

## Andrea Gyger

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Andrea -

Feedback on the Proposed rules - specifically Rule 7 regarding 527's -

Please consider having 527's report on a frequent schedule in odd year elections. School Board elections typically happen in odd years and unions often form and are major contributors 527's in odd year election races - Not being required to report until the day of the election does not adequately allow citizens to know the true financial forces behind school board candidates - For example in Jefferson Count in 2011 "Kids Come First" a 527 funded almost exclusively by the teachers unions was not required to report contributions or expenditures until November 1st, 2011 - the day of the election. While all four candidates raised and spent approximately \$130,000 - the "Kids Come First" 527 reported \$189,000 raised and most of it expended - because the 527 was not required to report during the major election cycle citizens did not know that more than half of the money spent in the election cycle was raised and spent by the union. In addition at least five different postcards have been identified as being sent by the 527 while only 3 postcard mailing were reported in the November 1st report.

Please adjust the reporting cycle in odd year elections so citizens know what groups are spending money on candidates.

Thanks,  
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