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2026 REPORTING CALENDAR SPECIAL ELECTION – SENATE DISTRICT 1

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 20, 2026	June monthly report due. Covers period June 1-30, 2026*
July 20, 2026	Statement of Financial Interest for calendar year 2025 due from non-incumbent candidates. (NOTE: Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-701, a non-incumbent candidate is required to file a Statement of Financial Interest for 2025 no later than the first Monday following the close of the period to file as a candidate. This date varies depending upon the particular method used by the candidate to get his or her name placed on the ballot.)
August 10, 2026	Statement of Financial Interest for calendar year 2025 due from non-incumbent Independent candidates. (See NOTE immediately above)
August 11, 2026	If candidate was opposed in special primary election, preelection report due. Covers period August 1-8, 2026.*^
August 18, 2026	Special Primary Election
August 20, 2026	July monthly report due. Covers period July 1-31, 2026.*^
September 15, 2026	Special Primary Election Runoff†

† IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION RUNOFF, TWO ADDITIONAL REPORTS ARE DUE.

September 8, 2026	Preelection report due for special primary election runoff. Covers period August 19-September 5, 2026.
November 20, 2026	Final report due for special primary election runoff. Covers period September 6-15, 2026, or, if the candidate lost the election, report covers September 6, 2026, through the date the report is filed.

October 20, 2026	Final report due for special primary election. If candidate was unopposed in special primary election, report covers period August 1 -18, 2026.* If candidate was opposed in special primary election and won, report covers period August 9- 18, 2026 If candidate was opposed in special primary election and lost, report covers period August 9, 2026, through the date the report is filed.*
October 20, 2026	September monthly report due. If candidate participated in special primary election but did not participate in special primary election runoff, report covers August 19-September 30, 2026. If candidate participated in special primary election runoff, report covers September 16-30, 2026. If candidate did not participate in special primary election, report covers September 1-30, 2026.*
October 27, 2026	If opposed in general election, preelection report is due. Covers period October 1-24, 2026.*
November 3, 2026	General Election
November 20, 2026	If unopposed in general election, October monthly report due. Covers period October 1-31, 2026.*
December 1, 2026	Special Runoff Election pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-704 (i.e., general election runoff)

IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION, TWO ADDITIONAL REPORTS ARE DUE.

November 24, 2026 Preelection report due for special runoff election. Covers period November 4-21, 2026.

February 22, 2027 Final report due for special runoff election. Covers period November 22, 2026, through the date the report is filed.

January 20, 2027 Final report due for general election.

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

^ The July monthly report's statutory deadline is August 20, 2026. However, the preelection report for the special primary election is due on August 11, 2026. Candidates required to file a preelection report for the special primary election may need to file the July monthly report prior to filing the preelection report to reflect the correct beginning and ending balance of campaign funds within the Secretary of State's online filing system.

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 2026 election cycle will be three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) per election. This amount became effective January 30, 2025.**
- 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.