

Referendum Committee

2012 Reporting Schedule

Referendum Committees Whose Referendum is Not Up for Election in 2012:		
Activity Beginning	Activity Ending	Report Due
January 1, 2012	June 30, 2012	July 16, 2012
July 1, 2012	December 31, 2012	January 15, 2013
Referendum Committees Whose Referendum is on the November 6, 2012 Ballot:		
Activity Beginning	Activity Ending	Report Due
January 1, 2012	March 31, 2012	April 16, 2012
*April 1, 2012	June 1, 2012	June 4, 2012
June 2, 2012	June 30, 2012	July 16, 2012
July 1, 2012	August 31, 2012	September 17, 2012
September 1, 2012	September 30, 2012	October 15, 2012
October 1, 2012	October 24, 2012	October 29, 2012
October 25, 2012	November 29, 2012	December 6, 2012
November 30, 2012	December 31, 2012	January 15, 2013
Referendum Committees Whose Referendum is on the May 1, 2012 Ballot:		
Activity Beginning	Activity Ending	Report Due
*January 1, 2012	February 26, 2012	February 29, 2012
January 1, 2012	March 31, 2012	April 16, 2012
*February 27, 2012	March 31, 2012	April 16, 2012
April 1, 2012	April 20, 2012	April 23, 2012
April 24, 2012	June 10, 2012	June 15, 2012
June 11, 2012	June 30, 2012	July 16, 2012
July 1, 2012	December 31, 2012	January 15, 2013
Referendum Committees Whose Referendum is on the Ballot for a Special Election in 2012:		
Activity Beginning	Activity Ending	Report Due
Inception	11 days Before Special Election	Eight Days <u>Before</u> Special Election
10 Days Before Special Election	30 Days After Special Election	30 Days <u>After</u> Special Election

Which Schedule Should I Follow?

- ✓ Referendum committees may either (i) file a final report within six months after the referendum is held or (ii) continue as a political action committee more than six months after the referendum is held, provide that the committee submits an amended Statement of Organization to the State Board redesignating the committee as a political action committee and complies with the requirements for political action committees in Article 4 of this chapter including the reporting schedule set forth in §24.2-951.4 B.

Where to file Campaign Finance Reports (§ 24.2-951.8):

- ✓ Referendum Committees required to file statements or reports by this article shall file all reports with the State Board. §24.2-951.8 (A)
- ✓ A referendum committee that is required by this chapter to file reports with the State Board, and that accepts contributions or makes expenditures in excess of the \$10,000 in any calendar year, or that accepted contributions or made expenditures in excess of \$10,000 in the previous calendar year, shall file its reports with the State Board by computer or electronic means in accordance with the standards approved by the State Board until such time as the referendum committee files a final report or until subject to the provisions of subsection B of §24.2-951.1.
- ✓ **NOTE: Any referendum committee that has been filing electronically, but does not anticipate accepting contributions or making expenditures in excess of \$10,000 in the upcoming calendar year, may sign a waiver form shall be submitted and received no later than the date the first report is due covering activity for that calendar year. §24.2-951.8 C**

Large Dollar Contribution Reports (§ 24.2-951.7):

In addition to filing regular reports Referendum committees shall report any single contribution or loan of \$10,000 or more received at any time during the calendar year **within three business days of receipt** of the contribution or loan.

The report shall be filed on a “large dollar contribution report: form prescribed by the State Board and should be filed in writing or electronically in the same manner as the person or committee files its’ quarterly disclosure reports.

Any contribution or loan reported pursuant to this section shall also be reported on the next subsequent report required under this article following receipt of the contribution or loan.

For the purposes of this section, referendum committees shall report one contribution multiple contributions from a single source that have been subdivided into smaller amounts or given through different bank accounts for the purpose of evading the \$10,000 threshold.

A referendum committee that receives contributions from affiliated organizations shall not be deemed to be receiving contributions from a single source.

Independent Expenditure Reports (§ 24.2-945.2):

An Independent Expenditure is an expenditure made by a candidate campaign committee (i) that is not related to the candidate's own campaign and (ii) that is not made to, controlled by, coordinated with, or made with the authorization of a different candidate, his campaign committee, or an agent of that candidate or his campaign committee.

An Independent Expenditure report is required if the campaign committee makes independent expenditures that support, oppose or benefit a different candidate, in excess of \$1,000 or more to a candidate for statewide office or in excess of \$500 or more to any other candidate in the aggregate during an election cycle.

When to File Independent Expenditure Reports

Independent Expenditure reports are due within 24 hours after the committee has made the expenditure or when the advertisement supporting or opposing the clearly identified candidate is disseminated, whichever is first.

Where to File Independent Expenditure Reports

- ✓ The Independent Expenditure report is to be filed with the State Board of Elections if the candidate(s) supported or opposed is a candidate for statewide office or the General Assembly.
- ✓ If the candidate supported or opposed is a candidate for local or constitutional office then the Independent Expenditure report must be filed with the local electoral board of that county or city.
- ✓ In cases where multiple candidates are supported or opposed in multiple localities, one report must be filed in each candidate's locality which is supported or opposed.
- ✓ Independent Expenditure Reports must be filed on paper and can be faxed to the appropriate office to meet the deadline with an original, signed copy sent and postmarked within 24 hours after the funds are expended.

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