

SCHEDULE OF REPORTING AND FILING DATES FOR CANDIDATES & PACs SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING CANDIDATES

PRIMARY ELECTION - MARCH 24, 2012

GENERAL ELECTION - APRIL 21, 2012

NO.	REPORT TYPE	REPORT COVERS PERIOD FROM:	REPORT COVERS PERIOD THROUGH:	REPORT DUE BY:*	FILED BY:
1.	180 th day prior to primary (180-P)	- if 2010 annual report filed† - January 1, 2011 - if first report - date of first contribution/ expenditure	September 16, 2011	September 26, 2011	major office candidates & PACs supporting or opposing only
2.	90 th day prior to primary (90-P)	- if 2010 annual report filed† - January 1, 2011 - if first report - date of first contribution/ expenditure - if 180-P filed - September 17, 2011	December 15, 2011	December 27, 2011	major office candidates & PACs supporting or opposing only
3.	30 th day prior to primary (30-P)	- if 2011 annual report filed††-January 1, 2012 - if first report - date of first contribution/ expenditure - if 90-P filed - December 16, 2011	February 13, 2012	February 23, 2012	all candidates & PACs supporting or opposing in the primary election
4.	10 th day prior to primary (10-P)	February 14, 2012	March 4, 2012	March 14, 2012	all candidates & PACs supporting or opposing in the primary election
•	Special (48 hour) report (s)	March 5, 2012	March 24, 2012	within 48 hours of transaction	candidates & PACs supporting or opposing having certain transactions (see over)
5.	Election Day Expenditures	See instructions on reverse side	March 24, 2012	April 3, 2012	all candidates & PACs supporting or opposing in the primary election
6.	10 th day prior to general (10-G) LAST REPORT OF PRIMARY ELECTION	March 5, 2012	April 1, 2012	April 11, 2012	LAST REPORT OF PRIMARY ELECTION. MUST BE FILED BY ALL CANDIDATES & PACs SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING IN PRIMARY ELECTION
•	Special (48 hour) report (s)	April 2, 2012	April 21, 2012	within 48 hours of transaction	candidates & PACs supporting or opposing having certain transactions (see over)
7.	Election Day Expenditures	See instructions on reverse side	April 21, 2012	May 1, 2012	all candidates & PACs supporting or opposing in the general election
8.	40 th day after general (40-G)	April 2, 2012	May 21, 2012	May 31, 2012	all candidates & PACs supporting or opposing in the general election
9.	Supplemental & Annual	April 2, 2012 if not in general May 22, 2012 in general	December 31, 2012	February 15, 2013	candidates & PACs supporting or opposing with outstanding debts or loans or having additional contributions or expenditures

* Date of postmark or date receipted on a return receipt requested form from the United States Post Office or receipt or invoice from commercial delivery service.

† An annual report is due by February 15, 2011, if contributions received or expenditures made in 2010.

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This schedule of reporting and filing dates should be followed by all candidates in this election and by all political committees, including PACs, supporting or opposing candidates in this election. However, PACs may elect to report on a monthly basis.

Candidates for “major offices” and “district offices” must file these reports. Candidates for “any other offices” must file reports only if they spend over \$2,500 or collect contributions of over \$200 from a single source, excluding their personal funds.

“**Major offices**” include those offices elected statewide, Justices of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal Judges, Public Service Commissioners, and any office with an election district containing a population in excess of 250,000. Those offices include offices elected parish wide in Caddo, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, and Orleans.

“**District offices**” include the following offices (assuming the population of the election district is less than 250,000): members of the Louisiana legislature, offices elected parish wide, district court judges (except in Orleans), family court, juvenile, and city court judges, city court marshals and constables, offices elected in more than one parish, and offices elected in an election district having a population of over 35,000. These include offices elected citywide in Alexandria, Bossier City, Kenner, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Marrero, Metairie, Monroe, and Shreveport, and offices elected in East Baton Rouge that are not parish wide. Offices elected in a city or parish election in a parish with a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more (Orleans Parish). Offices to a board or governing authority which has within its jurisdiction a municipality with a population of 225,000 or more (East Baton Rouge Parish).

“**Any other offices**” are those offices which do not fall within the definitions of “major” or “district” offices.

Affidavits in lieu of reports may be filed by major or district office candidates who, for the entire election period, did not have expenditures in excess of \$5,000 and who did not receive contributions from a single source, including their personal funds, totaling in excess of \$200.

There are limits on the amount of funds which may be received by candidates from one source, excluding their personal funds and funds from political parties. Those limits, which apply separately to the primary and the general elections, are as follows:

\$5,000 - major office candidates	\$2,500 - district office candidates
	\$1,000 - any other office candidates

If the person making the contribution is a political committee (PAC) with over 250 members who contributed at least \$50 to the PAC in the preceding calendar year, then the limits may be doubled. There are aggregate limits on the total amount of PAC money that may be received by candidates for the primary and general elections combined of \$80,000 for major offices candidates, \$60,000 for district office, and \$20,000 for any other office candidates.

Special (48) hour Reports: Certain transactions that occur during the 20 days preceding an election must be reported within 48 hours of the transaction. Those transactions are (1) the receipt of over \$1,000 by major office candidates or PACs supporting or opposing, or over \$500 by district office candidates or PACs supporting or opposing, or over \$250 for any other office candidates or PACs supporting or opposing, or (2) the expenditure of over \$200 to any person who makes endorsements and who must file campaign finance disclosure reports.

Election Day Expenditures Report: All candidates who participate in an election and who are required to file reports must file the post election report of election day expenditures, even if none were made. All expenditures made for campaign services performed on election day and advertising broadcast or published on election day must be reported. If none were made, zeros must be reported. PACs, other than a candidate’s committee, who participate in an election are required to file a post election report of election day expenditures only if the PAC has made election day expenditures.

Annual/Supplemental Reports: A report covering the preceding calendar year may be required to be filed by February 15. An annual report is filed by a candidate who has financial activity in a calendar year prior to the year of his election. A supplemental report is filed by a candidate who had a deficit or surplus from a previous election, or by a candidate who has had financial activity concerning a past election that occurred after the filing of the last required report for that election.

Withdrawn & Unopposed Candidates: The final report required will be the next Candidate’s Report due as of the date the candidate withdraws or learns that he is unopposed.

Penalties for Late Filing: Penalties for late reports for candidates will be automatically imposed at \$40, \$60, or \$100 per day based on the office sought. PACs will be assessed \$200 per day for late reports.

Proposition Elections & Recall Petitions: Persons supporting or opposing propositions or filing recall petitions should request a special schedule of reporting and filing dates.

Gaming Money: Persons substantially interested in the riverboat and land based casino gaming industry are prohibited from contributing to candidates and committees supporting or opposing candidates.

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