



2026 FILING SCHEDULE For Traditionally Financed Gubernatorial Candidates

PRIMARY ELECTION: JUNE 9, 2026		GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 3, 2026
REPORT NAME	FILING PERIOD	FILING DEADLINE
2025 July Semiannual*	Beginning of campaign – 06/30/2025	07/15/2025
2026 January Semiannual*	If semiannual report(s) filed: 07/01/2025 – 12/31/2025 OR 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 Beginning of campaign – 04/21/2026	04/28/2026
11-Day Pre-Primary	04/22/2026 – 05/26/2026	05/29/26
24-HOUR REPORT (PRIMARY)	05/27/2026 – 06/08/2026	Day after receipt of a single contribution/purchase of \$1000 or more
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
24-HOUR REPORT (GENERAL)	10/21/2026 – 11/02/2026	Day after receipt of a single contribution/purchase of \$1000 or more
42-Day Post-General	10/21/2026 – 12/08/2026	12/15/2026

2027 January Semiannual*	07/16/2026 – 12/31/2026	01/15/2027
2027 July Semiannual*	12/09/2026 – 06/30/2026	07/15/2027

*SEMIANNUAL REPORTS FOR GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES IN THE 2026 ELECTION

Pre-Election Semiannual Reports: If a campaign raises or spends more than \$1,000 by 06/30/ 2025, it will have to file both the 2025 July and 2026 January Semiannual Report. If a campaign raises or spends more than \$1,000 07/01/2025-12/31/2025, it will have to file the 2026 January Semiannual Report. If a campaign does not raise or spend \$1,000 in 2025, the 42-Day Pre-Primary Report would be the first report filed.

Post-Election Semiannual Reports: If a campaign has more than \$100 remaining in unspent cash or unpaid debts or loans after the final post-election report is filed, the campaign must file the next scheduled semiannual report. Candidates who were unsuccessful in the Primary Election, would file the 2027 January Semiannual Report. Candidates who participated in the General Election, would file the 2027 July Semiannual Report. Campaigns will continue to file Semiannual reports due in July and January until all obligations are paid, and all unspent cash is disposed of, which must take place within four years of the election.

24-HOUR REPORTS

WHAT TO REPORT

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Any single contribution of \$1,000 or more. This includes contributions from the candidate or the candidate's spouse/ domestic partner, and a single loan of \$1,000 or more.

*Please note: For the purpose of filing a Primary Election 24-Hour Report, a contribution of \$1,000 or received for the General Election is **not** required to be filed in the 24-hour reporting period prior to the Primary Election.*

EXPENDITURES:

Any single expenditure of \$1,000 or more.

Orders placed with or obligations made to vendors for goods or services are considered expenditures at the time the obligations are made. Please refer to the Commission's Rules, Chapter 1, Section 7(3) for more information concerning events which constitute making an expenditure and the timing and reporting of these expenditures

- All transactions within a single 24-hour period can be reported in one 24-Hour Report. A best practice is to set aside a designated time every day during the 13 days before the election to collect and report all transactions over \$1,000 on a single daily report.
- Any maximum contribution (\$2,075) will trigger the reporting requirement during a 24-hour reporting period.
- Any unpaid obligation of more than \$1,000 must be reported regardless of when the vendor is paid. This includes the placement of an order for goods and services; a promise or agreement that payment will be made; the signing of a contract for a good or a service; or the delivery of a good or a service even if payment has not been made.
- Overhead costs—such as rent, taxes, utilities, and some salary payments—are **not** required to be reported in a 24-Hour Report.
- Unenrolled candidates are required to file 24-Hour Reports for expenditures that meet the threshold during the 13 days preceding the primary, despite not having a primary election themselves.
- Any transactions that would meet the requirement for 24-Hour reporting that are not reported until the 42-Day Post election report will be subject to a late-filing penalty.

FILING PROCEDURES

Candidates must file reports electronically on the Commission's website. Candidates or treasurers must enter the required information and click "File Report" by 11:59 p.m. on the filing deadline. The deadline for filing a 24-hour report is **no later than 24 hours** after receiving the contribution and/or making the expenditure.

Commission staff will be available until 5:00 p.m. on filing deadlines to offer assistance to candidates, treasurers, and campaign staff.

Questions? Please contact Commission staff at ethics@maine.gov or at (207) 287-4179 to be connected with your assigned Candidate Registrar.