

**IMPORTANT – The information contained in this CFLA Candidate Brochure applies only to candidates for the Nebraska Legislature.** Candidates for other state offices should refer to the CFLA Candidate Brochure for the office sought.

NOTE: This brochure does not address all filing requirements for candidates. Please obtain a copy of the Candidate Brochure for 2006.

## **SECTION I**

### **Summary of the Campaign Finance Limitation Act**

#### **For the 2006 Elections –**

#### **Candidates for Legislature**

For the 2006 elections, candidates for the Nebraska Legislature are covered under the Campaign Finance Limitation Act (the CFLA).

For Legislative candidates in the 2006 elections:

- The election period begins January 1, 2005 and ends December 31, 2006;
- The primary election period begins January 1, 2005 and ends June 13, 2006;
- The general election period begins June 14, 2006 and ends December 31, 2006.

The CFLA establishes **voluntary** limits on campaign expenditures. For Legislative candidates in the 2006 elections, these voluntary limits are:

- \$36,500 of restricted spending for the primary election period

- \$73,000 of restricted spending for the election period (including the \$36,500 for the primary election period).

Restricted spending includes all expenditures except "unrestricted spending". "Unrestricted spending" consists of:

- Gifts of acknowledgement; and
- Conference fees, meals, lodging, and travel by an officeholder and his or her staff when involved in activities related to the duties of his or her public office.

Candidates who choose to abide by the voluntary expenditure limits of the CFLA may become eligible to receive public funds for their campaigns. This choice is accomplished by filing a *Candidate's Affidavit to Abide by Spending Limits* with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission (the Commission). The choice to abide is non-reversible.

Abiding candidates who wish to receive public funds must file an *Application for Public Funds* with the Commission. Public funds will be distributed only if specific statutory criteria are met. Expenditures of public funds are not counted against the voluntary expenditure limits of the CFLA.

Candidates who choose not to abide by the voluntary expenditure limits of the CFLA cannot become eligible for public funds. This choice is accomplished by filing a *Candidate's Affidavit Not to Abide by Spending Limits* with the Commission. The choice not to abide is non-reversible.

Non-abiding candidates must estimate their maximum restricted spending for the primary election period and the general election period. These estimates will be used to determine the amount of public funds that their opponents may be eligible to receive. Non-abiding candidates must also file Affidavits with the Commission indicating when their total restricted expenditures reach 40% of their maximum estimated restricted expenditures for the primary election period and for the general election period.

The CFLA also establishes **mandatory** limits on the total contributions that candidates may receive from “persons other than individuals”. For the 2006 elections, this aggregate contribution limit that applies to all Legislative candidates is \$36,500 for the election period (primary plus general).

## **SECTION II**

### **Candidate’s Affidavits to Abide or Not to Abide by Spending Limits**

The CFLA establishes voluntary limits on campaign expenditures by candidates for the Nebraska Legislature. For the 2006 elections, the voluntary expenditure limits that apply to Legislative candidates are \$36,500 of restricted spending for the primary election period, and \$73,000 of restricted spending for the election period (primary plus general). Any legislative candidates who desire to receive public funds pursuant to the CFLA must abide by these voluntary limits on restricted spending.

Legislative candidates must decide whether or not to abide by the voluntary expenditure limits of the CFLA. Legislative candidates who choose to abide by those limits must file a *Candidate's Affidavit to Abide by Spending Limits* (NADC Form CFLA-1). Legislative candidates who choose not to abide by those limits must file a *Candidate's Affidavit Not to Abide by Spending Limits* (NADC Form CFLA-2).

For the 2006 elections, Legislative candidates who have an existing candidate committee registered with the Commission as of December 31, 2004, must file either their Affidavit to Abide or their Affidavit Not to Abide with the Commission on or before January 3, 2005. Legislative candidates who do not have an existing candidate committee as of December 31, 2004, must file either their Affidavit to Abide or their Affidavit Not to Abide with the Commission within 10 days after raising, receiving or expending more than \$5,000 for their campaign during a calendar year. Under the CFLA, failure to file either an Affidavit to Abide or an Affidavit Not to Abide as required is subject to late filing fees of \$25 per day, not to exceed \$750.

NOTE: See Candidate Brochure for 2006 for other filing requirements.

Legislative candidates who are not required to form a candidate committee (candidates who have not raised, received, or spent more than \$5,000 during a calendar year) are not required to file either an Affidavit to Abide or an Affidavit Not to Abide. However, such candidates should file a *CFLA Candidate Exemption Statement* (NADC Form CFLA-3) with the Commission.

Under the CFLA, Legislative candidates must file a copy of their Affidavit to Abide or their Affidavit Not to Abide with the Commission. The election official shall not accept any Legislative candidate's filing to appear on the ballot if the appropriate Affidavit is not on file with the Commission. An exempt candidate should have an exemption statement on file with the Commission.

Legislative candidates who file an Affidavit Not to Abide must also attach an *Estimate of Expenditures for the Primary Election* (NADC Form CFLA-4), stating a reasonable estimate of their maximum restricted expenditures for the primary election period. For the 2006 elections, the primary election period begins January 1, 2005, and ends June 13, 2006. Estimates for the primary election period may be amended by filing an *Amended Estimate of Expenditures* (NADC Form CFLA-6) on or before April 10, 2006. In addition, such candidates must file a *Candidate's Forty Percent Expenditure Affidavit* (NADC Form CFLA-7) with the Commission within 5 days after spending 40% of their estimated expenditures for the primary election period.

Legislative candidates who file an Affidavit Not to Abide and who advance to the general election must file an *Estimate of Expenditures for the General Election* (NADC Form CFLA-5) with the Commission on or before June 19, 2006, stating a reasonable estimate of their maximum restricted expenditures for the general election period. For the 2006 elections, the general election period begins June 14, 2006, and ends December 31, 2006. Estimates for the general election period may be amended by filing an *Amended Estimate of Expenditures* on or before September 8, 2006. In addition, such candidates must file a *Candidate's Forty Percent Expenditure Affidavit* with the Commission within 5 days after spending 40% of their estimated expenditures for the general election period.

The estimated and actual expenditures of Legislative candidates who choose not to abide by the voluntary expenditure limits of the CFLA will be used to determine the amount of public funds, if any, that those candidates' opponents may be eligible to receive during the 2006 elections.

**EXAMPLE 1:** Candidates A and B both file for the Legislature, District 50. Candidate A chooses to abide by the spending limits of the CFLA. Candidate B chooses not to abide by the spending limits of the CFLA, and estimates maximum restricted expenditures of \$40,000 for the primary election period.

If Candidate A abides by the spending limits of the CFLA and meets other qualifying criteria, and if Candidate B makes at least \$16,000 [40% of \$40,000] of restricted expenditures during the primary election period, then Candidate A will be eligible for \$3,500 in public funds for the Primary Election, calculated as follows:

Estimated restricted expenditures by Candidate B, primary	\$40,000
Expenditure limit for the primary election period	<u>-36,500</u>
Public funds payable to Candidate A, primary election	\$3,500

**EXAMPLE 2:** Candidates C and D both file for the Legislature, District 51. Candidate C chooses to abide by the spending limits of the CFLA. Candidate D chooses not to abide by the spending limits of the CFLA, and estimates maximum restricted expenditures of \$35,000 for the primary election period. Candidates C and D both advance to the General Election. Candidate D estimates maximum restricted expenditures of \$50,000 for the general election period.

If Candidate C abides by the spending limits of the CFLA and meets other qualifying criteria, and if Candidate D makes at least \$20,000 [40% of \$50,000] of restricted expenditures during the general election period, then Candidate C will be eligible for \$13,500 in public funds for the General Election, calculated as follows:

Estimated restricted expenditures by Candidate D, general	50,000
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Expenditure limit for the general election period	<u>-36,500</u>
Public funds payable to Candidate C, general election	\$13,500.

## **SECTION III**

### **Applications for Public Funds**

Legislative candidates who have filed a *Candidate's Affidavit to Abide by Spending Limits* will be eligible to receive public funds for their campaigns if at least one of their opponents:

- has filed a *Candidate's Affidavit Not to Abide by Spending Limits*;
- has estimated maximum expenditures which exceed the voluntary expenditure limits of the CFLA (\$36,500 of restricted spending for the primary election period, and \$36,500 of restricted spending for the general election period); and
- Has spent at least 40% of his/her estimated expenditures for the election.

To qualify for public funds, Legislative candidates who have filed a *Candidate's Affidavit to Abide by Spending Limits* must also:

- Raise at least \$18,250 in qualifying contributions from persons who are "residents" of Nebraska, of which at least \$11,862.50 must be raised from individuals. The term "resident" includes a business which has an office in the State and transacts business here. NOTE: Qualifying contributions do not include money raised prior to the filing of an Affidavit to Abide or money raised prior to January 1, 2005.

- Make at least \$18,250 of qualifying expenditures. NOTE: Qualifying expenditures do not include expenditures made prior to the filing of an Affidavit to Abide or expenditures made prior to January 1, 2005.
- File an *Application for Public Funds* (NADC Form CFLA-8) with the Commission. The deadline to apply for public funds for the Primary Election is April 11, 2006. The deadline to apply for public funds for the General Election is September 12, 2006.

### **Qualifying Contributions:**

In general, qualifying contributions are contributions as defined by §49-1415 of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act (the NPADA). This definition provides that a contribution includes a payment of money or anything of monetary value that is given for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate.

Qualifying contributions do not include:

- Unpaid pledges;
- Loans;
- Contributions from any person who is not a "resident" of Nebraska; or
- Contributions for which the candidate's treasurer has not maintained a record of the contributor's name and address, and the amount and date of the contribution.

Contributions made by the candidate, other than campaign loans or the use of the candidate's homestead in the campaign, are considered qualifying contributions.

Contributions of \$50 or less received in currency at fundraising events pursuant to §49-1472(2) of the NPADA shall be considered qualifying contributions only if a written record of the contributions is maintained. This written record must include the contributor's name

and address, the amount contributed, and the date the contribution was made. Also, the contributor must sign this written record.

EXCEPTION: Contributions of \$50 or less received in currency at fundraising events will be considered qualifying contributions without a written record, up to a total of \$1,800 for the election period (primary plus general).

### **Qualifying Expenditures:**

In general, qualifying expenditures are expenditures made by a candidate committee in support of the candidate's nomination or election to office.

Qualifying expenditures do not include:

- Accounts payable or other expenses incurred but not paid; or
- Unrestricted spending.

Unrestricted spending, as defined by the CFLA, consists of:

- Gifts of acknowledgment, including flowers and charitable contributions, except that gifts to any individual shall not exceed \$50 in any calendar year; and
- Meals, lodging, and travel by officeholders and their staff for activities related to the duties of their public office.

### **Distribution of Public Funds:**

For the 2006 Primary Election, public funds are scheduled to be disbursed to eligible, qualifying candidates not later than April 24, 2006. For the 2006 General Election, public funds are scheduled to be disbursed to eligible, qualifying candidates not later than September 22, 2006.

The Commission will compute the amount of any payment to be made to a candidate based upon the difference between the expenditure limits of the CFLA and the highest estimate of maximum expenditures filed by a Legislative candidate in that District. Available funds will be distributed in the order in which completed *Applications for Public Funds* from qualifying candidates are received by the Commission.

If all Legislative candidates in a District choose to abide by the expenditure limits of the CFLA, then no public funds will be disbursed to any candidates in that District.

If all Legislative candidates in a District choose not to abide by the expenditure limits of the CFLA, then no public funds will be disbursed to any candidates in that District.

## **SECTION IV**

### **Use and Reporting of Public Funds**

Candidates who receive public funds under the CFLA shall maintain detailed records as to the receipt and expenditure of the public funds. These public funds must be kept in a separate account in a financial institution in Nebraska. These public funds may not be commingled with any other funds, including other campaign funds. NOTE: Candidates who receive public funds under the CFLA will have two campaign accounts.

The use of public funds distributed to candidates under the CFLA is more restricted than the use of funds from other sources. Public funds provided to candidates under the CFLA may only be used to make expenditures for the following purposes:

- Services from a communications medium, including production costs;

- Printing, photography, graphic arts, or advertising services;
- Office supplies;
- Postage and other delivery services;
- Meals, lodging, and travel expenses; and
- Campaign staff salaries.

Candidates who receive public funds under the CFLA must file *Reports of Expenditures of Public Funds* (NADC Form CFLA-9) with the Commission to disclose how the public funds were used. These reports are required to be filed as follows:

- Candidates who receive public funds for the 2006 Primary Election must file a *Report of Expenditures of Public Funds* on or before June 19, 2006. The closing date for this report is June 13, 2006.

Candidates must also return any unexpended public funds for the 2006 Primary Election along with this report, unless the Commission specifically grants the candidate permission to offset those funds against public funds to be awarded for the 2006 General Election.

- Candidates who receive public funds for the 2006 General Election must file a *Report of Expenditures of Public Funds* on or before October 30, 2006. The closing date for this report is October 23, 2006.
- Candidates who receive public funds for the 2006 General Election must file an additional *Report of Expenditures of Public Funds* on or before January 2, 2007. The closing date for this report is December 31, 2006.

Candidates must also return any unexpended public funds for the 2006 elections along with this report. No public funds for the 2006 elections may be expended after December 31, 2006.

## **SECTION V**

### **Aggregate Contribution Limits**

During the election period, Legislative candidates may not accept contributions from "persons other than individuals" which, when aggregated, are in excess of \$36,500. These aggregate contribution limits are mandatory and apply to all Legislative candidates.

For the 2006 elections, the election period for Legislative candidates begins January 1, 2005, and ends December 31, 2006.

"Persons other than individuals" includes the following:

- Political parties;
- Independent political committees (PACs);
- Other candidate committees;
- Businesses, including partnerships and sole proprietorships;
- Corporations;
- Labor unions;
- Industry, trade, or professional associations; and
- Other organizations.

Once the aggregate contribution limit is reached, Legislative candidates may accept contributions only from individuals for the remainder of the election period.

## **SECTION VI**

### **Term Limited Officeholders**

A member of the Nebraska State Legislature who holds a seat which will be filled by election in 2006 and who is barred from seeking reelection to that seat by the term limits provision of the Nebraska State Constitution, is subject to the CFLA. He or she may fulfill the filing obligation by filing Candidate's Exemption Statement (Form CFLA-3A). By this filing, the officeholder is certifying that he or she is not eligible to hold a seat in the Legislature in 2007.

## **SECTION VII**

### **Enforcement of the CFLA**

Violations of the CFLA may subject candidates and other persons to penalties as follows:

- Any candidate who receives public funds under the CFLA and exceeds the expenditure limits of the CFLA by less than 5% shall repay the amount by which the limit was exceeded. In addition, any such candidate and/or campaign treasurer shall be subject to civil penalties of not more than \$1,000.
- Any candidate who receives public funds under the CFLA and exceeds the expenditure limits of the CFLA by 5% or more shall repay the entire amount of public funds received, with interest. Any such candidate, and his/her campaign treasurer, shall be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor. In addition, any such candidate and/or campaign treasurer shall be subject to civil penalties of either \$1,000 or 10% of the amount by which the expenditure limit was exceeded, whichever is greater.

- Any candidate who files either a *Candidate's Affidavit Not to Abide by Expenditure Limits* or an Estimate of Expenditures for any election that he/she knows contains a material element which is false shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.
- Any non-abiding candidate who willfully, knowingly, or intentionally underestimates his/her maximum expenditures by 5% or more shall be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor. In addition, any such candidate and/or campaign treasurer shall be subject to civil penalties of either \$1,000 or 10% of the amount by which the expenditure estimate was exceeded, whichever is greater.
- Any person who violates any other provision of the CFLA, not otherwise specified, shall be subject to civil penalties of not more than \$1,000 per violation.

Questions about the CFLA may be directed to the Commission.

## **SECTION VIII**

### **Advisory Opinions**

Any person or committee directly covered or affected by the provisions of the CFLA may apply to the Commission for an Advisory Opinion.

A request for an Advisory Opinion must be in writing, and must set forth a specific transaction or activity that the person or committee requesting the opinion either plans to undertake or is presently undertaking and intends to continue in the future. A request for an Advisory Opinion should include a complete description of all the relevant facts involved in the transaction or activity at issue. Requests regarding general questions about or interpretations of the CFLA, hypothetical situations, or the activities of third parties will not be considered as requests for an Advisory Opinion.

Unless amended or revoked, an Advisory Opinion rendered by the Commission is binding upon the Commission in any subsequent charges before the Commission concerning the person or committee who requested the opinion and, in good faith, acted on reliance of that opinion (unless material facts were omitted or misstated in the request).

## **SECTION IX**

### **CFLA Forms**

The following CFLA filing forms are included in this guide:

NADC Form CFLA-1 – *Candidate’s Affidavit to Abide by Spending Limits*

NADC Form CFLA-2 – *Candidate’s Affidavit Not to Abide by Spending Limits*

NADC Form CFLA-3A - *Candidate’s Exemption Statement*

NADC Form CFLA-4 – *Estimate of Expenditures for the Primary Election*

The following CFLA filing forms are not included in this guide, but may be obtained from the Commission upon request:

NADC Form CFLA-3 – *CFLA Candidate Exemption Statement*

NADC Form CFLA-5 – *Estimate of Expenditures for the General Election*

NADC Form CFLA-6 – *Amended Estimate of Expenditures*

NADC Form CFLA-7 – *Candidate’s Forty Percent Expenditure Affidavit*

NADC Form CFLA-8 – *Application for Public Funds*

NADC Form CFLA-9 – *Report of Expenditures of Public Funds*

Forms may be downloaded on to your personal computer from the Commission’s website <http://nadc.nol.org>. Click on “Download Forms” then click on the form you need. Once downloaded, you may complete the form on your personal computer and print it. Certain forms must be signed in the presence of a notary public.

**IMPORTANT:** The Commission revised all of its prescribed reporting forms. Please be sure to use the current version of these reporting forms for the candidate’s campaign filings.

## SECTION X

### CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES – 2006 ELECTIONS

# Candidates for State Legislature

January 1, 2005                      Start of the primary election period.

January 3, 2005                      **Abiding Candidates** with committees as of December 31, 2004 – Due date for the *Candidate's Affidavit to Abide by Spending Limits*.

NOTE – failure to file an Affidavit to Abide is subject to late filing fees of \$25 per day, not to exceed \$750.

January 3, 2005                      **Non-Abiding Candidates** with committees as of December 31, 2004 – Due date for the *Candidate's Affidavit Not to Abide by Spending Limits*, along with an *Estimate of Expenditures for the Primary Election*.

NOTE – Unrestricted spending [expenditures for gifts of acknowledgement and for officeholder travel] should not be included in this Estimate of Expenditures.

NOTE – **Non-abiding candidates** whose estimated spending for the primary election period exceeds the voluntary spending limits of the CFLA must also file a *Candidate's Forty Percent Expenditure Affidavit* within 5 days after exceeding 40% of their estimated expenditures for the primary election period.

NOTE – failure to file an Affidavit Not to Abide is subject to late filing fees of \$25 per day, not to exceed \$750.

January 31, 2005                    **All Candidates** with committees as of December 31, 2004 – Due date for the 2004 Annual *Campaign Statement* (for the period ending December 31, 2004).

NOTE – the reporting period for a committee’s initial *Campaign Statement* begins with the day the committee first raised, received, or spent any funds. The reporting period for each subsequent *Campaign Statement* begins with the day following the end of the previous reporting period.

NOTE – by law, a candidate committee is formed when a candidate raises, receives, or spends more than \$5,000 during a calendar year. A candidate committee must file a *Statement of Organization of a Political Committee* within 10 days after the candidate committee is formed.

NOTE – **All candidates** who did not have a committee as of January 1, 2005, must also file either a *Candidate’s Affidavit to Abide by Spending Limits* or a *Candidate’s Affidavit Not to Abide by Spending Limits* as an attachment to their committee’s Statement of Organization.

April 1, 2005                    **Incumbent Candidates** – Due date for the 2004 *Statement of Financial Interests* (covering calendar year 2004).

January 31, 2006                    **All candidates** with committees as of December 31, 2005 – Due date for the 2005 Annual *Campaign Statement* (for the period ending December 31, 2005).

February 15, 2006                    **Incumbent Candidates** – Deadline to file for office. (This information provided by Office of Secretary of State.)

March 1, 2006                      **Non-Incumbent Candidates** – Deadline to file for office.  
(This information provided by Office of Secretary of State.)

NOTE – **All candidates** must present a copy of their *Statement of Financial Interests* for the preceding calendar year to the Secretary of State at the time they file to run for office.

NOTE – **All candidates** with committees must present a copy of their *Candidate's Affidavit to Abide by Spending Limits* or their *Candidate's Affidavit Not to Abide by Spending Limits* (whichever the candidate filed) to the Secretary of State at the time they file to run for office. Candidates without committees should present a *Statement of Exemption*.

April 3, 2006                      **All Candidates** who filed to run for office during 2005 –  
Due Date for the 2005 *Statement of Financial Interests* (covering calendar year 2005).

NOTE – **All candidates** who filed during 2006 to run for office would have filed a *Statement of Financial Interests* covering 2006. These candidates need not file a new *Statement of Financial Interests*.

April 9, 2006                      Start of the period for filing Statements of  
Organization within 2 days. Any candidate committee formed during the 30 days immediately preceding the election must file a *Statement of Organization* within 2 days.

April 10, 2006                      **All primary election Candidates** with committees as of  
April 4, 2006 – Due Date for the 1<sup>st</sup> Primary Election *Campaign Statement* (for the period ending April 4, 2006).

April 10, 2006                      **Non-Abiding Candidates** – Deadline to file an *Amended Estimate of Expenditures* for the primary election period.

April 11, 2006                      **Abiding Candidates** – Deadline to file an *Application for Public Funds* for the primary election period.

April 24, 2006                      **Abiding Candidates** who qualified for public funds for the primary election – Scheduled distribution of public funds for the primary election period.

April 25, 2006                      Start of the late contribution window for the primary election.

NOTE – a “late contribution” is a contribution of \$1,000 or more received after the closing date of the last campaign statement required to be filed prior to an election (but before the date of the election). A *Report of Late Contribution* is due 2 days after the receipt of any “late contribution”.

May 1, 2006                          **All primary election Candidates** with committees as of April 24, 2006 – Due Date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary Election *Campaign Statement* (for the period ending April 24, 2006).

May 8, 2006                          End of the late contribution window for the primary election. End of period for filing Statements of Organization within 2 days.

May 9, 2006                          **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

June 13, 2006                          End of the primary election period.

June 14, 2006                          Start of the general election period.

June 19, 2006                    **All primary election Candidates** with committees as of June 13, 2006 – Due Date for the Post Primary Election *Campaign Statement* (for the period ending June 13, 2006).

NOTE – **Any candidates** who did not advance to the general election are encouraged to dissolve their candidate committees as soon as possible after the primary election.

June 19, 2006                    **Abiding Candidates** who received public funds for the primary election – Due Date for the Primary Election *Report of Expenditures of Public Funds* (for the period ending June 13, 2006), and Deadline for remittance of any unused public funds (unless permission is obtained from the NADC to hold these funds for use in the general election period).

June 19, 2006                    **Non-Abiding Candidates** who advanced to the general election – Deadline for the *Estimate of Expenditures for the General Election*.

NOTE – **Non-abiding candidates** whose maximum estimated spending for the election period (primary plus general) exceeds the voluntary spending limits of the CFLA must file a *Candidate's Forty Percent Expenditure Affidavit* within 5 days after exceeding 40% of their estimated expenditures for the general election period.

September 8, 2006                **Non-Abiding Candidates** – Deadline to file an *Amended Estimate of Expenditures* for the general election period.

September 12, 2006                **Abiding Candidates** – Deadline to file an *Application for Public Funds* for the general election period.

September 22, 2006                **Abiding Candidates** who qualified for public funds for the general election – Scheduled distribution of public funds for the general election period.

October 8, 2006                      Start of the period for filing Statements of Organization within 2 days. See April 9<sup>th</sup> notation.

October 9, 2006                      **All general election Candidates** with committees as of October 3, 2006 – Due Date for the 1<sup>st</sup> General Election *Campaign Statement* (for the period ending October 3, 2006).

October 24, 2006                      Start of the late contribution window for the general election.

October 30, 2006                      **All general election Candidates** with committees as of October 23, 2006 – Due date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Election *Campaign Statement* (for the period ending October 23, 2006).

October 30, 2006                      **Abiding Candidates** who received public funds for the general election – Due Date for the Pre General Election *Report of Expenditures of Public Funds* (for the period ending October 23, 2006).

November 6, 2006                      End of the late contribution window for the general election. End of the period for filing Statements of Organization within 2 days.

November 7, 2006                      **GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

December 31, 2006                      End of the general election period

January 2, 2007                      **Abiding Candidates** who received public funds for the general election – Due Date for the Post General Election *Report of Expenditures of Public Funds* (for the period October 24, 2006, through December 31, 2006), and Deadline for the remittance of any unused public funds.

January 16, 2007                      **All general election Candidates** with committees as of  
December 31, 2006 – Due Date for the Post General Election *Campaign Statement* (for  
the period ending December 31, 2006).

NOTE – **Any candidates** who were not elected are encouraged to dissolve  
their candidate committees as soon as possible after the general election.