

## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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#### **2014 ELECTION DATES**

**Primary Election** May 20, 2014 **General Election November 4, 2014** 

## 2013 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT FILING DATES

TYPE OF REPORT		<b>COMPLETE AS OF</b>	FILING DEADLINE
2013 Annual Report		Tuesday, December 31, 2013	Friday, January 31, 2014
2014 PRIMARY CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DEADLINES			
Sixth Tuesday Pre-Primary	Cycle 1	Monday. March 31, 2014	Tuesday, April 8, 2014
Second Friday Pre-Primary	Cycle 2	Monday, May 5, 2014	Friday, May 9, 2014
24-Hour Reporting	Daily	Tuesday, May 6, 2014 (begins)	(ends/includes) May 20, 2014

Thirty Day Post-Primary	Cycle 3	Monday, June 9, 2014	Thursday, June 19, 2014
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2014 GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DEADLINES							
Sixth Tuesday Pre-Election	Cycle 4	Monday, September 15, 2014	Tuesday, September 23, 2014				
Second Friday Pre-Election	Cycle 5	Monday, October 20, 2014	Friday, October 24, 2014				
24-Hour Reporting	Daily	Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014 (begins)	(ends/includes) Nov. 4, 2014				
Thirty Day Post-Election	Cycle 6	Monday, November 24, 2014	Thursday, December 4, 2014				

2014 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE	

2014 Annual Report Cycle 7 Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014 Monday, February 2, 2015

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.

<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 2014, <u>statewide</u> offices appearing on the ballot include the following:

### GOVERNOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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, their authorized candidate committees, and all political committees and lobbyists that have made expenditures to influence the election of such candidates. In 2014, offices appearing on the ballot include:

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

<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 (<a href="www.dos.state.pa.us">www.dos.state.pa.us</a>) 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 <a href="must-include your filer identification number">must-include your filer identification number</a> 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@state.pa.us. 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 <a href="mailto:ra-stcampaignfinance@state.pa.us">ra-stcampaignfinance@state.pa.us</a>.

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