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2004 ELECTION DATES

Primary ElectionApril 27, 2004
General Election.....November 2, 2004

2004 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT FILING DATES

<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>COMPLETE AS OF</u>	<u>FILING DEADLINE</u>
2003 Annual Report	Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003	Monday, February 2, 2004

2004 PRIMARY ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DEADLINES

Sixth Tuesday Pre-Primary – Cycle 1	Monday, March 8, 2004	Tuesday, March 16, 2004
Second Friday Pre-Primary – Cycle 2	Monday, April 12, 2004	Friday, April 16, 2004
Thirty Day Post-Primary – Cycle 3	Monday, May 17, 2004	Thursday, May 27, 2004

2004 GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DEADLINES

Sixth Tuesday Pre-Election – Cycle 4	Monday, September 13, 2004	Tuesday, September 21, 2004
Second Friday Pre-Election – Cycle 5	Monday, October 18, 2004	Friday, October 22, 2004
Thirty Day Post-Election – Cycle 6	Monday, November 22, 2004	Thursday, December 2, 2004

2004 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

2004 Annual Report – Cycle 7	Friday, December 31, 2004	Monday, January 31, 2005
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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.

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 2004, 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 2004, 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.

PENALTIES - In accordance with the Campaign Expense 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.state.pa.us) or request one from the bureau. You may also file your report online. From the web site, 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.

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions about Pennsylvania's Campaign Expense 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-bcel@state.pa.us.

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