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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2020 Campaign Finance Reporting Dates

Not applicable to candidates running for Federal offices
Revised to account for Act 2020-12

Type of Report	Cycle	Complete as of	Filing Deadline**
2019 Annual Report	Cycle 7	December 31, 2019	January 31, 2020
*6th Tuesday Pre-Primary	Cycle 1	March 9, 2020	March 17, 2020
2nd Friday Pre-Primary	Cycle 2	May 18, 2020	May 22, 2020
24-Hour Reporting (Daily)	Cycle 10	Starts May 19, 2020	Through and including June 2, 2020
30 Day Post-Primary	Cycle 3	June 22, 2020	July 2, 2020
*6th Tuesday Pre-Election	Cycle 4	September 14, 2020	September 22, 2020
2nd Friday Pre-Election	Cycle 5	October 19, 2020	October 23, 2020
24-Hour Reporting (Daily)	Cycle 11	Starts October 20, 2020	Through and including November 3, 2020
30 Day Post-Election	Cycle 6	November 23, 2020	December 3, 2020
2020 Annual Report	Cycle 7	December 31, 2020	February 1, 2021

* You are **only** required to file these reports if you are a **candidate for a statewide office, an authorized committee for such a candidate,** or a **committee contributing to candidates** for statewide office.

For your report to be accepted as timely filed, you must postmark your report **at least one day prior to the filing deadline.

Your notarized cover page **must be received in our office ten calendar days (including weekends) after the filing deadline. Postmarks will **not** be accepted.

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

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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 2020, statewide offices appearing on the ballot include the following:

ATTORNEY GENERAL
AUDITOR GENERAL
STATE TREASURER

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 and all political committees and lobbyists that have made expenditures to influence the election of such candidates. In 2020, offices appearing on the ballot include:

ATTORNEY GENERAL
AUDITOR GENERAL
STATE TREASURER
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.

****SPECIAL ELECTIONS**** - In the event of any special election, candidates and committees should contact our bureau regarding reporting requirements and filing deadlines. A separate report will need to be filed for each Special Election Cycle. Special Elections do not follow the reporting dates for Cycles 1-7. Information regarding Special Election reporting dates can be found on our website.

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.

NOTARIZED COVER PAGES - The Department allows ten (10) calendar days for the notarized cover page to be received in our office before the report is marked late. In the event that the notarized cover page is not received timely, a late fee will be assessed *from the date of the report filing deadline*. The Department does not accept postmarks for the cover pages.

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 website or request one from the bureau. You may also file your report online. From the website, 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, via e-mail at: ra-stcampaignfinance@pa.gov or online. 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 bureau's Division of Campaign Finance at 717-787-5280, option 4 or via e-mail at ra-stcampaignfinance@pa.gov.