



2010 FILING SCHEDULE

For Maine Clean Election Act Candidates

PRIMARY ELECTION: JUNE 8, 2010

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 2, 2010

TYPE OF REPORT	FILING DEADLINE (BY 11:59 P.M.)	REPORT PERIOD
Seed Money Report* (for party and unenrolled candidates)	April 21, 2010	Date of first seed money contribution – date of certification request <u>For candidates who filed a Semiannual Report*:</u> January 1, 2010 – date of certification request
11-Day Pre-Primary	May 28, 2010	End of Seed Money Report – May 25, 2010
42-Day Post-Primary	July 20, 2010	May 26, 2010 – July 13, 2010
42-Day Pre-General	September 21, 2010	July 14, 2010 – September 14, 2010
11-Day Pre-General	October 22, 2010	September 15, 2010 – October 19, 2010
42-Day Post-General	December 14, 2010	October 20, 2010 – December 7, 2010
*PLEASE NOTE: Senate candidates collecting more than \$500 in seed money contributions in 2009 must file a January Pre-Election campaign finance report by 11:59 p.m. on January 19, 2010 showing all seed money contributions and expenditures through December 31, 2009.		

24-HOUR REPORTS

24-HOUR REPORT PERIOD	WHAT TO REPORT	WHEN TO FILE
For Primary: May 26 – June 7, 2010 For General: October 20 – November 1, 2010	Any single expenditure of \$1,000 or more. Orders placed with or obligations made to vendors for goods or services are considered expenditures at the time the obligations are made.	Within 24 hours, including weekends and holidays, of making the expenditure, incurring the obligation, or placing the order.

HOW TO FILE REPORTS

Using the Commission's Website. Candidates who receive or expect to receive at least \$1,500 for their campaigns must file reports electronically on the Commission's website. Candidates or treasurers must enter the required information and click "File Report" by 11:59 p.m. on the filing deadline. Candidates who lack access to the technology or the technological ability to file reports on the internet may request a waiver by April 15, 2010. The Commission will grant all reasonable requests.

Using Paper Forms. For candidates who are not required to file electronically, each original campaign finance report signed by the candidate and treasurer must be properly filed with the Commission by the filing deadline, except in two circumstances. A properly signed report may be faxed to the Commission office at (207) 287-6775 by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline, provided that the Commission receives the original report within five calendar days. A report mailed to the Commission by certified or registered mail and postmarked at least 2 days before the filing deadline will not be considered late, even if it is received after the deadline.

Commission staff will be available until 5:00 p.m. on filing deadlines to offer assistance to candidates and campaign staff.