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## 2025 REPORTING CALENDAR STATE OR DISTRICT OFFICEHOLDERS AND CANDIDATES

A candidate is not required to file any quarterly, monthly or preelection reports until the candidate has either received contributions or made expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500).

January 15, 2025	Quarterly Report for 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024 due. Covers period October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. <sup>#</sup>
January 31, 2025	Statement of Financial Interest for calendar year 2024 due from all incumbent officeholders and newly elected public officials.
April 15, 2025	Quarterly report for 1st quarter of 2025 due. Covers period January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025.*
July 15, 2025	Quarterly report for 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2025 due. Covers period April 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025.*
October 15, 2025	Quarterly report for 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2025 due. Covers period July 1, 2025– September 30, 2025.*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>#</sup> If a candidate keeps remaining campaign funds after an election but does not have any activity before the end of the year, the candidate shall not be required to file a fourth quarter report. However, if a candidate keeps remaining campaign funds and raises campaign funds for a future campaign or expends campaign funds for office holder expenses or a future election, the candidate shall continue filing the reports required by Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-207.

## Please note:

- 1. Reports must be filed with the Secretary of State.
- 2. In calculating the amount of contributions received or expenditures made for purposes of determining whether a candidate has received contributions or made expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500), the payment of the filing fee from the candidate's personal funds shall not be considered as either a contribution or an expenditure. Once the five hundred-dollar (\$500) threshold has been met, a candidate who has used his or her personal funds to pay the filing fee is required to report same. Such a candidate would report the funds used to pay the filing fee as either a loan or a contribution to the campaign from the candidate and also as a campaign expenditure.
- 3. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-232, if a candidate for state or district office has failed to file a required report, the Commission shall notify the candidate in writing that the report is delinquent and request that the report be filed within thirty (30) days of the report's original due date. The third and subsequent time during an election cycle that a candidate is sent written notice of a delinquent report and fails to file the report within thirty (30) days of the report's original due date, the Commission shall bring a complaint against the candidate and, if a violation is found, impose a

<sup>\*</sup> If this is candidate's first report, it covers all campaign activity which has occurred through the closing date of the reporting period.

fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) unless good cause be shown for the violation. In addition to imposing a fine, the Commission shall also be authorized to take one (1) or more of the following actions: (A) Issue a public letter of caution, warning, or reprimand; (B) Order the candidate to file one or more reports; or (C) Report the matter and make recommendations to proper law enforcement authorities.

4. State or District Candidates or Public Officials can sign up for email reminder notices at <a href="http://www.arkansasethics.com/state-or-district-candidate-public-official-reminder-notice-signup/">http://www.arkansasethics.com/state-or-district-candidate-public-official-reminder-notice-signup/</a>.