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Run-off Election Fact Sheet

A run-off election is held when a sufficient number of candidates do not receive a majority of the votes cast to elect the required number of positions. Candidates proceeding to the run-off election shall be guided by the following:

- A candidate with a single candidate committee is not required to file a 20-Day Post-Election report for the municipal election. A joint committee, with all candidates running in the run-off, is not required to file a 20-Day Post-Election report for the municipal election.
- A municipal joint committee with at least one candidate not participating in the run-off is still required to file a 20-Day Post-Election report for the municipal election.
- The run-off is a separate election. Candidates are required to file Form D-1 (or D-2 for a joint committee) for the run-off.
- A 29-Day Pre-Election report is not required.
- Candidates must file the 11-Day Pre-Election and 20-Day Post-Election reports.
- If a contributor gives a contribution after the 11-Day cut-off date during the municipal election, it is attributed to the runoff election. Since the run-off is a separate election, new contribution limits begin at that time.
- A candidate maintaining a single candidate committee in the municipal election may transfer all of their funds to the run-off election.
- Candidates maintaining a joint candidates committee, with at least one candidate participating in the run-off, may transfer all of their funds to the run-off election or contribute up to the maximum contribution limit from a candidate committee.
- If quarterly reporting is required after a June run-off, the first quarterly report is due on October 15th. If quarterly reporting is required after a December run-off, the first quarterly report is due on April 15th.