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Filing Period Starts for Contributions and Expenditures Made Immediately Before the Primary Election

Starting today, candidates vying in the June 10 primary election in New Jersey must begin filing "72/24-hour" notices with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) if they receive late arriving contributions or make expenditures valued at more than \$300.

Contributions of more than \$300 received between today and June 2 (the 8th day prior to the election) must be reported to ELEC within 72 hours.

From June 3 through June 10, all contributions in excess of \$300 must be reported within 24 hours.

Candidates must also file "72/24-hour" notices of expenditures in excess of \$300. However, candidate disclosure of expenditures in excess of \$300 on a "72/24-hour" notice is not required for funds spent directly on the candidate's own campaign.

Continuing political committees, legislative leadership committees and political party committees that act to support or defeat a candidate in the primary election are also required to file "72/24-hour" notices of contributions in excess of \$300. Such committees must also file "72/24-hour" notices of all expenditures in excess of \$300 to support or defeat candidates in the primary election.

These committees, which file quarterly, can file individual notices or a cumulative notice at the 11-day preelection reporting deadline (May 30). A cumulative notice must include all reportable activity between April 1 and May 27. For activity beyond this period, continuing political committees must file "72/24-hour" notices.

All "72/24-hour" notices must be filed electronically, either using the ELEC eFile system or on Commission's website at www.elec.nj.gov.

ELEC compliance staff members are available to answer questions at 609-292-8700.

"72/24-hour" notices filed with the Commission are available to review on ELEC's website.

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