

CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE

2017 SPECIAL DISTRICT ANNUAL FILING CALENDAR

Special District Election questions should be directed to the Designated Election Official (DEO) or the Department of Local Affairs. Campaign Finance questions should be directed to the Secretary of State's office.

This calendar applies to (Refer to Campaign Finance Rules 16 & 17):

- Candidates and candidate committees whose office does not appear on a 2017 ballot
- Issue committees whose issue does not attempt access to or appear on a 2017 ballot
- All other non-terminated special district committees (political and small donor committees, 527 political organizations, independent expenditure committees, etc.) whose candidates or issues do not attempt access to or appear on a 2017 ballot

May

1 Annual report covers:

- April 28, 2016 through April 26, 2017
- OR**
- May 29, 2016 through April 26, 2017

An annual report must be filed by committees that remain open (e.g. those not yet terminated) no later than the first business day of the month in which the anniversary of the election occurs.

Notes:

- Special district candidates and committees involved with a special district election held in conjunction with the **November 7, 2017, Coordinated Election** file disclosure reports on the 21st day before the election, the Friday before the election, and 30 days after the election (1-45-108(2)(a)(II), C.R.S.). If this schedule applies to you, you must contact Campaign Finance Support to update your disclosure schedule.
- Special district candidates and candidate committees are not required to file disclosure reports until they have raised or spent more than \$200 in the aggregate.
- **Due to a change in law, the following types of reports are now required in odd calendar years:**
 - *Electioneering Communication* reports starting 60 days (September 8, 2017) before the Biennial School Election IF the communication mentions school board candidates
 - *24 Hour Notice of Major Contributor reports* (starting October 8, 2017 through November 6, 2017)
 - *48 Hour Notice of Independent Expenditure reports* (starting October 8, 2017 through November 6, 2017)
- Any PCs, SDCs, 527 POs, and IECs participating in the November 7, 2017, Biennial School Election must file disclosure reports according to the 2017 Biennial School Election schedule. You must notify Campaign Finance Support to update your filing schedule immediately upon participating in the Biennial School Election.
- Small-Scale Issue Committees (SSIC) are not required to file disclosure reports until they exceed \$5,000 in activity. After filing an initial disclosure report and converting to an Issue Committee they are subject to the disclosure requirements of 1-45-108(2), C.R.S.

The Colorado Campaign and Political Finance Manual is available on the TRACER website for more detailed information. Contact Campaign Finance Support with questions.

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