



2012 Campaign Finance Reporting Schedule

2012 General Primary Campaign Finance Report Deadlines		
Type of Report	Complete As Of	Filing Deadline
Sixth Tuesday Pre-Primary	Monday, March 5, 2012	Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Second Friday Pre-Primary	Monday, April 9, 2012	Friday, April 13, 2012
24-Hour Daily Reporting	Starts: Tuesday, April 10, 2012	Ends: Tuesday, April 24, 2012
Thirty Day Post-Primary	Monday, May 14, 2012	Thursday, May 24, 2012
2012 General Election Campaign Finance Report Deadlines		
Type of Report	Complete As Of	Filing Deadline
Sixth Tuesday Pre-Election	Monday, September 17, 2012	Tuesday, September 25, 2012
Second Friday Pre-Election	Monday, October 22, 2012	Friday, October 26, 2012
24-Hour Daily Reporting	Starts: Tuesday, October 23, 2012	Ends: Tuesday, November 6, 2012
Thirty Day Post-Election	Monday, November 26, 2012	Thursday, December 6, 2012
2012 Annual Report Deadline		
Type of Report	Complete As Of	Filing Deadline
Annual	Monday, December 31, 2012	Thursday, January 31, 2013

SIXTH TUESDAY PRE-PRIMARY / ELECTION REPORTS are required to be filed *only* by candidates for **statewide** office, their authorized candidate committees, and any political committee or lobbyist that has made an expenditure to influence the election of a **statewide** candidate. In 2012, **statewide** offices appearing on the ballot include the following:

ATTORNEY GENERAL – AUDITOR GENERAL – STATE TREASURER

IMPORTANT – Political committees/lobbyists that have **not** made expenditures to influence the election of a candidate for statewide offices listed above **do not file** the Sixth Tuesday Pre Primary/Election Report.

SECOND FRIDAY PRE- and THIRTY DAY POST-PRIMARY / ELECTION REPORTS are required to be filed by all candidates appearing on the ballot and all political committees and lobbyists that have made expenditures to influence the election of such candidates. In 2012, offices appearing on the ballot include:

**ATTORNEY GENERAL – AUDITOR GENERAL – STATE TREASURER
SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

ANNUAL REPORTS must be filed by **ALL** candidates, political committees and contributing lobbyists **who have not filed a termination report**.

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24-HOUR REPORTING –

Section 1628 of the Campaign Expense Reporting Law, 25 P.S. § 3248, requires any candidate or political committee, authorized by a candidate and created solely for the purpose of influencing an election on behalf of that candidate, which receives any contribution or pledge of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more, or any person making an independent expenditure of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more after the final pre-election/pre-primary report has been deemed completed shall report such contribution or expenditure to the appropriate supervisor. The candidate, chairperson or treasurer of the political committee shall send the report of late contributions within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the contribution. The same shall apply to persons making independent expenditures. The bureau will accept the filing of *24 Hour Reports* by facsimile at 570-820-6399, or via e-mail at: elections@luzernecounty.org. The filing of reports by facsimile or e-mail applies only to *24 Hour Reports*; it does not apply to the filing of campaign finance reports. The filing of late contribution reports does not remove the obligation to also report those contributions on the appropriate post-election/post-primary expense report filing.

POSTMARKS –

Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing when the report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the **DAY PRIOR** to the filing deadline.

PENALTIES –

In accordance with the Campaign Finance Reporting Law, those who file required reports after the filing deadline are assessed a late filing fee of **\$20 per day for the first six days** that a report is late, and **\$10 per day thereafter**, up to a **maximum penalty of \$250**. The payment of the penalty is the personal liability of the treasurer and/or candidate. **Campaign funds may not be used** for the payment of any penalty.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE TREASURERS –

It is the treasurer's responsibility to file required committee reports. Keep this schedule available for reference prior to each reporting deadline. If you need a reporting form, you may print one from the bureau's web site (www.luzernecounty.org) or request one from the bureau.

QUESTIONS –

If you have any questions about Pennsylvania's Campaign Finance Reporting Law or reporting requirements, please direct them to the Leonard Piazza at the Luzerne County Bureau of Elections at (570) 825-1715 or email leonard.piazza@luzernecounty.org.

NOTE: All dates are subject to change without notice in the event of passage of amendatory legislation.

2012 ELECTION DATES

2012 General Primary
April 24, 2012

2012 General Election
November 6, 2012

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