



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

To: Commissioners  
From: Erin Gordon, Candidate Registrar  
Date: January 15, 2025  
Re: Request by Steven Bishop for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty for 24-Hour Report

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Steven Bishop was a traditionally financed first-time candidate for House District 17 in the 2024. Candidates who make any single transaction of \$1,000 or more in the last 13 days before an election must disclose it within one day by filing a 24-Hour Report. On December 11, 2024, while preparing the 42-Day Post-General Report, Mr. Bishop entered an expenditure of \$1,538.42 dated October 28, which triggered a 24-Hour Report. The report should have been filed by the end of day, October 29, but was not filed until December 11. The preliminary penalty for the late report is \$2,707.76 and Mr. Bishop is seeking a waiver of the penalty.

### **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates must file 24-Hour Reports with the Commission during the 13 days prior to an election if they receive a contribution or loan or make an expenditure or incur a debt of \$1,000 or more. 21-A M.R.S. § 1017(3-A)(C). If the candidate is late filing a 24-Hour Report, the Commission staff calculates a preliminary penalty which is determined by a formula which takes into consideration a percentage of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, the number of prior violations within a two-year period, and the number of days the report is late. 21-A M.R.S. § 1020-A(4-A). The Commission may waive the preliminary penalty in whole or in part under 21-A M.R.S. § 1020-A(2).

### **DISCUSSION**

On October 22, the day before the start of the 13-day period for filing 24-Hour Reports, Candidate Registrar Erin Gordon sent an email titled "Starts tomorrow: 24-Hour Reporting Period" to all candidates in the general election advising them of the reporting requirements. The email opened with guidelines for what types of transactions would trigger reporting and instructions on how to file it.

Based on the statutory formula for calculating late-filing penalties, the preliminary penalty amount of \$2,707.76 is calculated as follows:

<b>Report</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Financial Activity</b>	<b>Penalty Rate</b>	<b>Days Late</b>	<b>Preliminary Penalty</b>
24-Hour Report	10/29/24	\$1,538.42	4%	44	\$2,707.76

According to the waiver request, Mr. Bishop did not realize the 24-Hour Report was due and requests a full or partial waiver of the preliminary penalty.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The Commission staff do their utmost to provide candidates with clearly worded guidance and reminders to help them avoid common campaign finance reporting pitfalls, such as late-filed reports. The October 22 email was meant to serve as a reminder of information already available to candidates in the 2024 Candidate Guidebook and the 2024 filing schedule. There is also a red warning banner on the candidate's home page in their campaign finance account for the entire 24-Hour reporting period.

During 2018-2024, the Commission has waived late-filing penalties against candidates downward to a range of \$300 - \$350 with some further reductions for good cause, for example:

- from \$2,991.36 to \$300 – late 24-Hour Report by Danny Costain (8/29/18)
- from \$423.54 to \$300 – late 24-Hour Report by Stephen Hanrahan (11/30/22)
- from \$1,573.52 to \$350 - late 24-Hour Report by Ronald Russell (01/30/23)
- from \$1,945.30 to \$350 - late 24-Hour Report by Reagan Paul (01/30/23)
- from \$3,680.00 to \$350 - late 24-Hour Report by Neil MacLean, Jr. (01/30/23)

A summary of candidate penalty decisions by the Commission since 2018 is attached.

The Commission staff recommend reducing Mr. Bishop's penalty to \$300. None of the mitigating circumstances listed in 21-A M.R.S. § 1020-A(2) are present in this matter, but the preliminary penalty of \$2,707.76 is disproportionately high to the degree of public harm and the level of experience of the candidate. The Commission regularly finds a violation and assesses a penalty even when a candidate has failed to file a campaign finance report for good faith reasons in order to underscore the importance of filing reports on time. Balancing the lack of mitigating circumstances set out in 21-A M.R.S. § 1020-A(2), the clear notice to candidates to file 24-Hour

Reports, and the proportionality factors of public harm and level of experience, we believe \$300 is an appropriate penalty for this violation.

Dear Ms Gordon

Please accept this letter as acknowledgment of receipt of the Notice of Violation. I respectfully request that the Commission consider waving the statutory penalty in whole or in part.

To be clear , my campaign admits the late filing of the "24 Hour Report". Notwithstanding some mistakes made during my first campaign , I can assure you that I take my reporting obligations seriously. My treasurer , with whom I have great confidence, also serves as my company's accountant. We accounted for all campaign activity precisely and accurately , but due to a failure in communication, we did not realize that an accelerated report was due.

I am happy to answer any further questions that you may have

Regards

Steven Bishop

cc Josh Tardy



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## 24-HOUR REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

### 2024 CAMPAIGN YEAR

COMMITTEE		TREASURER
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REPORT	DUE DATE	REPORTING PERIOD
24-Hour Report of Contributions and Expenditures	10/29/2024	10/28/2024-10/28/2024

### FINANCIAL ACTIVITY SUMMARY

CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES	
1. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS / LOANS	\$0.00
2. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,538.42
3. TOTAL DEBTS	\$0.00

I, Steven Matthew Bishop, CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS TRUE, ACCURATE, AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

REPORT FILED BY: Steven Matthew Bishop  
REPORT FILED ON: 12/11/2024 10:29:57 AM  
LAST MODIFIED:  
COMMITTEE ID: 486796

## 24-HOUR EXPENDITURE AND PAYEE INFORMATION

EXPENDITURE TYPES				
CNS	Campaign consultants	POL	Polling and survey research	
CON	Contribution to other candidate, party, committee	POS	Postage for U.S. Mail and mail box fees	
EQP	Equipment (office machines, furniture, cell phones, etc.)	PRO	Other professional services	
FND	Fundraising events	PRT	Print media ads only (newspapers, magazines, etc.)	
FOD	Food for campaign events, volunteers	RAD	Radio ads, production costs	
LIT	Print and graphics (flyers, signs, palmcards, t-shirts, etc.)	SAL	Campaign workers' salaries and personnel costs	
MHS	Mail house (all services purchased)	TRV	Travel (fuel, mileage, lodging, etc.)	
OFF	Office rent, utilities, phone and internet services, supplies	TVN	TV or cable ads, production costs	
OTH	Other	WEB	Website design, registration, hosting, maintenance, etc.	
PHO	Phone banks, automated telephone calls			
DATE OF EXPENDITURE	PAYEE	REMARK	TYPE	AMOUNT
10/28/2024	Spectrum Marketing 95 Eddy Road Suite 101 Manchester, NH, 03102	Flyers for mailing	LIT	\$1,538.42
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR CANDIDATE:				\$1,538.42



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December 11, 2024

Steven Bishop  
31 Forest Hill  
Bucksport, Maine 04416

**Re: Notice of Violation and Penalty for Late-Filed 24-Hour Report**

Dear Mr. Bishop:


You were required to file a 24-Hour Report on October 29, 2024 by 11:59 p.m. (21-A M.R.S. § 1017 (3-A)(C)), but the report was not filed until December 11, 2024. Under the Commission's statutes, the late filing of a report triggers an enforcement process (21-A M.R.S. § 1020-A(4-A)). The Commission staff has made a preliminary finding of violation and determined the preliminary penalty for filing the report late is \$2,707.76. Please see the next page for the penalty calculation.

You may request the Commission waive the penalty in whole or in part or find there was no violation. *The request must be made within 14 calendar days of your receipt of this notice.* The request must be in writing and contain a full explanation of the reasons the report was filed late. Upon receiving your request, the Commission staff will schedule your request to be heard at an upcoming Commission meeting. You or your designee will have an opportunity to be heard at the meeting or you may submit a sworn statement to the Commission explaining the mitigating circumstances for its consideration.

The Commission may waive or reduce the penalty or find there was no violation if it determines the report was late due to mitigating circumstances, which are defined as (1) a valid emergency; (2) an error made by the Commission staff; or (3) relevant evidence that a bona fide effort was made to file the report on time. (21-A M.R.S. § 1020-A(2)) The Commission may also consider whether 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 to the public caused by the late disclosure.

The staff requests you pay the preliminary penalty within 14 days of the date of your receipt of this notice if you do not intend to request a waiver. Please use the payment statement on the next page when paying by mail. You may also make a payment online at [www.maine.gov/ethics](http://www.maine.gov/ethics) by clicking the "Penalty Payment" link. Please contact me at (207) 287-3651 or [erin.gordon@maine.gov](mailto:erin.gordon@maine.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Erin Gordon  
Candidate Registrar

## Penalty Calculation

The penalty for filing a campaign finance report late is based on a percentage of the total contributions or expenditures for the reporting period, whichever is greater, multiplied by the number of days late. The percentage is based on your history of past violations: 2% for the first violation, 4% for the second violation, and 6% for the third and each subsequent violation. Violations for late-filed reports accumulate in the two-year period beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each even-numbered year. A penalty accrues daily beginning on the day following the filing due date. Any penalty of less than \$25 is automatically waived.

### How Your Penalty Was Calculated

<b>Filer:</b> Steven Bishop			
<b>Late-Filed Report:</b> 24-Hour Report			
<b>Contributions</b>	\$0	<b>Penalty Base Amount</b>	\$1,538.42
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$1,538.42	<b>Percentage</b>	4%
<b>Due Date</b>	10/29/2024	<b>Daily Accrual Rate</b>	\$61.54
<b>Date Filed</b>	12/11/2024	<b>Days Late</b>	44
<b>Previous Violations</b>	1	<b>Your Total Penalty</b>	\$2,707.76

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### Payment Statement and Payment Options

**From:** Steven Bishop

**Penalty Amount:** \$2,707.76

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check/M.O. #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BY MAIL:** Enclose this payment statement with your payment.

**Please make check or money order payable to:** Treasurer, State of Maine

**Mail to:** Maine Ethics Commission  
135 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0135

**ONLINE:** Go to [www.maine.gov/online/ethics/penalties](http://www.maine.gov/online/ethics/penalties).



## 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 of \$1,000 or more received or any single expenditure of \$1,000 or more made after the 14th day before any election and more than 24 hours before 11:59 p.m. on the day of any election must be reported within 24 hours of that contribution or expenditure. 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.

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

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**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-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-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.

**6. Request for a commission determination.** If the commission staff finds that a candidate or political committee has failed to file a report required under this subchapter, the commission staff shall mail a notice to the candidate or political committee within 3 business days following the

filing deadline informing the candidate or political committee that a report was not received. 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. Failure to file report.** The commission shall notify a candidate who has failed to file a report required by this subchapter, in writing, informing the candidate of the requirement to file a report. The notice must be sent by certified mail. If a candidate fails to file a report after 2 notices have been sent by the commission, the commission shall send a final notice by certified mail informing the candidate of the requirement to file and that the matter may be referred to the Attorney General for criminal prosecution. A candidate who fails to file a report as required by this subchapter after the commission has sent the notices required by this subsection is guilty of a Class E crime.

**8-A. Penalties for failure to file report.** The penalty for failure to file a report required under this subchapter may not exceed the maximum penalties as provided in subsection 5-A.

**9. List of late-filing candidates.** The commission shall prepare a list of the names of candidates who are late in filing a report required under section 1017, subsection 2, paragraph C or D or section 1017, subsection 3-A, paragraph B or C within 30 days of the date of the election and shall make that list available for public inspection.

**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.

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**Subject:** Starts tomorrow: 24-Hour Reporting Period  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:14:00 PM

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Good afternoon candidates and treasurers,

This email is to remind you that the 24-Hour Reporting Period begins **Wednesday, October 23 and ends on Monday, November 4**. During the 24-Hour Reporting Period, any transactions in the following list must be reported within 24 hours on the Commission's eFiling website:

- Any single contribution of \$1,000 or more
- Any single loan of \$1,000 or more
- Any single expenditure of \$1,000 or more
- Any single unpaid debt or unpaid order of \$1,000 or more
  - This is regardless of whether you have an invoice or have made a payment on a purchase. If you agree to or place an order with a vendor that is, or may be, \$1,000 or more, you are required to report it as a debt on a 24-Hour Report during the 24-Hour Reporting Period

To file a 24-Hour Report, you must log on to the eFiling website and enter the transaction. The system will create a 24-Hour Report for you to file. The report must then be completely filed - just entering the transaction will not meet the filing requirements. **Remember, MCEA candidates:** although you can enter the transaction, only your treasurer can file the report.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

*Erin Gordon*

*Candidate Registrar*

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## Commission Penalty Decisions - Candidates

Candidate	Late Report/Other Violation	Preliminary Penalty	Final Penalty	Commission Meeting Date
<b>Legislative and County candidates</b>				
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
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
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
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
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	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	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
<b>Candidates for Governor</b>				
Mark Eves	Late 24-Hour Report (2)	\$1,378.70	\$500.00	09/26/18
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