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2024 REPORTING CALENDAR

CANDIDATES FOR THE NONPARTISAN OFFICES OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, CIRCUIT JUDGE, DISTRICT JUDGE, AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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). Final reports are required regardless of whether a candidate has received contributions or made expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500).

July 17, 2023	Quarterly report for 2 nd quarter of 2023 due. Covers period April 1, 2023-June 30, 2023.* (NOTE: Pursuant to Rule 4.4(B)(2) of the Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct, the earliest date the campaign committee of a candidate for Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, or District Court may solicit or accept contributions is September 7, 2023.)
September 25, 2023	Statement of Financial Interest for calendar year 2022 due from non-incumbent candidates whose names have been placed on the ballot pursuant to the petition provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(c).
October 16, 2023	Quarterly report for $3^{\rm rd}$ quarter of 2023 due from all candidates. Covers period July 1 – September 30, 2023.*
November 20, 2023	Statement of Financial Interest for calendar year 2022 due from non-incumbent candidates whose names have been placed on the ballot pursuant to the filing fee provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(b).
November 20, 2023	October monthly report due. Covers period October 1-31.*
December 20, 2023	November monthly report due. Covers period November 1-30.*
January 22, 2024	December monthly report due. Covers period December 1-31.*
January 31, 2024	Statement of Financial Interest for calendar year 2023 due from all incumbent officeholders and non-incumbent candidates.
February 20, 2024	January monthly report due from all candidates. Covers period January 1-31.*
February 27, 2024	If opposed in general election, preelection report due for general election. Covers period Feb. 1-24.*

^{*} If this is candidate's first report, it covers all campaign activity which has occurred through the closing date of the reporting period.

March 5, 2024 General Election

March 20, 2024 If unopposed in general election, February monthly report due. Covers period February 1-29.*

April 30, 2024 Final report due from all candidates for general election.

If the candidate was opposed and filed a preelection report for the general election and the candidate is not involved in a general election runoff, final report for general election covers period February 25 through the date the report is filed.*

If the candidate was opposed and filed a preelection report for the general election and the candidate is involved in a general election runoff, final report for the general election covers period February 25-March 5.*

If the candidate was opposed and did not file a preelection report for the general election and the candidate is not involved in a general election runoff, final report for general election covers all campaign activity which has not been disclosed on reports previously required to be filed through the date the report is filed.*

If the candidate was opposed and did not file a preelection report for the general election and the candidate is involved in a general election runoff, final report for general election covers all campaign activity through March 5.*

If the candidate was unopposed and filed a February monthly report, final report for general election covers period March 1 through the date the report is filed.*

If the candidate was unopposed and did not file a February monthly report (i.e., this is candidate's first report), final report for general election covers all campaign activity through the date the report is filed.*

^{*} If this is candidate's first report, it covers all campaign activity which has occurred through the closing date of the reporting period.

FOR CANDIDATES INVOLVED IN A GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF, THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE ALSO DUE

May 20, 2024	April monthly report due. Covers period March 6-April 30.
June 20, 2024	May monthly report due. Covers period May 1-31.
July 22, 2024	June monthly report due. Covers period June 1-30.
August 20, 2024	July monthly report due. Covers period July 1-31.
September 20, 2024	August monthly report due. Covers period August 1-31.
October 21, 2024	September monthly report due. Covers period September 1-30.
October 29, 2024	Preelection report due for general election runoff. Covers period October 1-26.
November 5, 2024	General Election Runoff
December 31, 2024	Final report due for general election runoff. Report covers period October 27 through the date the report is filed.

Please note:

- 1. Reports must be filed with the Secretary of State.
- 2. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-203(i), the campaign contribution limit in effect for the 2024 election cycle will be three thousand three hundred dollars (\$3,300) per election. This amount became effective February 2, 2023.
- 3. 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.
- 4. All candidates are required to file a final report for an election regardless of whether or not they were opposed in the election.
- 5. 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 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.

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