

## NOTIFICATION TO CANDIDATES TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

This notice is to inform you of an upcoming campaign finance reporting deadline. The deadline for this Annual report is:

All candidates with open campaign committees who were not on the ballot at the last preceding general election and who did not file a Post-General report the previous December are required to file an Annual Report. This statement must include all contributions received and expenditures made since the period reflected in your last filed report, if any, through the close of business on the last day of December of the calendar year. If you have not received any contributions and have not made any expenditures during this period, you must still complete and file the Ohio Campaign Finance Report (Form No. 30-A).

A campaign committee is open until a termination statement has been filed. If you have received this notice and believe that your committee has terminated, please contact the office listed below.

Candidates for statewide office, general assembly and judge of court of appeals are, in certain circumstances, required to file their campaign finance reports electronically with the secretary of state's office. Please refer to Notification to Statewide, General Assembly and Court of Appeals Candidates of Requirements to File Campaign Finance Reports by Electronic Means (Form 30-N) for more information regarding electronic filing requirements.

A committee that has filed a Local Candidate Waiver (Form 31-BB) this year and that has not accepted contributions or made expenditures in amounts that exceed those listed on the Waiver may disregard this notice. However, (a) if this Annual report covers an election year other than the one covered by the Waiver, or (b) if your committee has accepted contributions or made expenditures in amounts that exceed those listed on the Waiver, the Waiver is no longer valid and the Annual report is due.

The penalty for failure to file a required campaign finance statement is a fine of up to \$100 per day (R.C. 3517.992(A)). The penalty for failure to file a campaign finance statement by electronic means when required to do so is a fine of up to \$1,000 (R.C. 3517.992(Z)).

Your annual report must be received, not postmarked, at the appropriate office as required by the Ohio Revised Code no later than 4:00 p.m. of the last business day of January. If you need help in completing the required forms or have any questions about Ohio campaign finance laws, please contact: