



STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES
135 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0135

To: Commission
From: Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director
Date: May 30, 2026
Re: Potentially Late Filings by Sheriff Candidate Frank Blauvelt

The Ethics Commission received a complaint from the current Sheriff of Oxford County, Christopher Wainwright, alleging that his opponent in the Republican primary election, Frank Mawson Blauvelt, Jr., was late making campaign finance filings to the Commission. Mr. Blauvelt began his financial activity to promote his candidacy in October 2025 when he purchased some goods for outdoor advertising (signs, *etc.*) from Vistaprint. He made a second purchase from Vistaprint in December 2025.

Mr. Wainwright contends that because Mr. Blauvelt was late in registering as a candidate, the public did not receive timely disclosure of these two purchases by Mr. Blauvelt and the candidate's two personal loans to his campaign that financed the purchases.

Commission staff agree that Mr. Blauvelt should have filed a campaign finance report on January 16, 2026 that would have contained a total of four 2025 transactions (the two payments to Vistaprint and the two loans from the candidate). It is possible that the candidate made some effort to enter these transactions in the Commission's eFiling system around that time. We hope these facts may become clearer at the Commission's June 1, 2026 meeting. These four transactions were ultimately disclosed to the public on April 23, 2026 in a campaign finance report due 42 days before the primary election. A provisional PDF of that report is attached, with the four transactions marked as **LATE** in the left margin for the Commission's reference.

Mr. Blauvelt submitted a memo in response to the complaint. He explains he did not know that making the two purchases at Vistaprint triggered a requirement for him to register as a candidate.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Candidate registration requirement. Under 21-A M.R.S.A. § 1013-A(l)(A), candidates for state office are required to appoint a treasurer before accepting any contributions or making any expenditures. Within 10 days of appointing a treasurer, they are required to register as a candidate with the Commission. Practically speaking, this means a candidate must register with our office before or shortly after receiving their first campaign contribution or making their first expenditure.

Penalty. A candidate who does not register on time may be assessed a forfeiture of \$100. 21-A M.R.S.A. § 1020-A(1).

Campaign finance report due January 15 of election year. In an odd-numbered year (*i.e.*, not a candidate election year), if a candidate for legislative or county office receives more than \$500 in contributions or makes more than \$500 in campaign expenditures, they must file up to two semiannual campaign finance reports covering that year. In particular, if the candidate exceeds the \$500 threshold in the *second half* of that year, the candidate must file one campaign finance report by January 15th of the election year covering all of preceding year. 21-A M.R.S. § 1017(3-A)(A).

Penalty procedures. If a candidate files a report late, the Commission staff sends a notice of preliminary penalty to the candidate. 21-A M.R.S. § 1020-A(6). The Commission staff calculates the amount of the preliminary penalty based on the number of days the report is filed late multiplied by a percentage of the total contributions or expenditures in the late report, whichever is greater. § 1020-A(4-A). If the candidate requests a determination by the Commission on the penalty, the Commission is authorized to waive part or all of the penalty due to mitigating factors or if the penalty is disproportionately high. § 1020-A(2) & (6). A chart of penalty decisions by the Commission with respect to candidates is attached.

FACTS

Mr. Blauvelt took the following actions:

10/27/2025	Paid \$4,080.65 to Vistaprint for outdoor advertising items such as signs, magnets or a banner (financed through a loan from the candidate)
12/8/2025	Paid \$2,702.47 to Vistaprint for more outdoor advertising items (also financed through a loan from the candidate)
1/14/2026	Registered as a candidate
1/14/2026 or 1/15/2026	<u>May</u> have entered his four October and December 2025 transactions in the Commission's old eFiling system. Because he did not complete filing a campaign finance report, the 2025 transactions would not have transferred to the Commission's new eFiling system
4/23/2026	Filed his first campaign finance report 42 days before the primary election. A provisional PDF of the report is attached, with the four transactions marked as LATE

When I telephoned Mr. Blauvelt to notify him of the complaint, he said he did not know that making purchases at Vistaprint in 2025 triggered the requirement to register as a candidate with the Ethics Commission. He explains this in his written response to the complaint (attached). He also said something about data getting lost in the transition from the Commission's old to new eFiling systems.

I followed up with Candidate Registrar Lorrie Brann concerning the "lost" data. She told me that she "believes Mr. Blauvelt may have" entered transactions in the Commission's eFiling system after registering on January 14, 2026. However, if that happened, because he did not take the step of filing the relevant campaign finance report, the transactions would not have transferred to the Commission's new eFiling system. Mr. Blauvelt is expected to participate in the Commission's June 1, 2026 meeting and may be able to provide information about when he intended to file his first campaign finance report for the 2026 campaign. On January 16, 2026, the Commission staff had to freeze data entry and filing of reports so all campaign finance data could be converted to the new system.

STAFF DISCUSSION

Commission staff believe that 2026 legislative and county candidates received ample notice they needed to file a campaign finance report on January 15, 2026 if they received or spent more than \$500 in 2025. The January 15, 2026 report is the first report listed in the Commission's 2026 filing schedule (attached), which is posted at www.maine.gov/ethics. The same filing schedule is included in the 2026 guidebook for traditionally financed legislative and county candidates, also posted to our website. Mr. Blauvelt did not receive automated email reminders about the January 15, 2026 deadline from the Commission because he did not register until January 14, 2026.

Late candidate registration. Candidates are required to:

- appoint a treasurer *before* making any campaign expenditures, and
- register with the Commission within ten days of appointing a treasurer.

21-A M.R.S.A. § 1013-A(l)(A). The Commission staff believes Mr. Blauvelt should have registered as a candidate before, or within ten days after, making the October 27, 2025 payment to Vistaprint. He did not register until January 14, 2026. It appears that the candidate violated 21-A M.R.S.A. § 1013-A(l)(A) by registering roughly two and a half months late.

Late campaign finance report. Because Mr. Blauvelt received and spent more than \$500 in 2025 for his campaign, he was required to file his first campaign finance report on January 15, 2026. 21-A M.R.S. § 1017(3-A)(A). The report should have contained a total of four transactions: his two expenditures to Vistaprint and the two loans he made to his campaign. He did not file the report by that deadline. The candidate may have entered and saved the four 2025 transactions in the Commission's old eFiling system around that time, but the candidate did not complete the job of filing the report. Failing to file the January 15, 2026 report appears to be a violation of 21-A M.R.S. § 1017(3-A)(A). The Commission staff recommends concluding that the campaign finance due January 15, 2026 was filed 98 days late because the four transactions were not publicly disclosed until April 23, 2026.

If Mr. Blauvelt had registered in October-November 2025, he would have received automated reminders about the January 15, 2026 deadline from our old eFiling system. He also would have received post-deadline alerts from the Commission about the unfiled report. Because he didn't register until January 14, 2026, he did not receive these communications.

Potential penalties for the violations. Because he did not register on time, Mr. Blauvelt may be assessed a forfeiture of \$100. 21-A M.R.S.A. § 1020-A(1).

The preliminary penalty for not filing the January 15, 2026 campaign finance report on time is the maximum of \$1,000. 21-A M.R.S. § 1020-A(5-A)(C). Without the \$1,000 maximum, the preliminary penalty would be \$13,294, calculated as 2% of \$6,783.12 (the amount of loans/expenditures in the late report), multiplied by 98 (the number of days late). § 1020-A(4-A).

Since April 2018, when a candidate has filed a regular campaign finance report or 24-Hour Report late, the Commission has used \$300 as something of a baseline, with some reductions for good cause. A chart of past decisions is attached.

Staff recommendations. The Commission staff recommends:

- finding that Mr. Blauvelt violated 21-A M.R.S. § 1013-A(1)(A) by registering late,
- finding that Mr. Blauvelt violated 21-A M.R.S. § 1017(3-A)(A) by not filing the January 15, 2026 report on time,
- assessing a forfeiture of \$100 for not registering on time, and
- reducing the penalty for filing the January 15, 2026 report late from the preliminary \$1,000 to \$300.

These proposed penalties total \$400. After hearing from Mr. Blauvelt at the June 1, 2026 meeting, the Commission want to further reduce the penalty for the late campaign finance report.

TO: Maine Ethics Commission

From: Christopher Wainwright

Ref: Ethics Complaint

Date: May 28, 2026

I am writing to express concern regarding the 42-Day Pre-Primary Report filed by Frank Blauvelt on April 23, and I would like to file a formal complaint.

Based on the campaign finance disclosure website, it appears Mr. Blauvelt registered with the Ethics Commission on January 14, 2026.

However, in his 42-Day Report, Mr. Blauvelt disclosed several campaign-related expenditures that were made prior to his registration as a candidate. The expenditures listed are as follows:

- October 27, 2025 — \$4,080.65
- December 8, 2025 — \$2,702.47
- January 6, 2026 — \$206.77

These expenditures total \$6,989.89 spent prior to registering with Ethics.

My concern is that, during this period, these expenditures were not disclosed within the applicable reporting periods because he was not yet registered as a candidate.

I am requesting that the Commission hold a public meeting at which Mr. Blauvelt would participate in order for this matter to be formally considered.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Wainwright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher Wainwright

To: Maine Ethics Commission

From: Frank M. Blauvelt Jr.

Ref: Ethics Complaint Filed by Christopher Wainwright

To whom it may concern;

On May 28, 2026, I received an email from Mr. Jonathan Wayne informing of a formal complaint lodged against me for an ethics violation involving my campaign for Sheriff of Oxford County. Mr. Wainwright is the incumbent Sheriff and my opponent in the upcoming June 9 primary.

When I decided to run for Sheriff, I began looking for places to purchase campaign related items. I decided to purchase some items not knowing that I needed to register as a candidate prior to doing this. I realize that my ignorance of this law does not excuse the fact that I committed this violation.

When I did register as a candidate on January 14, 2026, I was not informed by any member of the commission staff of my need to file a 42- day pre-primary filing. I am new to this process, never having run for political office before and was unaware of this requirement as well. Had I known I would have immediately made a filing.

When I did contact commission staff for assistance in filing, I received excellent service and assistance and have received outstanding service on every subsequent interaction. It was during this initial filing process that I was made aware of the problem with the purchases made prior to my registering as a candidate.

I made no effort to hide, conceal or otherwise disguise any of these purchases and fully disclosed them after being told that they were in violation. There was no intent whatsoever to deceive or cheat the system, this error was due to my lack of knowledge of the process and my failure to properly research the rules and regulations regarding candidacy for public office.

I accept full responsibility for the violations and will immediately comply with whatever decision the commission comes to.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Frank Mawson Blauvelt Jr.

Filing Details

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ID	d_01kpxb4w0mfp9tenvs7afcwk3y
Report Type	Campaign Finance
Report Status	Filed
Version	0
Created At	April 23, 2026 10:15
Submitted By	Frank Blauvelt
Date Submitted	April 23, 2026 10:16

Filing Information

Report Name	42 Day Pre Primary Election Report
Reporting Period	Unbounded - April 21, 2026
Report Due Date	April 28, 2026 23:59
Filer	Frank Mawson Blauvelt, Jr.
Version of Report	Original

Filer Information

Name	Frank Mawson Blauvelt, Jr.
Email	frankblauvelt65@gmail.com

Phone Number (202) 557-1569

Treasurer Information

Name Frank Mawson Blauvelt, Jr.

Email frankblauvelt65@gmail.com

Filing Summary

Balance at the Beginning of
the Period \$0.00

Total Contributions \$12,082.12

Total Monetary
Contributions \$2,050.00

Total In-Kind Contributions \$0.00

Unitemized Total -
Contributions of \$50 or Less \$0.00

Total Transfers from
Previous Campaign \$0.00

Total Bank Interest \$0.00

Total Expenditures \$10,512.46

Total Loans Received \$10,032.12

Total Debts Owed \$0.00

Balance at the End of the
Period \$1,569.66

Debt Balance \$0.00

Loan Balance \$10,032.12

Itemized Monetary Contributions

Transaction Type	Date	Amount
Monetary	April 01, 2026	\$1,000.00

Contributor Type	Name	Address
Individual	christine blauvelt	777 stevens avenue apt. 511, portland, ME 04101

Occupation	Employer
Retired	—

Transaction Type	Date	Amount
Monetary	April 06, 2026	\$1,050.00

Contributor Type	Name	Address
Individual	Percy A. Turner	18 long view acres, Buckfield, ME 04281

Occupation	Employer
Retired	—

Returned Monetary Contributions

No returned monetary contributions reported

Itemized In-Kind Contributions

No itemized in-kind contributions reported

Returned In-Kind Contributions

No returned in-kind contributions reported

Bank Interest

No bank interest reported

Returned Bank Interest

No returned bank interest reported

Previous Campaign Transfers

No previous campaign transfers reported

Returned Previous Campaign Transfers

No returned previous campaign transfers reported

Expenditures

Transaction Type Expenditure	Date March 10, 2026	Amount \$720.00
Payee Type Individual	Name Missy Kenney Embroidery	Address 1 Kenney Way, west paris, ME 04289

Transaction Type Expenditure	Date April 06, 2026	Amount \$1,272.00
Payee Type Business	Name Vista Print	Address 275 Wyman Street, Waltham, MA 02451

Transaction Type Expenditure	Date April 06, 2026	Amount \$1,257.62
Payee Type Business	Name Vista Print	Address 275 Wyman Street, Waltham, MA 02451

Transaction Type Expenditure	Date October 27, 2025	Amount \$4,080.65
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Payee Type Business	Name Vista Print	Address 275 Wyman Street, Waltham, MA 02451
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Transaction Type Expenditure	Date December 08, 2025	Amount \$2,702.47
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Payee Type Individual	Name Frank M. Blauvelt Jr.	Address 515 powhatan road, Otisfield, ME 04270-6468
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Transaction Type Expenditure	Date January 06, 2026	Amount \$272.95
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Payee Type Business	Name Vista Print	Address 275 Wyman Street, Waltham, MA 02451
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Transaction Type Expenditure	Date April 16, 2026	Amount \$206.77
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Payee Type Business	Name Vista Print	Address 275 Wyman Street, Waltham, MA 02451
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Returned Expenditures

No returned expenditures reported

Debts

No debts reported

Debt Payments

No debt payments reported

Loans

LATE

Transaction Type Loan	Date October 27, 2025	Amount \$4,080.65
Source Type Individual	Name Frank M. Blauvelt Jr.	Address 515 powhatan road, Otisfield, ME 04270-6468

LATE

Transaction Type Loan	Date December 08, 2025	Amount \$2,702.47
Source Type Individual	Name Frank M. Blauvelt Jr.	Address 515 powhatan road, Otisfield, ME 04270-6468

Transaction Type	Date	Amount
Loan	March 01, 2026	\$720.00

Source Type	Name	Address
Individual	Missy Kenney Embroidery	1 Kenney Way, west paris, ME 04289

Transaction Type	Date	Amount
Loan	April 06, 2026	\$1,272.00

Source Type	Name	Address
Individual	Frank M. Blauvelt Jr.	515 powhatan road, Otisfield, ME 04270-6468

Transaction Type	Date	Amount
Loan	April 06, 2026	\$1,257.00

Source Type	Name	Address
Individual	Frank M. Blauvelt Jr.	515 powhatan road, Otisfield, ME 04270-6468

Loan Forgivenesses

No loan forgivenesses reported

Loan Payments

No loan payments reported

Open Debts

No debts reported

Open Loans

LATE

Transaction Type	Date	Initial Amount
Loan	October 27, 2025	\$4,080.65
Current Balance		\$4,080.65
Source Type	Name	Address
Individual	Frank M. Blauvelt Jr.	515 powhatan road, Otisfield, ME 04270-6468

LATE

Transaction Type	Date	Initial Amount
Loan	December 08, 2025	\$2,702.47
Current Balance		\$2,702.47
Source Type	Name	Address
Individual	Frank M. Blauvelt Jr.	515 powhatan road, Otisfield, ME 04270-6468

Transaction Type Loan	Date March 01, 2026	Initial Amount \$720.00
Current Balance \$720.00		

Source Type Individual	Name Missy Kenney Embroidery	Address 1 Kenney Way, west paris, ME 04289
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Current Balance \$1,272.00		

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Current Balance \$1,257.00		

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Certification

Certification Acknowledged Yes

Certification Statement

I, Frank Blauvelt, certify that the information contained in this report is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Certified By

Frank Blauvelt

Certified By Email

frankblauvelt65@gmail.com

Certification Date

April 23, 2026 10:16



Traditionally Financed Legislative & County Filing Schedule

Primary Election: 06/09/2026

General Election: 11/03/2026

Report Name	Filing Period	Filing Deadline
2026 January Semiannual*	If filing first report: Beginning of campaign – 12/31/2025	01/15/2026
42-Day Pre-Primary	If semiannual report(s) filed: 01/01/2026 – 04/21/2026 OR If 2026 January Semiannual report(s) NOT filed: Beginning of campaign – 04/21/2026	04/28/2026
11-Day Pre-Primary	04/22/2026 – 05/26/2026	05/29/2026
48-Hour Reports (Primary)	05/27/2026 – 06/08/2026	Within 2 days after transaction at or above threshold for seat: \$10,000 – Governor \$5,000 – Senate \$2,500 – County \$1,500 – House / Municipal
42-Day Post-Primary	05/27/2026 – 07/14/2026	07/21/2026
42-Day Pre-General	07/15/2026 – 09/15/2026	09/22/2026
11-Day Pre-General	09/16/2026 – 10/20/2026	10/23/2026
48-Hour Reports (General)	10/21/2026 – 11/02/2026	Within 2 days after transaction at or above threshold for seat: \$10,000 – Governor \$5,000 – Senate \$2,500 – County \$1,500 – House / Municipal
42-Day Post-General	10/21/2026 – 12/08/2026	12/15/2026

* Required for candidates who have raised more than \$500 by 12/31/2025.


**Commission Penalty Decisions - Candidates
(2019 - present)**


Candidate	Late Report/Other Violation	Preliminary Penalty	Final Penalty	Commission Meeting Date
Legislative and County candidates				
James Boyle	Late January Semiannual Report	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	03/28/18
Diane Russell	Substantially Non-Compliant January Semiannual		\$100.00	05/30/18
Diane Russell	Substantially Non-Compliant 42-Day Pre-Primary		\$200.00	05/30/18
Ian Schwartz	Late 24-Hour Report	\$384.37	\$300.00	08/29/18
Danny Costain	Late 24-Hour Report	\$2,991.36	\$300.00	08/29/18
Jeffrey Slocum	Late July Semiannual	\$112.00	\$112.00	08/29/18
Mark Lawrence	11-Day Pre-Primary (not compliant)	\$1,739.73	\$400.00	09/26/18
John Tuttle, Jr.	Late 42-Day Post Primary	\$432.00	\$250.00	09/26/18
Dana Dow	Late 24-Hour Report	\$115.93	\$115.93	11/28/18
Jan Collins	Late 24-Hour Report	\$2,565.38	\$300.00	12/19/18
Cynthia Soma-Hernandez	Commingling of funds		\$100.00	12/19/18
Municipal candidates				
John Clark	MCEA Violation-Contributions after Certification		\$250.00	03/06/19
Cathleen Nichols	Late 24-Hour Report	\$3,744.00	\$400.00	03/06/19
James LaBrecque	Late 42-Day Post General	\$235.03	\$235.03	03/06/19
Mark Remick	Late 24-Hour Report (2)	\$2,011.85	\$400.00	03/06/19
Stephen Ball	Commingling of funds waived since he returned \$115 of MCEA funds		\$100.00	06/04/19
Philip Spiller (<i>Municipal</i>)	Late 24-Hour Report (3)	\$2,395.28	\$900.00	12/18/19
County candidates				
Edward Cohen	Failure to Register		\$100.00	05/27/20
Mark Lawrence	Late 42-Day Post Primary	\$529.50	\$350.00	10/16/20
Brian Redmond	Late 42-Day Post Primary	\$84.00	\$84.00	10/16/20
Mark Andre	Late 42-Day Post Primary	\$132.00	\$132.00	10/16/20
Jeffrey Pierce	Late 42-Day Pre-General	\$40.37	\$40.37	10/30/20
Steve Collins	No Disclaimer on Signs		\$200.00	12/18/20
City candidates				
Troy Jackson	Late 24-Hour Report	\$50.00	\$50.00	01/27/21
Scott Gaiason	Late 11-Day Pre-General Report	\$109.54	\$109.54	01/27/21
William Guerrette	No Disclaimer on Signs		\$0.00	03/08/21
Robyn Stanicki	Late July Semiannual Report	\$637.50	\$250.00	10/29/21
Other candidates				
Howard Patten	Failure to Register		\$100.00	04/27/22
Timothy Keenan	Failure to Register		\$100.00	04/27/22
John V. Chambers	Late 42-Day Post Primary	\$34.90	\$34.90	09/28/22
Benjamin J. Meiklejohn	Late 42-Day Post Primary	\$18.03	\$18.03	09/28/22
Nancy Piche	Failure to File SOSOI		\$100.00	09/28/22
Timothy Keenan	Failure to File SOSOI		\$100.00	09/28/22
Daniel Merrill	Failure to File SOSOI		\$100.00	09/28/22
Susan Bernard	No Disclaimer on mailing		\$75.00	10/26/22
Danielle Fienberg	Late 11-Day Pre-General Report	\$368.12	\$300.00	11/30/22
Stephen Hanrahan	Late 24-Hour Report	\$423.54	\$300.00	11/30/22
David Thurston	Late 11-Day Pre-General Report	\$139.82	\$100.00	11/30/22
Scott Gaisaon	Substantially Non-Compliant 11-Day Pre-General Report	\$135.43	\$135.43	11/30/22

Matthea Daughtry	Late 11-Day Pre-General Report	\$658.21	\$150.00	12/21/22
Robert McCarthy	Late 24-Hour Report	\$308.09	\$300.00	12/21/22
Ronald Russell				
Ronald Russell	Late 24-Hour Report	\$1,573.52	\$350.00	01/30/23
Reagan Paul	Late 24-Hour Report	\$1,945.30	\$350.00	01/30/23
Neil MacLean, Jr.	Late 24-Hour Report	\$3,680.00	\$350.00	01/30/23
Sharri MacDonald	Substantially Non-Compliant Pre-General Report	\$962.47	\$150.00	01/30/23
Sharri MacDonald	Substantially Non-Compliant Pre-General Report	\$293.40	\$50.00	01/30/23
Frank Roma	MCEA Overspending		\$200.00	01/30/23
Joseph Galletta				
Joseph Galletta	Late registration	\$100.00	\$100.00	05/29/24
John DeVeau	2 Late Semiannual Reports		\$200.00	09/25/24
Richard Cyr	Late 42-Day Pre-General Report	\$498.50	\$300.00	10/30/24
Flavia DeBrito	Late 42-Day Pre-General Report	\$64.90	\$64.90	10/30/24
Scott Cyrway	Late 24-Hour Report	\$43.98	\$43.98	12/18/24
Leo Kenney	Late 11-Day Pre-Primary	\$835.37	\$300.00	12/18/24
Kevin Freeman	Late 11-Day Pre-Primary	\$184.43	\$184.43	12/18/24
Rogert Albert				
Rogert Albert	2 Late 24-Hour Reports	\$2,482.60	\$400.00	01/29/25
Steven Bishop	Late 24-Hour Report	\$2,707.62	\$300.00	01/29/25
Walter Runte	Late 24-Hour Report	\$1,275.55	\$300.00	01/29/25
Joseph Rafferty, Jr.	Late 24-Hour Report	\$5,000.00	\$300.00	01/29/25
Joe Boyd	Late 24-Hour Report	\$2,262.62	\$300.00	01/29/25
Reda Edelman	Late 24-Hour Report	\$1,851.80	\$300.00	01/29/25
Laura Supica	Late 24-Hour Report	\$1,938.64	\$300.00	02/26/25
Holly Rae Eaton	Late 42-Day Post-General Report	\$1,117.21	\$300.00	02/26/25
John DeVeau	Late Semiannual Report	\$500.00	\$500.00	04/30/25
David McCrea	Accepting an unreported In-Kind Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	09/24/25
Roland Danny Martin	Accepting an unreported In-Kind Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	09/24/25
Vance Mclaughlin	Accepting an unreported In-Kind Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	09/24/25
Melanie Tompkins	Accepting an unreported In-Kind Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	09/24/25
Kevin Freeman	Accepting an unreported In-Kind Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	09/24/25
Matthew Rush	Accepting an unreported In-Kind Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	09/24/25
Candidates for Governor				
Mark Eves	Late 24-Hour Report (2)	\$1,378.70	\$500.00	09/26/18
Paul R. LePage				
Paul R. LePage	Late 42-Day Pre-Primary	\$9,091.83	\$3,000.00	06/22/22
Ethan Alcorn	Late 42-Day Pre-Primary	\$200.00	\$200.00	06/22/22

21-A M.R.S. § 1013-A. Registration

1. Candidates, their treasurers and political committees. A candidate shall register the candidate's name and the name of a treasurer with the commission at least once in each legislative biennium, as provided in this section. A candidate may have only one treasurer, who must be appointed pursuant to paragraph A or B. For purposes of this section, "legislative biennium" means the term of office a person is elected to serve in the Legislature.

 **A.** No later than 10 days after becoming a candidate and before accepting contributions, making expenditures or incurring obligations, a candidate for state or county office or a candidate for municipal office who has not filed a written notice in accordance with section 1011, subsection 4, paragraph A shall appoint a treasurer. The candidate may serve as treasurer, except that a participating candidate, as defined in section 1122, subsection 6, or a candidate certified in accordance with section 1125 may not serve as treasurer, except that the candidate may serve as treasurer or deputy treasurer for up to 14 days after declaring an intention to qualify for campaign financing under chapter 14 until the candidate identifies another person to serve as treasurer. The candidate may have only one treasurer, who is responsible for the filing of campaign finance reports under this chapter. A candidate shall register the candidate's name and address and the name and address of the treasurer appointed under this section no later than 10 days after the appointment of the treasurer. A candidate may accept contributions personally or make or authorize expenditures personally, as long as the candidate reports all contributions and expenditures to the treasurer. The treasurer shall make a consolidated report of all income and expenditures and provide this report to the commission.

 **(1)** A candidate may appoint a deputy treasurer to act in the absence of the treasurer. The deputy treasurer, when acting in the absence of the treasurer, has the same powers and responsibilities as the treasurer. A candidate certified in accordance with section 1125 may not serve as deputy treasurer. When a treasurer dies or resigns, the deputy treasurer may not assume the position of treasurer unless the candidate appoints the deputy treasurer to the position of treasurer. The candidate shall report the name and address of the deputy treasurer to the commission no later than 10 days after the deputy treasurer has been appointed.

B. A candidate may authorize one political committee to promote the candidate's election. No later than 10 days after appointing a political committee and before accepting contributions, making expenditures or incurring obligations, a candidate for state, county or municipal office shall appoint a treasurer of the political committee. The treasurer of the political committee is responsible for filing campaign finance reports under this chapter. No later than 10 days after appointing a political

committee, the candidate shall register with the commission the following information regarding the political committee:

- (1) The name of the committee;
- (2) The name and address of the committee's treasurer;
- (3) The name of the candidate who authorized the committee; and
- (4) The names and addresses of the committee's officers.

C. No later than 10 days after becoming a candidate, as defined in section 1, subsection 5, a candidate for the office of State House of Representatives or Senate may file in writing a statement declaring that the candidate agrees to accept voluntary limits on political expenditures or that the candidate does not agree to accept voluntary limits on political expenditures, as specified in section 1015, subsections 7 to 9. A candidate who has filed a declaration of intent to become certified as a candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act is not required to file the written statement described in this paragraph.

The statement filed by a candidate who voluntarily agrees to limit spending must state that the candidate knows the voluntary expenditure limitations as set out in section 1015, subsection 8 and that the candidate is voluntarily agreeing to limit the candidate's political expenditures and those made on behalf of the candidate by the candidate's political committee or committees, the candidate's party and the candidate's immediate family to the amount set by law. The statement must further state that the candidate does not condone and will not solicit any independent expenditures made on behalf of the candidate.

The statement filed by a candidate who does not agree to voluntarily limit political expenditures must state that the candidate does not accept the voluntary expenditure limits as set out in section 1015, subsection 8.

2. Authorized political committees. Repealed

3. Party committees. The district, county and municipal committees of parties shall submit to their state party committees the names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses of all their officers and of their treasurers and the name and address of the principal paid employee, if any, within 10 days after the appointment, election or hiring of these persons. Municipal committees shall file copies of the same information with the municipal clerk. No later than June 15th of each year, the state party committee shall submit to the commission a consolidated report of the names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses of the chair and treasurer of the district, county and municipal committees of that party or of another officer if a chair or treasurer has not been appointed.

4. Reporting by registered treasurers. Any contribution accepted and any expenditure made or authorized by or on behalf of a candidate registered under this section or

qualified under sections 335 and 336 or sections 354 and 355 must be recorded and reported as provided in sections 1016 and 1017.

5. Changes in registration information. Every change in information required by this section to be reported to the commission shall be reported within 10 days of the date of the change.

21-A M.R.S. § 1017. Reports by candidates

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3-A. Other candidates. A treasurer of a candidate for state or county office other than the office of Governor shall file reports with the commission and municipal candidates shall file reports with the municipal clerk as follows. Once the first required report has been filed, each subsequent report must cover the period from the end date of the prior report filed.

A. In any calendar year in which an election for the candidate's particular office is not scheduled, when any candidate or candidate's political committee has received contributions in excess of \$500 or made or authorized expenditures in excess of \$500, reports must be filed no later than 11:59 p.m. on July 15th of that year and January 15th of the following calendar year. These reports must include all contributions made to and all expenditures made or authorized by or on behalf of the candidate or the treasurer of the candidate as of the end of the preceding month, except those covered by a previous report.

B. Reports must be filed no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 11th day before the date on which an election is held and must be complete as of the 14th day before that date. If a report was not filed under paragraph A, the report required under this paragraph must cover all contributions and expenditures through the 14th day before the election.

C. If the candidate has an opponent who is on the ballot or who is a declared write-in candidate, any single contribution received or any single expenditure made after the 14th day before any election and more than 48 hours before 11:59 p.m. on the day of any election that is equal to or greater than the following thresholds must be reported within 48 hours of that contribution or expenditure:

- (1) For a candidate for State Senator, \$5,000;
- (2) For a candidate for county office, \$2,500;
- (3) For a candidate for State Representative, \$1,500; and
- (4) For a candidate for municipal office, \$1,500.

The candidate or treasurer is not required to include in this report expenditures for overhead expenses or compensation paid to an employee or other member of the campaign staff who has received payments at regular intervals that have been disclosed in previously filed campaign finance reports. As used in this paragraph, "overhead expenses" includes, but is not limited to, rent, utility payments, taxes, insurance premiums or similar administrative expenses.



D. Reports must be filed no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 42nd day after the date on which an election is held and must be complete for the filing period as of the 35th day after that date.


D-1. Reports must be filed no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 42nd day before the date on which an election is held and must be complete as of the 49th day before that date, except that this report is not required for candidates for municipal office, unless required by the municipality. Certified candidates and participating candidates, as defined under section 1122, subsections 1 and 6, respectively, are not required to file a report on the 42nd day before a primary election pursuant to this section.


E. Unless further reports will be filed in relation to a later election in the same calendar year, the disposition of any surplus or deficit in excess of \$100 shown in the reports described in paragraph D must be reported as provided by this paragraph. The treasurer of a candidate with a surplus or deficit in excess of \$100 shall file reports semiannually with the commission within 15 days following the end of the 2nd and 4th quarters of the State's fiscal year, complete as of the last day of the quarter, until the surplus is disposed of or the deficit is liquidated. The first report under this paragraph is not required until the 15th day of the period beginning at least 90 days from the date of the election. The reports will be considered timely if filed electronically or in person with the commission on that date or postmarked on that date. The reports must set forth any contributions for the purpose of liquidating the deficit, in the same manner as contributions are set forth in other reports required in this section.

F. Reports with respect to a candidate who seeks nomination by petition must be filed on the same dates that reports must be filed by a candidate for the same office who seeks that nomination by primary election.

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21-A M.R.S. § 1020-A. Failure to file on time

 **1. Registration.** A candidate that fails to register the name of a candidate, treasurer or political committee with the commission within the time allowed by section 1013-A, subsection 1 may be assessed a forfeiture of \$100. The commission shall determine whether a registration satisfies the requirements for timely filing under section 1013-A, subsection 1.

 **2. Campaign finance reports.** A campaign finance report is not timely filed unless a properly signed or electronically submitted copy of the report, substantially conforming to the disclosure requirements of this subchapter, is received by the commission by 11:59 p.m. on the date it is due. Except as provided in subsection 7, the commission shall determine whether a report satisfies the requirements for timely filing. The commission may waive a penalty in whole or in part if the commission determines that the penalty is disproportionate to the size of the candidate's campaign, the level of experience of the candidate, treasurer or campaign staff or the harm suffered by the public from the late disclosure. The commission may waive the penalty in whole or in part if the commission determines the failure to file a timely report was due to mitigating circumstances. For purposes of this section, "mitigating circumstances" means:

- A.** A valid emergency determined by the commission, in the interest of the sound administration of justice, to warrant the waiver of the penalty in whole or in part;
- B.** An error by the commission staff;
- C.** Failure to receive notice of the filing deadline; or
- D.** Other circumstances determined by the commission that warrant mitigation of the penalty, based upon relevant evidence presented that a bona fide effort was made to file the report in accordance with the statutory requirements, including, but not limited to, unexplained delays in postal service or interruptions in Internet service.

3. Municipal campaign finance reports. Municipal campaign finance reports must be filed, subject to all the provisions of this subchapter, with the municipal clerk on forms prescribed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. The municipal clerk shall send any notice of lateness required by subsection 6 and shall notify the commission of any late reports subject to a penalty.

4. Basis for penalties. [MRSA T. 21-A §1020-A, sub-§4 (RP).]

4-A. Basis for penalties. The penalty for late filing of a report required under this subchapter is a percentage of the total contributions or expenditures for the filing period, whichever is greater, multiplied by the number of calendar days late, as follows:

- A.** For the first violation, 2%;
- B.** For the 2nd violation, 4%; and
- C.** For the 3rd and subsequent violations, 6%.

Any penalty of less than \$25 is waived.

Violations accumulate on reports with filing deadlines in a 2-year period that begins on January 1st of each even-numbered year. Waiver of a penalty does not nullify the finding of a violation.

A report required to be filed under this subchapter that is sent by certified or registered United States mail and postmarked at least 2 days before the deadline is not subject to penalty.

5. Maximum penalties. [MRSA T. 21-A §1020-A, sub-§5 (RP).]


5-A. Maximum penalties. Penalties assessed under this subchapter may not exceed:

A. Five thousand dollars for reports required under section 1017, subsection 2, paragraph B, C, D, E or H; section 1017, subsection 3-A, paragraph B, C, D, D-1 or F; and section 1017, subsection 4, except that if the dollar amount of the financial activity that was not timely filed or did not substantially conform to the reporting requirements of this subchapter exceeds \$50,000, the maximum penalty is 100% of the dollar amount of that financial activity;


A-1. Five thousand dollars for reports required under section 1019-B, subsection 4, except that if the dollar amount of the financial activity that was not timely filed or did not substantially conform to the reporting requirements of this subchapter exceeds \$50,000, the maximum penalty is 100% of the dollar amount of that financial activity;

B. Five thousand dollars for state party committee reports required under section 1017-A, subsection 4-A, paragraphs A, B, C and E, except that if the dollar amount of the financial activity that was not timely filed or did not substantially conform to the reporting requirements of this subchapter exceeds \$50,000, the maximum penalty is 100% of the dollar amount of that financial activity;

C. One thousand dollars for reports required under section 1017, subsection 2, paragraphs A and F and section 1017, subsection 3-A, paragraphs A and E; or

 **D.** Five hundred dollars for municipal, district and county committees for reports required under section 1017-A, subsection 4-B.

E. [2011, ch. 558, § 5 (RP).]

 **6. Request for commission determination.** If a candidate or a political committee files a report required under this subchapter late, a notice of preliminary penalty must be sent to the candidate or political committee whose registration or campaign finance report was not received by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date, informing the candidate or political committee of the staff finding of violation and preliminary penalty calculated under subsection 4-A and providing the candidate or political committee with an opportunity to request a determination by the commission. Any request for a determination must be made within 14 calendar days of receipt of the commission's notice. A candidate or political committee requesting a determination may either appear in person or designate a representative to appear on the candidate's or political committee's behalf or submit a

sworn statement explaining the mitigating circumstances for consideration by the commission. A final determination by the commission may be appealed to the Superior Court in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7 and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80C.

7. Final notice of penalty. If a determination has been requested by the candidate or political committee and made by the commission, notice of the commission's final determination and the penalty, if any, imposed pursuant to this subchapter must be sent to the candidate and the political committee.

If a determination is not requested, the preliminary penalty calculated by the commission staff is final. The commission staff shall mail final notice of the penalty to the candidate and treasurer. A detailed summary of all notices must be provided to the commission.

8. Penalties for failure to file report. If the commission staff finds that a candidate, party committee or other person has failed to file a report required under this subchapter, the commission staff shall send by regular mail and e-mail a notice to the candidate, party committee or person within 3 business days following the filing deadline informing the candidate, party committee or person that the report has not been received. If the report remains unfiled after 10 days, the commission staff shall send another notice by regular mail and e-mail. If the candidate, party committee or person has not filed the report after these 2 notices, the commission staff may refer the violation to the commission, which may, after providing notice and an opportunity to be heard, determine whether a violation has occurred and, if so, the amount of any penalty. The penalty may not exceed the maximum penalties as provided in subsection 5-A. A candidate party committee or other person who fails to file a report as required by this subchapter after the commission has sent the first 2 notices required by this subsection is guilty of a Class E crime. As an alternative to assessing a penalty, the commission may refer the violation to the Office of the Attorney General for potential criminal prosecution.

8-A. Penalties for failure to file report. [2025, ch. 224, § 15 (RP).]

9. List of late-filing candidates. [2025, ch. 224, § 16 (RP).]

10. Enforcement. A penalty assessed pursuant to this section that has not been paid in full within 30 days after issuance of a notice of the final determination may be enforced in accordance with section 1004-B.