



SPECIAL ELECTION REPORT NOTICE

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

MISSISSIPPI SPECIAL ELECTION
Senatorial Committees

September 29, 2008

COMMITTEES INVOLVED IN ONLY THE SPECIAL GENERAL (11/04/08) MUST FILE:

REPORT	REPORTING PERIOD ¹	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Pre-General	10/01/08 - 10/15/08	10/20/08	10/23/08
48 Hour Notices	10/16/08 - 11/01/08	---see p. 3 of notice---	
Post-General	10/16/08 - 11/24/08	12/04/08	12/04/08
Year-End	11/25/08 - 12/31/08	01/31/09	01/31/09 ²

COMMITTEES INVOLVED IN BOTH THE SPECIAL GENERAL (11/04/08) AND SPECIAL RUNOFF (11/25/08) MUST FILE:

REPORT	REPORTING PERIOD ¹	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Pre-General	10/01/08 - 10/15/08	10/20/08	10/23/08
48 Hour Notices	10/16/08 - 11/01/08	---see p. 3 of notice---	
Pre-Runoff	10/16/08 - 11/05/08	11/10/08	11/13/08
48 Hour Notices	11/06/08 - 11/22/08	---see p. 3 of notice---	
Post-Runoff	11/06/08 - 12/15/08	12/25/08	12/25/08 ²
Year-End	12/16/08 - 12/31/08	01/31/09	01/31/09 ²

Supplemental Filing Information is available on pages 2 and 3 of this notice.

¹ These dates indicate the beginning and 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 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 before the Secretary of the Senate's close of business on the last business day before the deadline.

SUPPLEMENTAL FILING INFORMATION

WHO MUST FILE

Principal campaign committees of congressional candidates³ (including unopposed candidates and candidates whose names do not appear on the ballot) who seek nomination in the special election must file the above reports and notices.⁴ Before a committee can stop filing with the FEC, it must file a termination report with the Commission. Committees must continue to file reports until the Commission notifies them in writing that their termination report has been accepted.

METHODS OF FILING REPORTS

Registered & Certified Mail

Reports sent by Registered or Certified Mail must be postmarked on or before the mailing deadline to be considered timely filed. A committee sending its reports by Certified Mail should keep its certified mailing receipt with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) postmark as proof of filing because the USPS does not keep complete records of items sent by Certified Mail. A committee sending its report by Registered Mail should keep its proof of mailing. Note that a Certificate of Mailing from the USPS is not sufficient to prove that a report is timely filed using Registered, Certified or Overnight Mail.

Overnight Mail

Reports filed via overnight mail will be considered timely filed if the report is received by the delivery service on or before the mailing deadline. “Overnight mail” includes Priority or Express Mail having a delivery confirmation, or an overnight delivery service with which the report is scheduled for next business day delivery and is recorded in the service’s on-line tracking system.

Electronic Filing

U.S. Senate committees that file with the Secretary of the Senate are not subject to the mandatory electronic filing rules, but may file an unofficial copy of their reports with the Commission in order to speed disclosure.

Other Means of Filing

Reports filed by any other means—including first class mail and courier—must be received by the Secretary of the Senate before the close of business on the last business day before the filing deadline.

Forms are available for downloading and printing at the FEC website at www.fec.gov/info/forms.shtml.

³Generally, 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 exceeded the \$5,000 threshold, it is not required to file reports. See 11 CFR 100.3(a).

⁴If the campaign has more than one authorized committee in addition to the principal campaign committee, the principal campaign committee must also file a consolidated report on Form 3Z.

NOTE FOR FILING POST-ELECTION REPORT

The reporting period for the Post-General Election Report (or Post-Runoff Election Report, if necessary) spans two election cycles. For this report only, committees should instead use the Post-Election Detailed Summary Page (FEC Form 3, Pages 5-8) instead of the normal Detailed Summary Page.

48 HOUR NOTICES ON CONTRIBUTIONS

Notices are required if the committee receives 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 of:

General: 10/16/08 - 11/01/08
Runoff: 11/06/08 - 11/22/08

The notices, which may be filed using Form 6, or under limited circumstances Form 10, must reach the appropriate federal filing office within 48 hours of the committee's receipt of the contribution(s). U.S. Senate candidates must transmit the notices to the Secretary of the Senate by fax at (202) 224-1851. Paper forms are available at the website at www.fec.gov/info/forms.shtml.

COMPLIANCE

Treasurer Responsibility. Treasurers of political committees 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. For additional information, see the Commission's *Statement of Policy Regarding Treasurers Subject to Enforcement Proceedings* on the web site at www.fec.gov/law/policy/2004/notice2004-20.pdf.

Administrative Fine Program. Under the Administrative Fine Program, political committees and their treasurers who fail to file their reports on time may be subject to civil money penalties up to \$16,000 (or more for repeat late- and non-filers).⁵ For additional information, visit the FEC website at www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml.

Report Format. In addition, political committees that file illegible reports or use non-FEC forms (except for FEC-approved, computer-generated forms) will be required to refile their reports.

IMPORTANT FILING INFORMATION - PAPER FILERS

In response to the anthrax threat, the U.S. Postal Service is irradiating mail directed to many federal agencies, including the FEC and the Secretary of the Senate.⁶ This process has not only delayed mail delivery, it has also damaged and in some cases destroyed pieces of mail. As a result, committees that file reports with the FEC may want to consider submitting their reports by some means other than U.S. mail. Alternative methods include electronic filing, overnight mail service, and hand delivery.

⁵Penalties 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 \$16,000, even for first-time violations.

⁶Senate committees should contact the Secretary of the Senate at (202) 224-0322 for more on filing reports via US mail.

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