



YEAR-END REPORT NOTICE

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES

December 27, 2011

CURRENT REPORT DUE:

QUARTERLY & MONTHLY FILERS

REPORT	CLOSE OF BOOKS ¹	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Year-End	12/31/11	01/31/12	01/31/12

[Click here for Supplemental Filing Information \(2011\)](#)

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

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LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012

QUARTERLY FILING SCHEDULE

REPORT	CLOSE OF BOOKS ¹	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
April Quarterly	03/31/12	04/15/12	04/15/12 ²
July Quarterly	06/30/12	07/15/12	07/15/12 ²
October Quarterly	09/30/12	10/15/12	10/15/12
Pre-General	10/17/12	10/22/12	10/25/12
48-Hour Notices	Period: 10/18/12 – 11/03/12 (click here for filing info)		
Post-General	11/26/12	12/06/12	12/06/12
Year-End	12/31/12	01/31/13	01/31/13

MONTHLY FILING SCHEDULE

REPORT	CLOSE OF BOOKS ¹	REG./CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
February	01/31/12	02/20/12	02/20/12 ²
March	02/29/12	03/20/12	03/20/12
April	03/31/12	04/20/12	04/20/12
May	04/30/12	05/20/12	05/20/12 ²
June	05/31/12	06/20/12	06/20/12
July	06/30/12	07/20/12	07/20/12
August	07/31/12	08/20/12	08/20/12
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[Click here for Supplemental Filing Information \(2012\)](#)

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²Notice 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, or electronically, must be received before the Commission's close of business on the last business day before the deadline.

2011 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 committees authorized by Presidential candidates ¹ must file either Quarterly or Monthly reports in 2011. See [11 CFR 104.5\(b\)](#). 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.

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\(e\)](#).

- 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\(e\)](#).

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

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](#)

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\(a\)](#).

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). See [11 CFR 111.43\(b\)](#). See generally, [11 CFR 111.30](#).

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

2011 REPORTING SCHEDULE

- Web Page: [2011 Reporting Dates Page](#)
- The *Record*: [January 2011 issue](#) [PDF]

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 \$16,200 the lobbyist bundling disclosure threshold during the applicable reporting period ([see page 1 of this notice](#)). See [11 CFR 104.22](#) and [11 CFR 110.17\(e\)](#).

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012

ELECTION YEAR FILING FREQUENCY

Quarterly Filers

Committees that have not received contributions or made expenditures of \$100,000 or more during the 2012 presidential election cycle may file on a quarterly basis. 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 – coming in 2012
- The *Record*: January 2012 issue [PDF] – coming in 2012

Monthly Filers

Committees that have received contributions or made expenditures of \$100,000 or more during the 2012 presidential election cycle must file monthly reports.

See [11 CFR 104.5\(b\)\(1\)\(i\)](#).

- Web Page: 2012 Reporting Dates Page – coming in 2012
- The *Record*: January 2012 issue [PDF] – coming in 2012

48-HOUR NOTICES ON CONTRIBUTIONS ²

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 less than 20 days but more than 48 hours before any election in which the candidate is running.

The notices must reach the appropriate federal filing office 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)
- Form 6 Fax number: (202) 219-0174
- Campaign Guide: [Candidate Guide, p. 80](#) [PDF]

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