

TABLE 3—TOTAL NON-HOUR RESPONDENT COST—Continued

| IC # | Item | Estimated annual response (a) | Amount (b) | Totals (c) (a) × (b) |
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| | Each Claim in Excess of 20 (micro entity). | 12,600 | 20.00 | 252,000.00 |
| | Multiple Dependent Claim (large entity) | 1,200 | 780.00 | 936,000.00 |
| | Multiple Dependent Claim (small entity) | 800 | 390.00 | 312,000.00 |
| | Multiple Dependent Claim (micro entity) | 90 | 195.00 | 17,550.00 |
| Total Filing Fee | | 2,102,690 | | 586,369,200.00 |

The USPTO estimates that the total annual (non-hour) respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of postage costs, drawing costs, and filing fees is estimated to be approximately \$1,164,394,638.53 per year.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the USPTO’s request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Comments are invited on:

- (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;
- (b) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information;
- (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 9, 2017.

Rhonda Foltz,

Office of Information Management Services Director, OCIO, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

[Notice 2017-04]

Filing Dates for the Kansas Special Election in the 4th Congressional District

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Notice of filing dates for special election.

SUMMARY: Kansas has scheduled a Special General Election on April 11, 2017, to fill the U.S. House of Representatives seat in the 4th Congressional District vacated by Representative Mike Pompeo.

Committees required to file reports in connection with the Special General Election on April 11, 2017, shall file a 12-day Pre-General Report, and a 30-day Post-General Report.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elizabeth S. Kurland, Information Division, 999 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20463; Telephone: (202) 694-1100; Toll Free (800) 424-9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Principal Campaign Committees

All principal campaign committees of candidates who participate in the Kansas Special General Election shall file a 12-day Pre-General Report on March 30, 2017, and a 30-day Post-General Report on May 11, 2017. (See charts below for the closing date for each report.)

Note that these reports are in addition to the campaign committee’s regular

quarterly filings. (See charts below for the closing date for each report).

Unauthorized Committees (PACs and Party Committees)

Political committees filing on a semi-annual basis in 2017 are subject to special election reporting if they make previously undisclosed contributions or expenditures in connection with the Kansas Special General Election by the close of books for the applicable report(s). (See charts below for the closing date for each report.)

Committees filing monthly that make contributions or expenditures in connection with the Kansas Special General Election will continue to file according to the monthly reporting schedule.

Additional disclosure information in connection with the Kansas Special Election may be found on the FEC Web site at http://www.fec.gov/info/report_dates.shtml.

Disclosure of Lobbyist Bundling Activity

Principal campaign committees, party committees and Leadership PACs that are otherwise required to file reports in connection with the special elections must simultaneously file FEC Form 3L if they receive two or more bundled contributions from lobbyists/registrants or lobbyist/registant PACs that aggregate in excess of \$17,900 during the special election reporting periods. (See charts below for closing date of each period.) 11 CFR 104.22(a)(5)(v), (b).

CALENDAR OF REPORTING DATES FOR KANSAS SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION

| Report | Close of books ¹ | Reg./cert. and overnight mailing deadline | Filing deadline |
|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Quarterly Filing Committees Involved in the Special General (04/11/17) Must File: | | | |
| Pre-General | 03/22/17 | 03/27/17 | 03/30/17 |
| April Quarterly | 03/31/17 | 04/15/17 | ² 04/15/17 |
| Post-General | 05/01/17 | 05/11/17 | 05/11/17 |
| July Quarterly | 06/30/17 | 07/15/17 | ² 07/15/17 |

CALENDAR OF REPORTING DATES FOR KANSAS SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION—Continued

| Report | Close of books ¹ | Reg./cert. and overnight mailing deadline | Filing deadline |
|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Semi-Annual Filing Committees Involved in the Special General (04/11/17) Must File: | | | |
| Pre-General | 03/22/17 | 03/27/17 | 03/30/17 |
| Post-General | 05/01/17 | 05/11/17 | 05/11/17 |
| Mid-Year | 06/30/17 | 07/31/17 | 07/31/17 |

¹ These dates indicate the end of the reporting period. 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 as a political committee with the Commission up through the close of books for the first report due.

² Notice that this filing deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday. Filing deadlines are not extended when they fall on nonworking days. Accordingly, reports filed by methods other than registered, certified or overnight mail must be received by close of business on the last business day before the deadline.

Dated: February 2, 2017.

On behalf of the Commission.

Steven T. Walther,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

[Notice 2017-02]

Price Index Adjustments for Contribution and Expenditure Limitations and Lobbyist Bundling Disclosure Threshold

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Notice of adjustments to contribution and expenditure limitations and lobbyist bundling disclosure threshold.

SUMMARY: As mandated by provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (“the Act”), the Federal Election Commission (“the Commission”) is adjusting certain contribution and expenditure limitations and the lobbyist bundling disclosure threshold set forth in the Act, to index the amounts for inflation. Additional details appear in the supplemental information that follows.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The effective date for the limitation at 52 U.S.C. 30116(a)(1)(A) is November 9, 2016. The effective date for the limitations at 52 U.S.C. 30104(i)(3)(A), 30116(a)(1)(B), 30116(d) and 30116(h) is January 1, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elizabeth S. Kurland, Information Division, 999 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20463; (202) 694-1100 or (800) 424-9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Election Campaign Act, 52 U.S.C. 30101-46, coordinated party expenditure limits (52 U.S.C. 30116(d)(3)), certain contribution limits (52 U.S.C. 30116(a)(1)(A) and (B), and (h)), and the disclosure threshold for

contributions bundled by lobbyists (52 U.S.C. 30104(i)(3)(A)) are adjusted periodically to reflect changes in the consumer price index. See 52 U.S.C. 30104(i)(3), 30116(c)(1); 11 CFR 109.32 and 110.17(a), (f). The Commission is publishing this notice to announce the adjusted limits and disclosure threshold.

Coordinated Party Expenditure Limits for 2017

Under 52 U.S.C. 30116(c), the Commission must adjust the expenditure limitations established by 52 U.S.C. 30116(d) (the limits on expenditures by national party committees, state party committees, or their subordinate committees in connection with the general election campaign of candidates for Federal office) annually to account for inflation. This expenditure limitation is increased by the percent difference between the price index, as certified to the Commission by the Secretary of Labor, for the 12 months preceding the beginning of the calendar year and the price index for the base period (calendar year 1974). 52 U.S.C. 30116(c).

1. Expenditure Limitation for House of Representatives in States With More Than One Congressional District

Both the national and state party committees have an expenditure limitation for each general election held to fill a seat in the House of Representatives in states with more than one congressional district. See 52 U.S.C. 30116(d)(3)(B). This limitation also applies to the District of Columbia and territories that elect individuals to the office of Delegate or Resident Commissioner.¹ *Id.* The formula used to calculate the expenditure limitation in

¹ Currently, these are the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands. See <http://www.house.gov/representatives>.

such states and territories multiplies the base figure of \$10,000 by the difference in the price index (4.86767), rounding to the nearest \$100. See 52 U.S.C. 30116(c)(1)(B), (d)(3)(B); 11 CFR 109.32(b), 110.17. Based upon this formula, the expenditure limitation for 2017 general elections for House candidates in these states, districts, and territories is \$48,700.

2. Expenditure Limitation for Senate and for House of Representatives in States With Only One Congressional District

Both the national and state party committees have an expenditure limitation for a general election held to fill a seat in the Senate or in the House of Representatives in states with only one congressional district. See 52 U.S.C. 30116(d)(3)(A). The formula used to calculate this expenditure limitation considers not only the price index but also the voting age population (“VAP”) of the state. *Id.* The VAP figures used to calculate the expenditure limitations were certified by the U.S. Census Bureau. The VAP of each state is also published annually in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Department of Commerce. 11 CFR 110.18. The general election expenditure limitation is the greater of: The base figure (\$20,000) multiplied by the difference in the price index, 4.86767 (which totals \$97,400); or \$0.02 multiplied by the VAP of the state, multiplied by 4.86767. Amounts are rounded to the nearest \$100. See 52 U.S.C. 30116(c)(1)(B), (d)(3)(A); 11 CFR 109.32(b), 110.17. The chart below provides the state-by-state breakdown of the 2017 general election expenditure limitation for Senate elections. The expenditure limitation for 2017 House elections in states with only one congressional district² is \$97,400.

² Currently, these states are: Alaska, Delaware, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming. See <http://www.house.gov/representatives/>.