

Campaign reporting compliance program update

Progress on deliverables:

- Implement unique identifier to track respondents
- Review data from election year 2023
- Build system to identify filers who owe key reports
- Establish program to notify filers in advance of and following each deadline

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Still pending:

- Evaluate results of notification system and determine Commission's compliance priorities.
- Liaise with Legislature and Governor's Office regarding funding for program and its future expansion.
- Identify potential reforms in laws or rules to enhance program.



2024 Results

More than 95 percent compliance

Primary election:

- 480 candidates who owed pre-primary reports
- 20 are still missing one or more reports
- 10 of the 20 are missing all reports.

General election:

- 415 candidates who owed pre-general reports
- 16 are still missing one or more reports
- 10 are missing all reports



Looking back to plan ahead

Even-year and off-year compliance rates will differ — as will the size of the candidate pool.

2023 general election reporting:

- 880 candidates owed pre-general reports
- 136 missed at least one report (mostly post-election)
- 60 failed to file all reports

Next steps

Outreach

- Connect with full reporters and small campaigns

Additional technical improvements

- Help campaigns get it right

Enforcement

- Develop balanced and manageable approach

Possible enforcement approach

Implement staff-initiated enforcement prior to primary election, potentially with scalable penalties

Benefits:

- Gets campaigns' attention early
- Focuses on most competitive races
- Provides way to encourage future compliance
- Maintains general election capacity

Considerations:

- Focusing on one report will not capture all non-compliant campaigns
- Possible impact to other staff-initiated enforcement



Remaining work

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Potential reform

Does reporting schedule itself need overhaul?

What are Commission goals for reporting schedule?

- Predictability
- Stability
- Transparency

What more do we need to know?

- Commission outreach to stakeholders