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2016 ELECTION DATES

General Primary ElectionApril 26, 2016
General Election November 8, 2016

2015 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT FILING DATES

<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>COMPLETE AS OF</u>	<u>FILING DEADLINE</u>
<u>2015 Annual Report</u>	Thursday, December 31, 2015	Monday, February 1, 2016

2016 GENERAL PRIMARY CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DEADLINES

<u>Second Friday Pre-Primary</u>	Monday, April 11, 2016	Friday, April 15, 2016
<u>24-Hour Reporting</u>	Tuesday, April 12, 2016 (begins)	(ends/includes) April 26, 2016
<u>Thirty Day Post-Primary</u>	Monday, May 16, 2016	Thursday, May 26, 2016

2016 GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DEADLINES

<u>Second Friday Pre-Election</u>	Monday, October 24, 2016	Friday, October 28, 2016
<u>24-Hour Reporting</u>	Tuesday, October 25, 2016 (begins)	(ends/includes) November 8, 2016
<u>Thirty Day Post-Election</u>	Monday, November 28, 2016	Thursday, December 8, 2016

2016 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

<u>2016 Annual Report</u>	Saturday, December 31, 2016	Tuesday, January 31, 2017
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POSTMARKS are acceptable as proof of timely filing when the report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.

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SIXTH TUESDAY PRE-PRIMARY or SIXTH TUESDAY PRE-ELECTION REPORTS are required to be filed *only* by candidates for statewide office, their authorized candidate committees, and any political committee or lobbyist that has made an expenditure to influence the election of a statewide candidate. In 2016, statewide offices appearing on the ballot include the following:

Attorney General
Auditor General
State Treasurer

<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>COMPLETE AS OF</u>	<u>FILING DEADLINE</u>
<u>Sixth Tuesday Pre-Primary</u>	Monday, March 7, 2016	Tuesday, March 15, 2016
<u>Sixth Tuesday Pre-Election</u>	Monday, September 19, 2016	Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Political committees/lobbyists that have not made an expenditure to influence the election of a candidate for the statewide offices listed above do not need to file the Sixth Tuesday Pre-Primary/Election report.

SECOND FRIDAY PRE- and THIRTY DAY POST-PRIMARY or ELECTION REPORTS are required to be filed by all candidates appearing on the ballot and all political committees and lobbyists that have made expenditures to influence the election of such candidates. In 2016, offices appearing on the ballot include:

Attorney General
Auditor General
State Treasurer
Senator in the General Assembly
Representative in the General Assembly

ANNUAL REPORTS must be filed by *all* candidates, political committees and contributing lobbyists that have not filed a termination report.

PENALTIES- In accordance with the Campaign Finance Reporting Law, those who file required reports after the filing deadline are assessed a late filing fee of \$20.00 per day for the first six days that a report is late, and \$10.00 per day thereafter, up to a maximum penalty of \$250.00.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE TREASURERS- It is the treasurer's responsibility to file required committee reports. Keep this schedule available for reference prior to each reporting deadline. If you need a reporting form, you may print one from the Department of State's web site (www.dos.state.pa.us) the Department of Elections web site (www.lackawannacounty.org) or request one from our office.

24 HOUR REPORTING- Section 1628 of the Campaign Expense Reporting Law, 25 P.S. 3248, requires any candidate or political committee, authorized by a candidate and created solely for the purpose of influencing an election on behalf of that candidate, which receives any contribution or pledge of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more, or any person making an independent expenditure of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more after the final pre-election/pre-primary report has been deemed completed shall report such contribution to the appropriate supervisor. The candidate, chairperson or treasurer of the political committee shall send the report of late contributions within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the contribution. The same shall apply to persons making independent expenditures. The office will accept the filing of *24 Hour Reports* by facsimile at 570-963-6691. The filing of reports by facsimile applies only to *24 Hour Reports*; it does not apply to the filing of campaign finance reports. The filing of late contribution reports does not remove the obligation to also report those contributions on the appropriate post-election/post-primary expense report filing.

QUESTIONS- If you have any questions regarding Pennsylvania's Campaign Finance Reporting Law or reporting requirements, please call 570-963-6737.

NOTE: All dates are subject to change without notice in the event of passage of any amendatory legislation.