

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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2005 ELECTION DATES

Primary Election	May 17, 2005
Municipal Election	November 8, 2005

2005 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT FILING DATES

TYPE OF REPORT

COMPLETE AS OF

FILING DEADLINE

2004 Annual Report

Friday, December 31, 2004 Monday, January 31, 2005

2005 PRIMARY ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DEADLINES

Sixth Tuesday Pre-Primary – Cycle 1	Monday, March 28, 2005	Tuesday, April 5, 2005
Second Friday Pre-Primary – Cycle 2	Monday, May 2, 2005	Friday, May 6, 2005
Thirty Day Post-Primary – Cycle 3	Monday, June 6, 2005	Thursday, June 16, 2005

2005 GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DEADLINES

Sixth Tuesday Pre-Election – Cycle 4	Monday, September 19, 2005	Tuesday, September 27, 2005
Second Friday Pre-Election – Cycle 5	Monday, October 24, 2005	Friday, October 28, 2005
Thirty Day Post-Election – Cycle 6	Monday, November 28, 2005	Thursday, December 8, 2005

2005 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

2005 Annual Report	– Cycle 7	Saturday, December 31, 2005	Tuesday, January 31, 2006
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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 <u>day prior</u> to the filing deadline.

<u>SIXTH TUESDAY PRE-PRIMARY or PRE-ELECTION REPORTS</u> are required to be filed *only* by candidates for <u>statewide</u> office, their authorized candidate committees, and any political committee or lobbyist that has made an expenditure to influence the election of a <u>statewide</u> candidate. In 2005, <u>statewide</u> offices appearing on the ballot may include the following:

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT

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

<u>SECOND FRIDAY PRE-</u> and <u>THIRTY DAY POST-PRIMARY or ELECTION REPORTS</u> 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 2005, offices appearing on the ballot include:

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS ALL LOCAL/MUNICIPAL OFFICES

<u>ANNUAL REPORTS</u> 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 (<u>www.dos.state.pa.us</u>) 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 <u>must include your filer identification number</u> 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.

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