

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 188

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to Rules of the Ethics Commission;  
8 amending Rule 2.101 of the Rules of the Ethics  
9 Commission (74 O.S. 2021, Ch. 62, App. I), which  
10 relates to reports for candidate committee in  
11 election year; providing exemption from filing  
12 certain report for unopposed candidates; and  
13 providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Rule 2.101 of the Rules of the  
16 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. 2021, Ch. 62, App. I), is amended to read  
17 as follows:

18 Rule 2.101. A. Regular Elections. Each candidate committee  
19 for a candidate who has filed a declaration of candidacy with the  
20 State Election Board for an office to be filled at the general  
21 election shall not be required to file quarterly reports after April  
22 30 of the year in which the declaration of candidacy is filed but  
23 shall file a pre-election Report of Contributions and Expenditures:  
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1 (1) no earlier than fourteen (14) days nor later than eight (8)  
2 days before the primary election for the period beginning April 1  
3 and ending fifteen (15) days before the primary election;

4 (2) no earlier than fourteen (14) days nor later than eight (8)  
5 days before the runoff primary election for the period beginning  
6 fourteen (14) days before the primary election and ending fifteen  
7 (15) days before the runoff primary election;

8 (3) no earlier than fourteen (14) days nor later than eight (8)  
9 days before the general election for the period beginning fourteen  
10 (14) days before the runoff primary election and ending fifteen (15)  
11 days before the general election.

12 Provided, however, the candidate committee of a candidate who is  
13 unopposed and does not conduct a campaign shall not be required to  
14 file a pre-election Report of Contributions and Expenditures. Such  
15 candidate committee shall file a post-election Report of  
16 Contributions and Expenditures no earlier than January 1 nor later  
17 than January 31 of the year following the general election for the  
18 period beginning the day after the last day of the general election  
19 pre-election reporting period and ending December 31 of the  
20 immediately preceding year.

21 B. Special Elections. Each candidate committee for a candidate  
22 in a special primary, runoff primary or general election shall file  
23 a pre-election Report of Contributions and Expenditures for special  
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1 primary, runoff primary or general election on the same dates and  
2 for the same periods as provided in section A.

3 1. If there is no special runoff primary election scheduled,  
4 the period covered by the pre-election report for the general  
5 election shall begin fourteen (14) days before the primary election  
6 and end fifteen (15) days before the general election.

7 2. Following the special general election, each candidate  
8 committee shall file a post-election Report of Contributions and  
9 Expenditures during the filing period required for the next  
10 quarterly report following the special general election. That post-  
11 election report shall be for a period beginning the day after the  
12 last day of the general election pre-election reporting period and  
13 ending on the same day as the last day of the regular quarterly  
14 report. Thereafter, the committee shall file reports as otherwise  
15 required by these Rules.

16 C. Except for good cause shown, any candidate committee that  
17 files more than one Report of Contributions and Expenditures after  
18 the date it is due shall be deemed to have intentionally failed to  
19 file the report in violation of these Rules.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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