

candidate filed his certificate of candidacy. All reports or statements of contributions and expenditures shall be filed in duplicate except those filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. Election reports as specified below are required by all candidates for public or party office whether or not the candidate's name appears on the primary ballot, or the candidate withdraws subsequent to filing his certificate of candidacy, or the candidate is unsuccessful in the election. Each report filed shall contain all contributions received and expenditures made in furtherance of the candidate's nomination or election by the candidate himself or, with the knowledge of the candidate, by any other person or groups of persons, which shall be complete, except as otherwise provided in this section through and including the seventh day immediately preceding the day by which that report is to be filed. The initial report filed shall contain all contributions so received and expenditures so made since the date of the last preceding election to fill the office for which he is a candidate. Each subsequent report shall contain all contributions so received and expenditures so made since the end of the period for which the last preceding report is filed. Even if no contributions or expenditures have been made since the end of the period for which the last preceding report was filed, a statement to that effect must be filed on the forms prescribed pursuant to § 26-12 of this article under the circumstances and at the times specified in this section. The initial and subsequent reports shall be consecutively filed as follows:

(1) No later than the fourth Tuesday immediately preceding any primary election; and

(2) No later than the second Friday immediately preceding any election which shall be complete through and including the preceding Sunday; and

(3) No later than the third Tuesday after the general election; and

(4) If a cash balance exists or if any unpaid bills or deficits remain to be paid as of the end of the period for which the report or statement in subsection (a)(3) above is filed, six months after the general election; and

(5) If a cash balance exists or if any unpaid bills or deficits remain to be paid as of the end of the period for which the report or statement in subsection (a)(4) above is filed, one year after the general election; and

(6) If a cash balance exists or if any unpaid bills or deficits remain to be paid as of the end of the period for which the report or statement in subsection (a)(5) above or any subsequent report or statement is filed, annually on the anniversary of the general election until no cash balance, unpaid bill, or deficit remains; and