



CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORTS LATE FILING PENALTIES

Any candidate or political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine for each late day, and, in the case of a candidate, such fine shall be paid only from personal funds of the candidate.

The filing officer shall determine the amount of the fine due based upon the earliest of the following:

1. When the report is actually received by such officer.
2. When the report is postmarked.
3. When the certificate of mailing is dated.
4. When the receipt from an established courier company is dated.

The fine shall be \$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Each candidate who withdraws his or her candidacy, becomes an unopposed candidate, or is eliminated as a candidate or elected to office shall, within 90 days, dispose of the funds on deposit in his or her campaign account and file a report reflecting the disposition of all remaining funds. For termination reports the fine is \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Please review Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes, which explains the above and also includes how a candidate may appeal or dispute a fine. As a candidate it is your responsibility to know the report due dates and to govern your campaign according to Florida Statutes. It is imperative that campaign treasurer's reports are submitted in a timely manner.