



GENERAL ELECTION REPORT NOTICE

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES

October 1, 2012

CURRENT REPORTS DUE:

2012 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

REPORT	REPORTING PERIOD ¹	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Pre-General ²	10/01/12 - 10/17/12	10/22/12	10/25/12
48 Hour Notices	10/18/12 - 11/03/12	-- general candidates only -- see filing info --	
Post-General ²	10/18/12 - 11/26/12	12/06/12	12/06/12

2012 PRIMARY CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

Monthly: Committees that have been filing on a monthly basis in 2012, but whose candidates are not participating in the general election, have a choice between filing either Pre- and Post-General Election Reports (see chart above) or Monthly Reports covering October and November (due on November 20 and December 20, respectively).

Quarterly: Committees of candidates not participating in the general election need not file the Pre- and Post-General Election Reports. These committees, however, must continue filing on a quarterly basis.

CANDIDATE COMMITTEES NOT ACTIVE IN 2012 ELECTIONS

Committees only active in past or future elections do not file the Pre- and Post-General Election Reports. These committees continue to file according to their regular reporting schedule (monthly or quarterly).

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[See Page 2 for Reporting Schedule for Remainder of 2012](#)

¹ A reporting period always begins the day after the closing date of the last report filed. If the committee is new and has not previously filed a report, the first report must cover all activity that occurred before the committee registered up through the close of books for the first report due.

² Committees not required to file on a monthly schedule during 2012, and whose candidates are not participating in the general election, need not file the Pre- and Post-General Election Reports. These committees, however, must continue to file on a quarterly basis.

REPORTING SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 2012:

QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY FILERS INVOLVED IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

REPORT	REPORTING PERIOD ¹	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Year-End	11/27/12 - 12/31/12	01/31/13	01/31/13

QUARTERLY FILERS NOT INVOLVED IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

REPORT	REPORTING PERIOD ¹	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Year-End	10/01/12 - 12/31/12	01/31/13	01/31/13

MONTHLY FILERS NOT INVOLVED IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

REPORT	REPORTING PERIOD ¹	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Year-End	12/01/12 - 12/31/12	01/31/13	01/31/13

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2012 SUPPLEMENTAL FILING INFORMATION PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES

PLEASE NOTE: The Commission provides reminders of upcoming filing dates as a courtesy to help committees comply with the filing deadlines set forth in the Act and Commission regulations. Committee treasurers must comply with all applicable filing deadlines established by law, and the lack of prior notice does not constitute an excuse for failing to comply with any filing deadline.

WHO MUST FILE

All principal campaign committees of Presidential candidates¹ must file either Quarterly or Monthly reports in 2012. See [11 CFR 104.5\(b\)](#). A committee must file monthly if actual or anticipated contributions or expenditures total more than \$100,000 within the 2012 presidential election cycle. Before a committee can stop filing with the FEC, it must file a termination report with the Commission. See [11 CFR 102.3](#). Committees must continue to file reports until the Commission notifies them in writing that their termination report has been accepted.

ELECTION YEAR FILING FREQUENCY

Quarterly Filers

If on January 1, 2012, the committee has not received or does not anticipate receiving contributions aggregating \$100,000, or has not made or does not anticipate making expenditures aggregating \$100,000, the committee files quarterly reports in 2012. See [11 CFR 104.5\(b\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#). Note that quarterly filers must also file a pre-election report for each election in which the candidate seeks nomination or election. See [11 CFR 104.5\(b\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#).

- Web Page: [2012 Reporting Dates Page](#)
- The Record:
 - [FEC Record Blog: Reporting](#)
 - [January 2012 issue](#) [PDF]

Monthly Filers

If on January 1, 2012, the committee has received or anticipates receiving contributions aggregating \$100,000, or has made or anticipates making expenditures aggregating \$100,000, the committee files monthly reports in 2012. See [11 CFR 104.5\(b\)\(1\)\(i\)](#).

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¹ Generally, an individual becomes a candidate for federal office (and thus triggers registration and reporting obligations) when his or her campaign exceeds \$5,000 in either contributions received or expenditures made. If the campaign has not crossed the \$5,000 threshold, it is not required to file reports. See [11 CFR 100.3\(a\)](#). See also [11 CFR 104.5\(a\)](#).

48-HOUR NOTICES OF CONTRIBUTIONS²

The principal campaign committee must file notices if any authorized committees receive any contribution (including in-kind gifts or advances of goods or services; loans from the candidate or other non-bank sources; and guarantees or endorsements of bank loans to the candidate or committee) of \$1,000 or more per source, during the period less than 20 days but more than 48 hours before any election in which the candidate is running. See [11 CFR 104.5\(f\)](#).

The notices must reach the Federal Election Commission within 48 hours of the committee's receipt of the contribution(s). **Campaign committees that file electronically MUST submit their 48-hour notices electronically.** See 11 CFR [104.5\(f\)](#) and [104.18\(c\)](#).

- Web Page: [Electronic Filing Page](#)
- Web Page: [Link to Paper Forms](#) (for downloading and printing)
- Web Page: [Link to Web Form 6](#) (for online submission)
- Form 6 Fax number: (202) 219-0174
- Campaign Guide: [Candidate Guide, p. 81](#) [PDF]

METHODS OF FILING REPORTS

Electronic Filing

Reports filed electronically must be received and validated by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the filing deadline. See [11 CFR 104.5\(e\)](#). See also [11 CFR 104.18](#) and [100.19](#).

- Web Page: [Electronic Filing Page](#)

Paper Filing -- Meeting the Filing Deadline

Paper report filing options – Registered, Certified or Overnight or First Class Mail. See [11 CFR 104.5\(e\)](#). See also [11 CFR 100.19](#).

- Web Page: [Link to Paper Forms](#) (for downloading and printing)

COMPLIANCE

Treasurer Responsibility

Committee treasurers are responsible for both the timeliness and the accuracy of all reports. They may be subject to monetary penalties if reports are inaccurate or are not filed on time. See [11 CFR 104.14\(d\)](#).

- [Statement of Policy Regarding Treasurers Subject to Enforcement Proceeding](#) [PDF]
- Brochure: [Committee Treasurers](#)

Administrative Fine Program

Failure to file reports on time may be subject to civil money penalties up to \$17,600 (or more for repeat late- and non-filers).³ See generally, [11 CFR Part 111 Subpart B](#). See also [11 CFR 111.43](#).

- Web Page: [Administrative Fine Program Page](#)

² Presidential primary campaigns filing monthly need not file 48 Hour Notices.

³ Penalties for late- or non-filing of 48-hour notices are based on the amount of contributions not timely disclosed. As a result, these penalties may exceed \$17,600, even for first-time violations.

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DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST BUNDLING ACTIVITY

Campaign committees must file [FEC Form 3L](#) [PDF] if they receive two or more bundled contributions from lobbyists/registrants or lobbyist/registrant PACs that aggregate in excess of \$16,700 during the applicable reporting period ([see page 1 of this notice](#)). See [11 CFR 104.22](#) and [110.17\(f\)](#).

- The Record: [March 2009 issue](#) [PDF]
- [Candidate Guide, Appendix F, pp. 155-161](#) [PDF]

CHANGE IN FILING FREQUENCY

Committees able to change their reporting schedule (for example, from monthly to quarterly) who wish to do so must notify the Commission in writing and may change their filing frequency no more than once per calendar year. See [11 CFR 104.5\(b\)\(2\)](#).

- Web Page: [Filing Frequency by Type of Committee](#)

FOR INFORMATION, CALL: (800) 424-9530 or (202) 694-1100