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2026 REPORTING CALENDAR SPECIAL ELECTION – SENATE DISTRICT 18

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).

September 28, 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.)
October 20, 2026	September monthly report due. Covers period September 1-30, 2026.*
October 27, 2026	If opposed in special primary election, preelection report is due. Covers period October 1-24, 2026.*
November 3, 2026	Special Primary Election
November 20, 2026	If unopposed in special primary election, October monthly report due. Covers period October 1-31, 2026.*
December 1, 2026	† Special Primary Election Runoff
† IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION RUNOFF, TWO ADDITIONAL REPORTS ARE DUE.	
November 24, 2026	Preelection report due for special primary election runoff. Covers period November 4-21, 2026.
February 22, 2027	Final report due for special primary election runoff. If candidate won, covers period November 22-December 1, 2026, and if candidate lost, covers period November 22 through the date the report is filed.
December 21, 2026	If candidate did not participate in special primary election, November monthly report due. Covers period November 1-30, 2026.*
December 29, 2026	If opposed in special general election, preelection report is due. If candidate won special primary election, preelection report for special general election covers November 4-December 26, 2026.

If candidate was involved in a special primary election runoff, report covers December 2-26, 2026.

January 5, 2026 Special General Election

January 20, 2027 Final report due for special primary election. If candidate was unopposed in the special primary election, final report for special primary election covers November 1-3, 2026.* If candidate was opposed in the special primary election and won, final report for special primary election covers October 25 through November 3, 2026.* If candidate lost in the special primary election, final report for the special primary election covers October 25 through the date the report is filed.*

January 20, 2027 If unopposed in special general election, December monthly report due. Covers period November 4-December 31, 2026.*

March 22, 2027 Final report due for special general election. If candidate was unopposed in special general election, report covers period January 1, 2027, through the date the report is filed. If candidate was opposed in special general election, report covers period December 27, 2026, 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.

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.**