

Campaign Finance Reporting Periods

- **Year-End:**
 - Filing deadline of the first Monday in February of following year – **February 1, 2016**
 - Reporting Period: Last report through December 31, 2015
 - **NOTE:** The following are not required to file a year-end report following a year in which there is not an election for the office:
 - A candidate campaign committee for legislative or county office
- **Pre-Primary:**
 - Filing deadline of 2nd Friday prior to the Primary – **May 27, 2016**
 - Reporting Period: January 1, 2016 through May 23, 2016
 - **NOTE:** The following are **not required** to file a pre-primary report:
 - A county, local, or auxiliary committee of any political party, qualified to participate in a primary or general election, prior to a statewide primary election
 - A legislative or county candidate campaign committee without opposition in a primary election, prior to a primary election
 - A statewide candidate who is publicly seeking a nomination by that candidate's party convention prior to a primary election
 - An independent statewide candidate prior to a primary election
- **Post-Primary** (Candidates who lost in the primary election)
 - Filing deadline of 2nd Friday of August after Primary – **August 12, 2016**
 - Reporting Period: May 24, 2016 through August 8, 2016
- **Pre-General:**
 - Filing deadline of 2nd Friday prior to General – **October 28, 2016**
 - Reporting Period: second Friday prior to Primary election through 15 days prior to General election, May 24, 2016 through October 24, 2016
 - **NOTE:** The following are **not required** to file a pre-general report:
 - A candidate campaign committee whose name is not on the general election ballot, prior to the general election
- **Year-End:**
 - Filing deadline of the first Monday in February of following year – **February 6, 2017**
 - Reporting Period: Last report filed through December 31, 2016

NOTE: A political committee that regularly submits a campaign finance disclosure statement with another state or the Federal Election Commission or a report of contributions and expenditures with the Internal Revenue Service is not required to file any campaign finance disclosures with our office.

Administrative penalty

12-27-29.1. Administrative penalty for failure to timely file statement, amendment, or correction. In addition to any other penalty or relief provided under this chapter, the secretary of state, after notice and opportunity for hearing pursuant to chapter 1-26, may impose an administrative penalty for the failure to timely file any statement, amendment, or correction required to be filed by this chapter. The administrative penalty is fifty dollars per day for each violation not to exceed three thousand dollars. However, if the violation is made by a county political party or auxiliary, the administrative penalty is ten dollars per day for each violation not to exceed six hundred dollars. Any administrative penalty collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state general fund.

Refer to [Chapter 12-27](#) for South Dakota Codified Laws on Campaign Finance Requirements.