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2018 ELECTION DATES

Primary Election	**May 15, 2018**
General Election	**November 6, 2018**

2017 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT FILING DATES

TYPE OF REPORT	COMPLETE AS OF	FILING DEADLINE
2017 Annual Report	Sunday, December 31, 2017	Wednesday, January 31, 2018

2018 PRIMARY CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DEADLINES

Sixth Tuesday Pre-Primary	Cycle 1	Monday. March 26, 2018	Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Second Friday Pre-Primary	Cycle 2	Monday, April 30, 2018	Friday, May 4, 2018
24-Hour Reporting	**Daily**	**Tuesday, May 1, 2018 (begins)**	**(ends/includes) May 15, 2018**
Thirty Day Post-Primary	Cycle 3	Monday, June 4, 2018	Thursday, June 14, 2018

2018 GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DEADLINES

Sixth Tuesday Pre-Election	Cycle 4	Monday, September 17, 2018	Tuesday, September 25, 2018
Second Friday Pre-Election	Cycle 5	Monday, October 22, 2018	Friday, October 26, 2018
24-Hour Reporting	**Daily**	**Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018 (begins)**	**(ends/includes) Nov. 6, 2018**
Thirty Day Post-Election	Cycle 6	Monday, November 26, 2018	Thursday, December 6, 2018

2018 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

2018 Annual Report	Cycle 7	Monday, Dec. 31, 2018	Thursday, January 31, 2019

POSTMARKS are acceptable as proof of timely filing when the report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.

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SIXTH TUESDAY PRE-PRIMARY or PRE-ELECTION REPORTS are required to be filed *only* by candidates for statewide office, their authorized candidate committees, and any political committee or lobbyist that has made an expenditure to influence the election of a statewide candidate. In 2018, statewide offices appearing on the ballot include the following:

GOVERNOR
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Political committees/lobbyists that have not made an expenditure to influence the election of a candidate for the statewide offices listed above do not need to file the Sixth Tuesday Pre-Primary/Election report

SECOND FRIDAY PRE- and THIRTY DAY POST-PRIMARY or ELECTION REPORTS are required to be filed by all candidates appearing on the ballot, their authorized candidate committees, and all political committees and lobbyists that have made expenditures to influence the election of such candidates. In 2018, offices appearing on the ballot include:

GOVERNOR
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ANNUAL REPORTS must be filed by *all* candidates, political committees and contributing lobbyists that have not filed a termination report.

PENALTIES - In accordance with the Campaign Finance Reporting Law, those who file required reports after the filing deadline are assessed a late filing fee of $20 per day for the first six days that a report is late, and $10 per day thereafter, up to a maximum penalty of $250.

SPECIAL ELECTION - In the event of any special election, candidates and committees should contact this bureau regarding reporting requirements and filing deadlines.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE TREASURERS - It is the treasurer's responsibility to file required committee reports. Keep this schedule available for reference prior to each reporting deadline. If you need a reporting form, you may print one from the Department's web site (www.dos.pa.gov) or request one from the bureau. You may also file your report online. From the web site, select the link to Campaign Finance and then to Online Filing for more information. Please remember that all reports must include your filer identification number on the cover page.

24 HOUR REPORTING - Section 1628 of the Campaign Expense Reporting Law, 25 P.S. § 3248, requires any candidate or political committee, authorized by a candidate and created solely for the purpose of influencing an election on behalf of that candidate, which receives any contribution or pledge of five hundred dollars ($500) or more, **or** any person making an independent expenditure of five hundred dollars ($500) or more after the final pre-election/pre-primary report has been deemed completed shall report such contribution or expenditure to the appropriate supervisor. The candidate, chairperson or treasurer of the political committee shall send the report of late contributions within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the contribution. The same shall apply to persons making independent expenditures. The bureau will accept the filing of *24 Hour Reports* by facsimile at 717-705-0721, or via e-mail at: ra-stcampaignfinance@pa.gov. The filing of reports by facsimile or e-mail applies **only** to *24 Hour Reports;* it does not apply to the filing of campaign finance reports. The filing of late contribution reports does not remove the obligation to also report those contributions on the appropriate post-election/post-primary expense report filing. Please contact our office for specific reporting dates for late contribution reports.

QUESTIONS - If you have any questions about Pennsylvania's Campaign Finance Reporting Law or reporting requirements, please direct them to the Campaign Finance Division of this bureau at 717-787-5280 or via e-mail at ra-stcampaignfinance@pa.gov.

NOTE: All dates are subject to change without notice in the event of passage of any amendatory legislation.