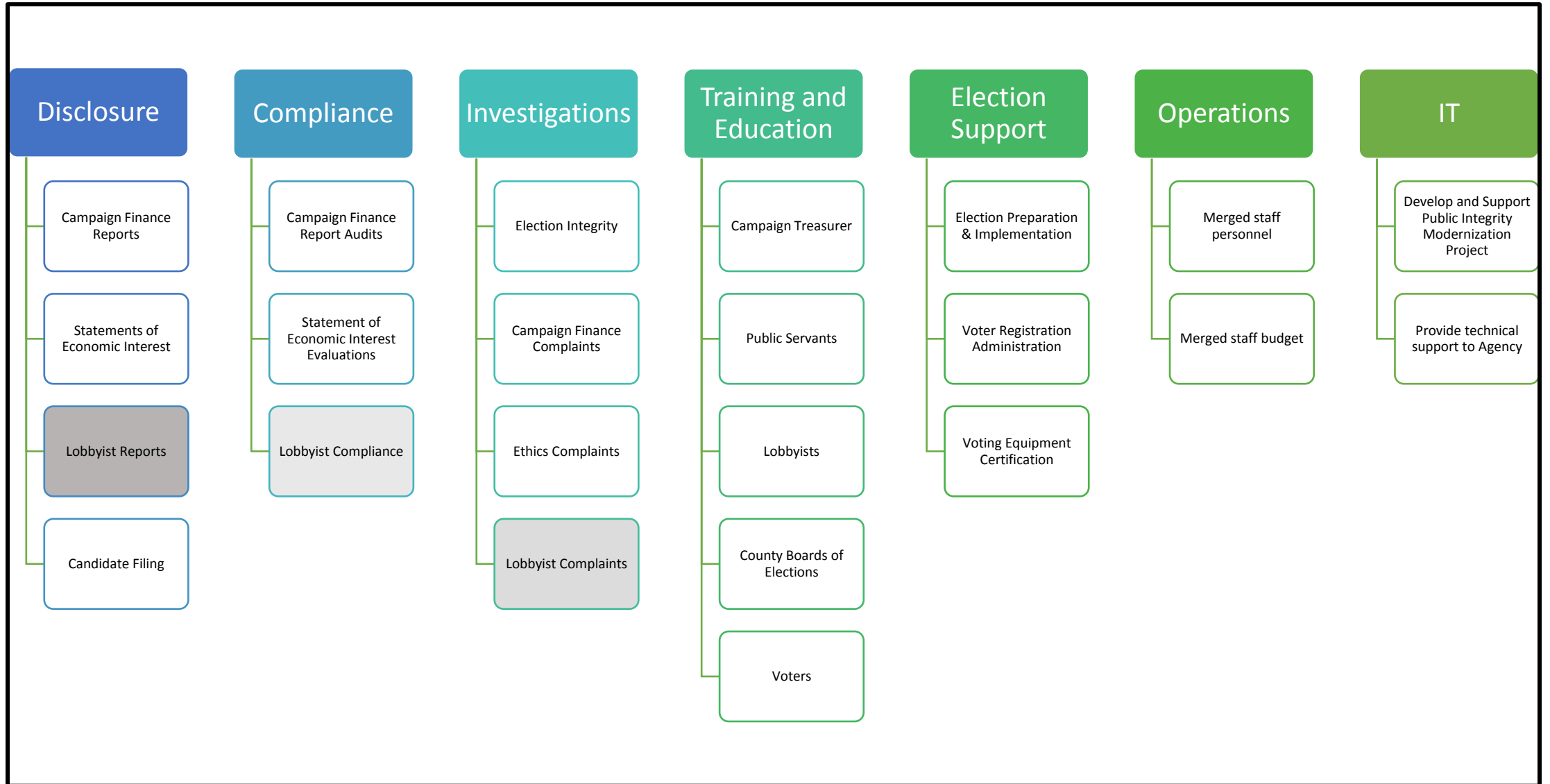
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Where we are:



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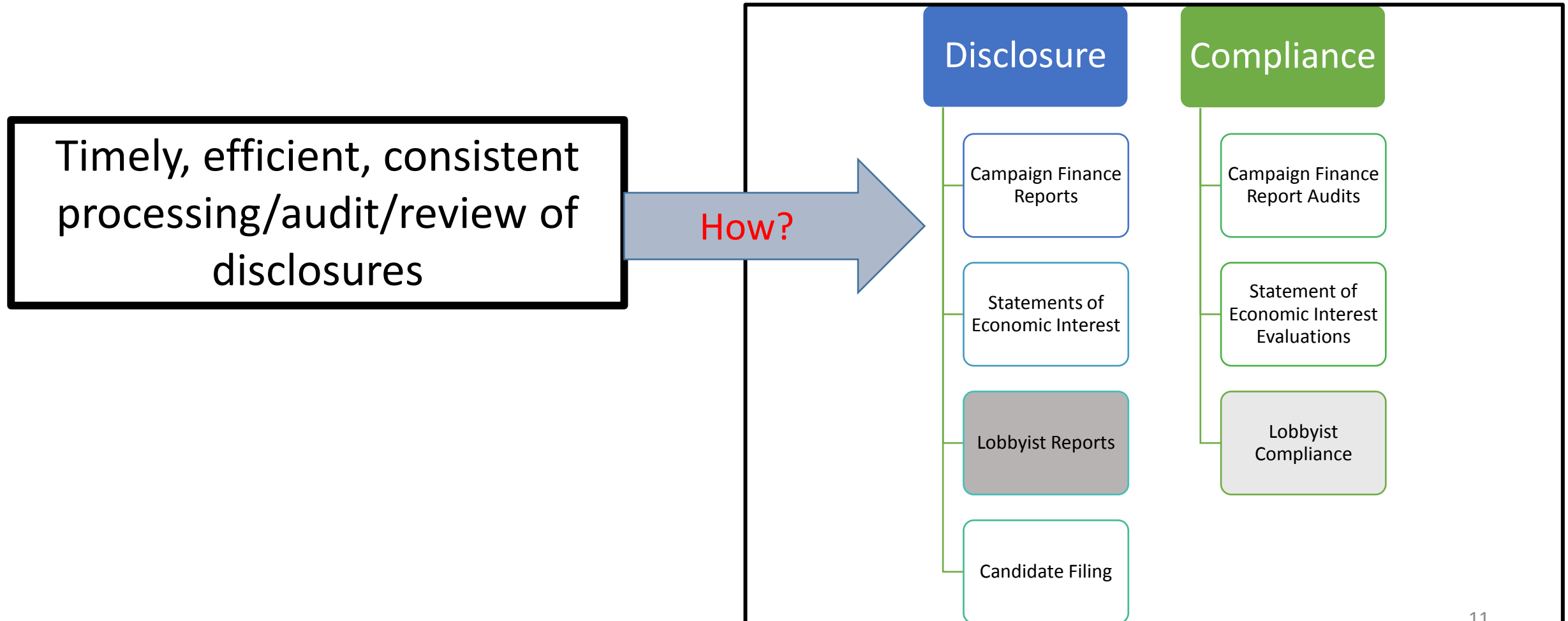
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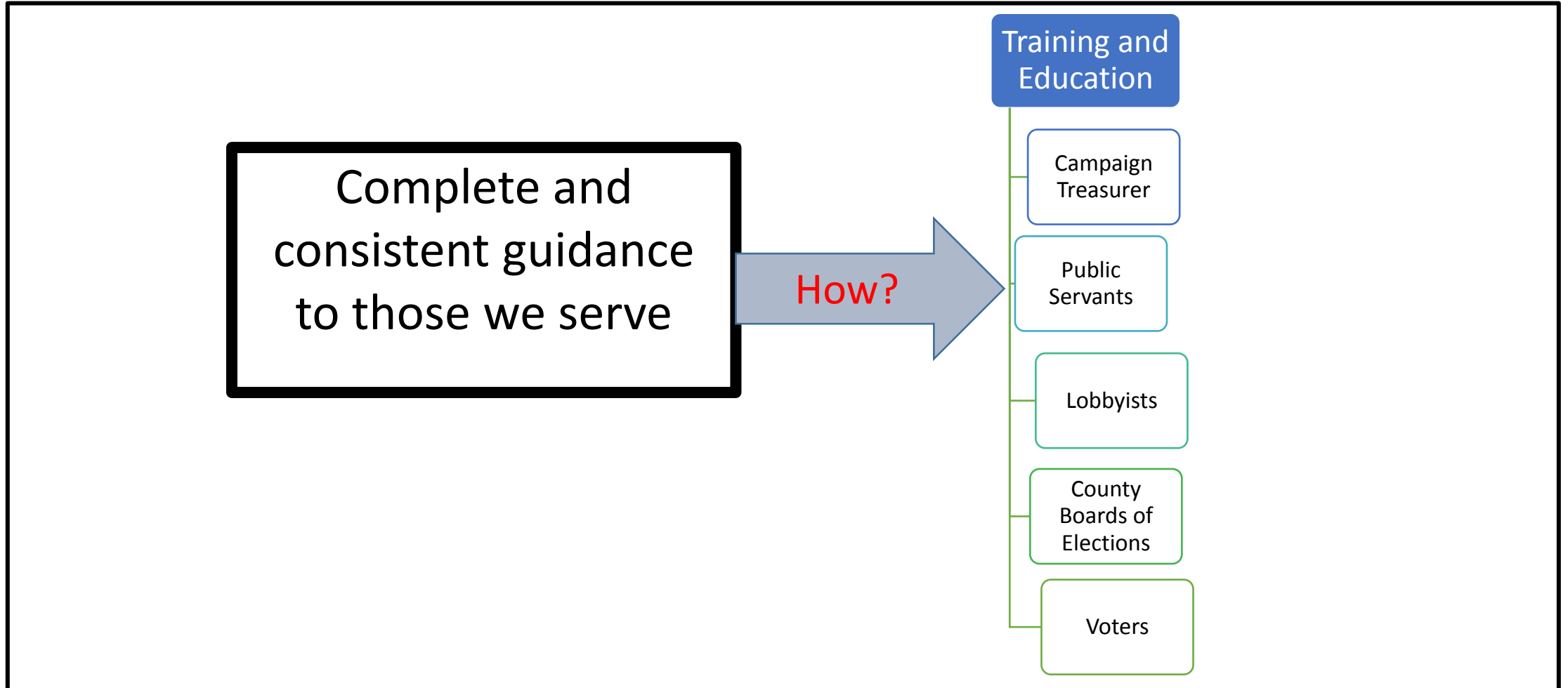
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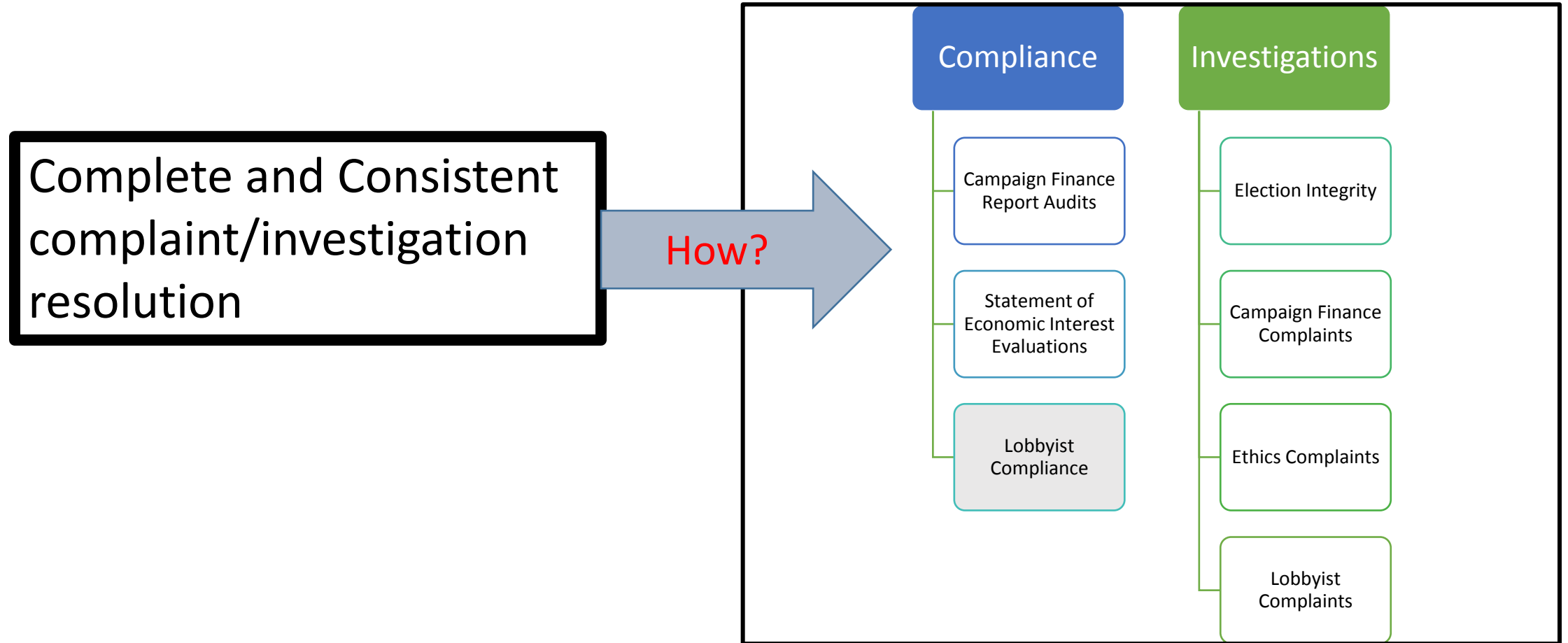
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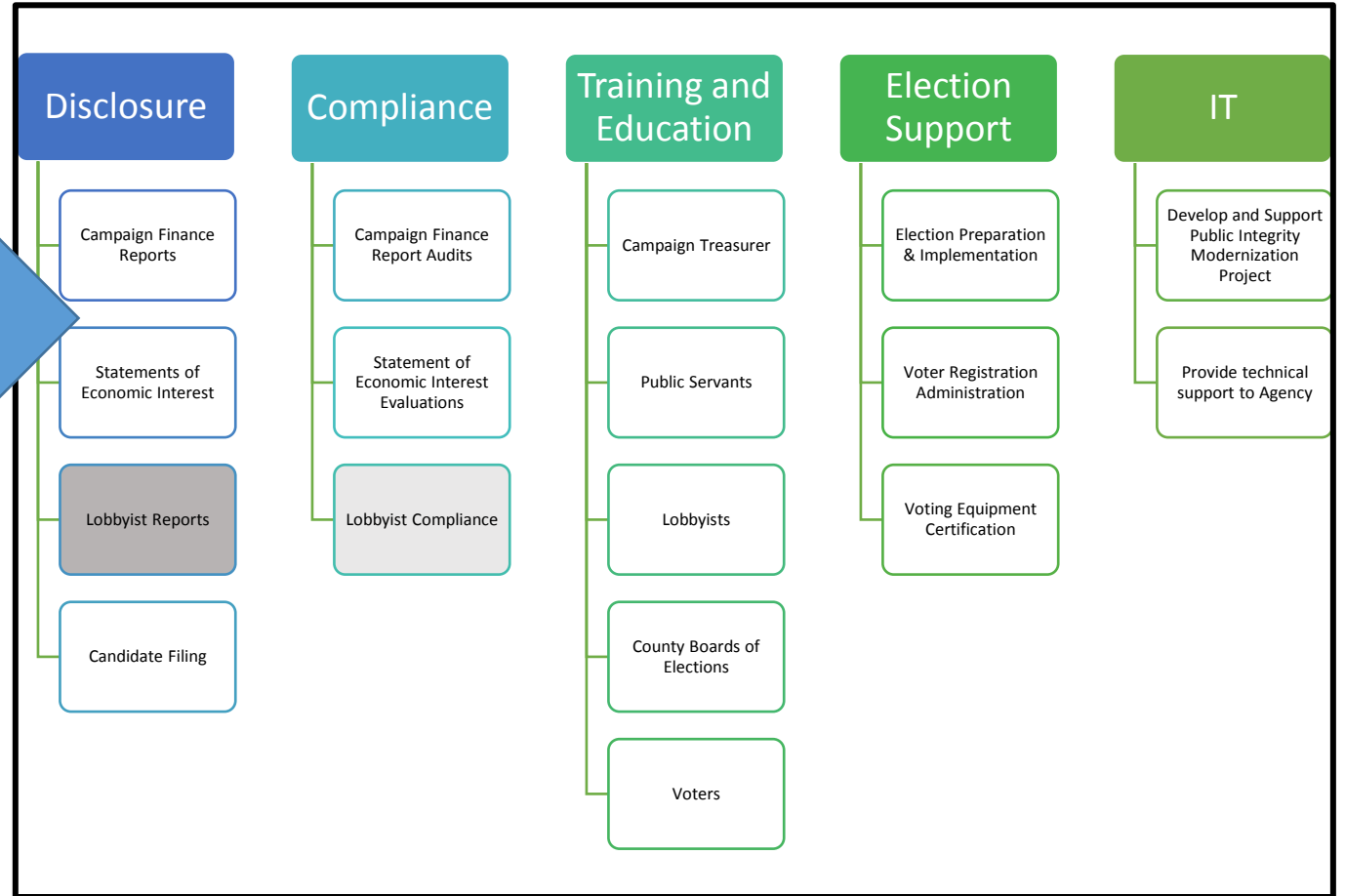
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Improving the compliance experience

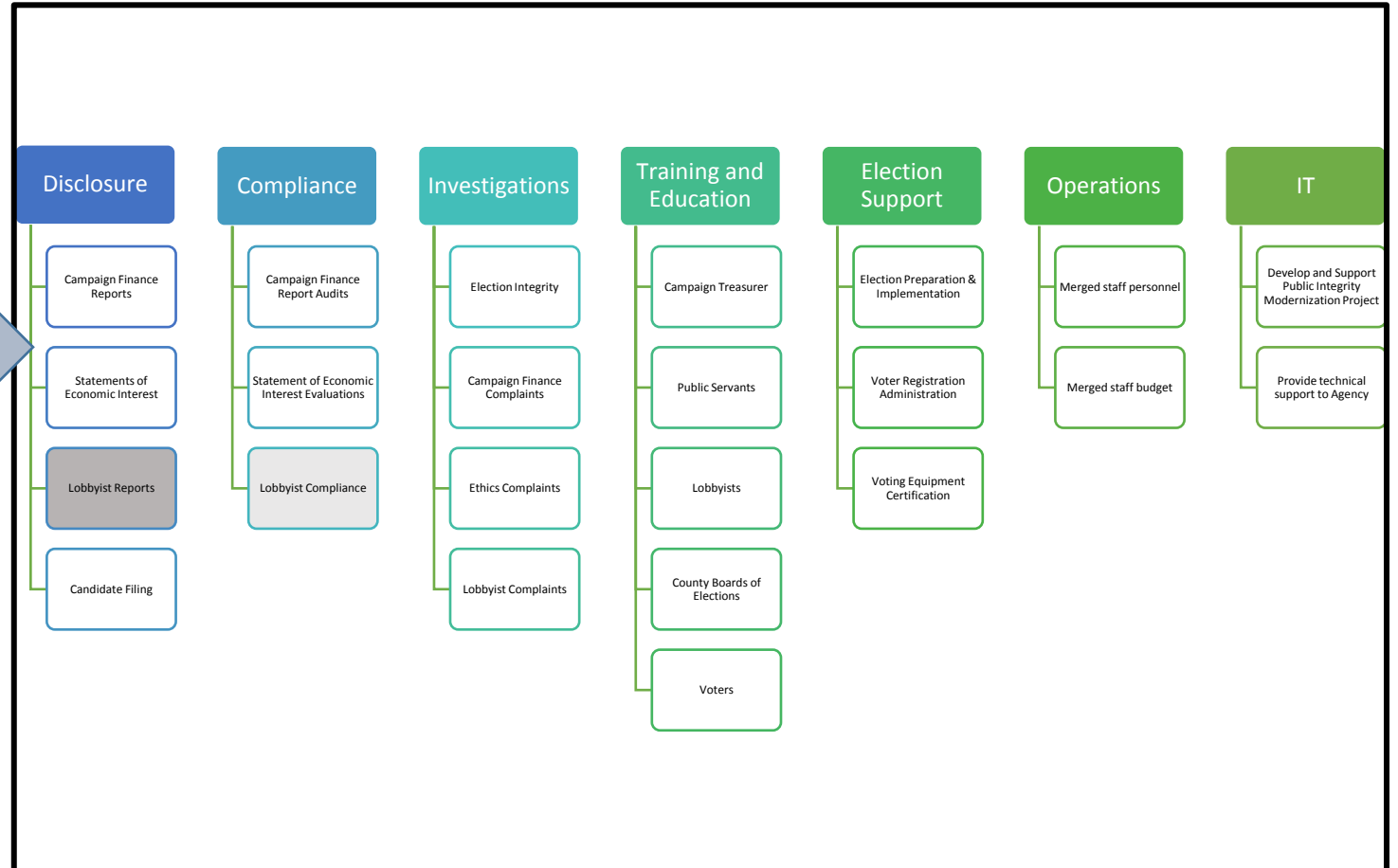
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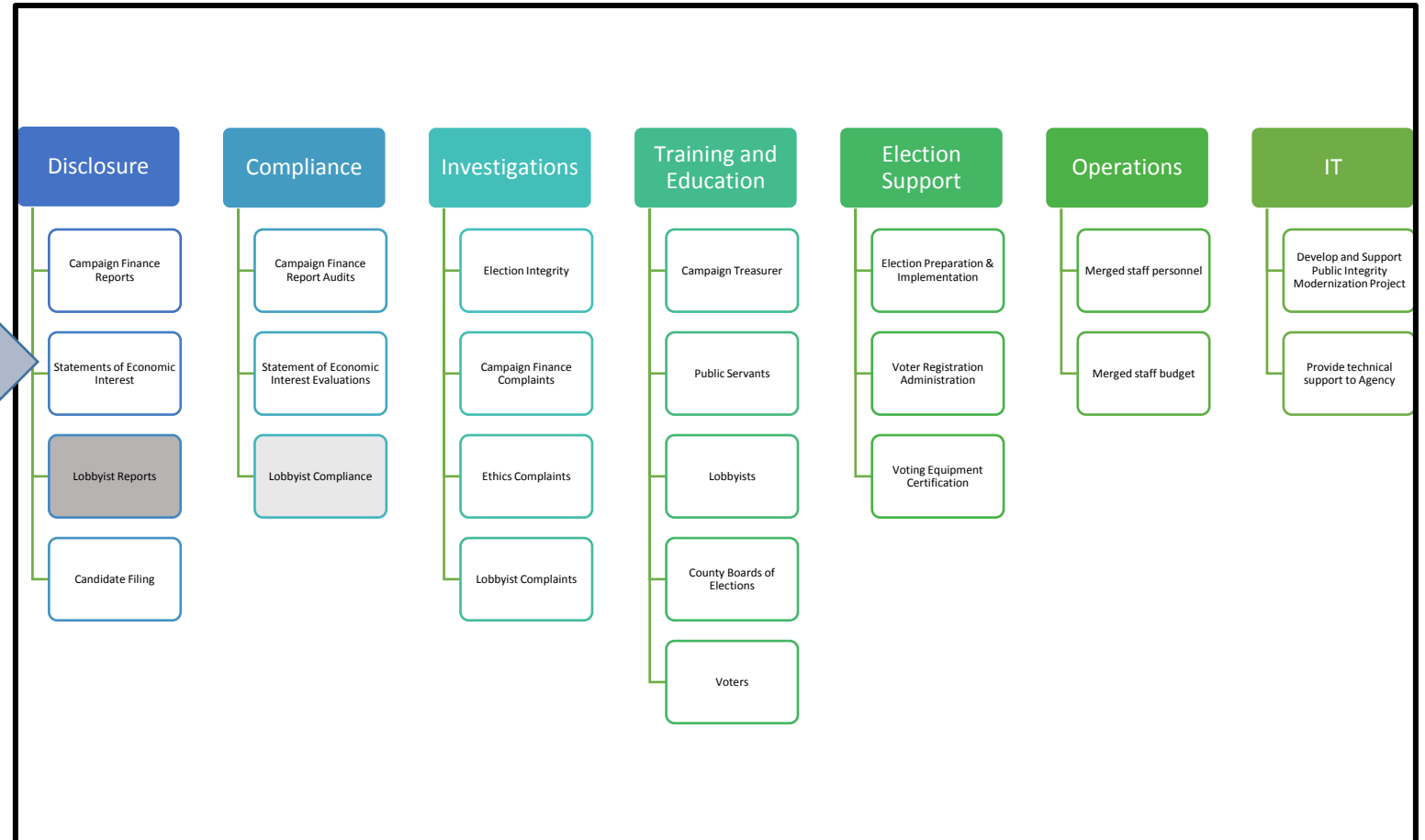
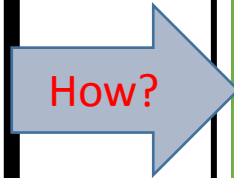
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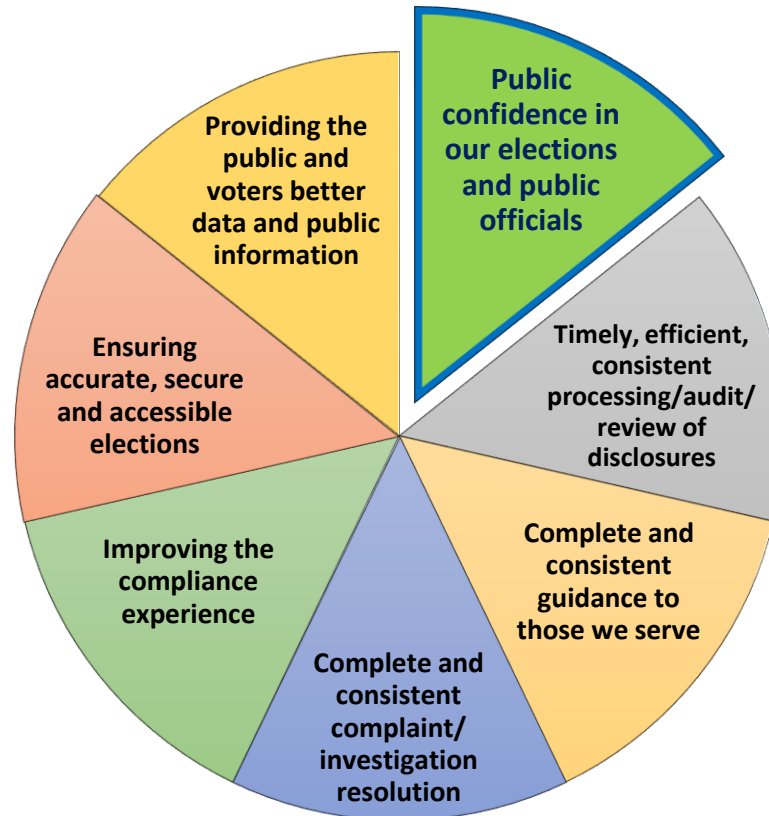


What we are accomplishing:

Providing the public and voters better data and public information



This is our goal:





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