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2026 REPORTING CALENDAR SPECIAL ELECTION – HOUSE DISTRICT 8

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).

August 31, 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.)
September 21, 2026	August monthly report due. Covers period August 1-31, 2026.*
October 20, 2026	September monthly report due. Covers period September 1-30, 2026.*
October 27, 2026	If opposed in special general election, preelection report is due. Covers period October 1-24, 2026.*
November 3, 2026	Special General Election
November 20, 2026	If unopposed in special general election, October monthly report due. Covers period October 1-31, 2026.*
January 20, 2027	Final report due for special general election. If candidate was unopposed in the general election, final report for general election covers November 1 through the date the report is filed.* If candidate was opposed in the general election and was not involved in a special runoff election, final report for special general election covers October 25, 2026, through the date the report is filed.* If candidate was involved in a special runoff election, final report for special general election covers October 25- November 3, 2026.*

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

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.**