



## 2020 Filing Calendar

**Candidate Committees Organized for a  
 Judge of Probate Special Election  
 to be Held on November 3, 2020  
 (August 11, 2020 Primary)  
 General Statutes § 9-608**

Type of Report	Period Covered	Filing Deadline
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Day Preceding Special Election Primary Filing</b> Committees of candidates in a special election primary	Creation of committee through 08/02/20	08/04/20 <sup>1</sup>
<b>30 Days Following Special Election Primary Filing</b> Committees of candidates in a special election primary	08/03/20 through 08/31/20	09/10/20 <sup>1,2</sup>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Day Preceding Special Election Filing</b>	09/01/20 through 10/25/20 General election candidate committees of candidates successful in a special election primary ----- Creation of committee through 10/25/20 General election candidate committees of candidates not in a special election primary	10/27/20 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Deficit Filing Following Special Election Primary</b> Committees of candidates unsuccessful in a special election primary	09/01/20 through 11/02/20	11/09/20 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Termination Filing Following Special Election Primary</b> Committees of candidates unsuccessful in a special election primary	09/01/20 through 11/09/20	11/16/20 <sup>5</sup>
<b>Deficit Filing Following Special Election</b> Special election candidate committees	10/26/20 through 01/31/21	02/08/21 <sup>6</sup>
<b>Termination Filing Following Special Election</b> Special election candidate committees	10/26/20 through 03/31/21	04/07/21 <sup>7</sup>

**How to File:** Effective July 1, 2017, all Judge of Probate candidate committees must file electronically by eCRIS unless (1) they have not raised or spent \$1,000 or more; or (2) they can demonstrate good cause for not being able to comply with the requirement, as determined by the Commission. Committees seeking to apply for a written waiver from the electronic filing requirement should contact Commission staff.

**Which Form to File:** Committees may use the “Short Form Campaign Finance Disclosure Statement” (SEEC Form 21) when they have not received funds or made or incurred expenditures in excess of \$1,000 from their inception through the close of the reporting period covered by the statement and have not

previously filed an “Itemized Campaign Finance Disclosure Statement” (SEEC Form 20). Otherwise, they must use the SEEC Form 20. Committees should keep in mind that if they opt to file SEEC Form 21’s, they will still be required to report *all* activity since inception if and when they receive contributions or make expenditures exceeding the \$1,000 threshold. Reaching the threshold triggers the requirement to file an itemized statement (a “long form” SEEC Form 20).

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**Type of Report:** The “Type of Report” corresponds to the financial disclosure reports required by General Statutes § 9-608 (a). On eCRIS, all of the filings listed on this calendar are available on the standard reports dropdown menu. If a committee wishes to terminate prior to when the standard termination report is due, it may do so by selecting a termination report in the nonstandard reports dropdown menu where it will be able to set the appropriate dates.

**Period Covered:** The “Period Covered” means the dates for which the committee must report all of its financial activity. The period covered must include the financial activity of the committee beginning the first day not included on the last filed financial disclosure statement and must be complete through 11:59 p.m. of the date of the last day covered. For example, the 7<sup>th</sup> day preceding the special election filing covers all activity ending at 11:59 p.m. on October 25, 2020. If the committee came into existence after the beginning of the period covered by the statement, then the period covered must begin on the date the committee first received funds, the date the committee first made or incurred expenditures, or the date the committee registered (whichever is earliest). If the committee has previously filed a SEEC Form 21, then its first filed itemized statement (SEEC Form 20) must cover a period that begins with the committee’s date of inception as the start date.

**Filing Deadline:** The “Filing Deadline” is the last date on which the committee treasurer may submit his or her disclosure filing. In addition, the disclosure filing *may not be submitted or received* on or before the last day in the period covered. For example, the 7<sup>th</sup> day preceding special election filing may not be submitted or received on October 24 or earlier, since it must cover the period ending on October 24. The earliest this report may be submitted or received is October 25. Statements not timely filed will be subject to a mandatory \$100 late fee.

**When and Where to File:** Statements are to be filed with the State Elections Enforcement Commission. Statements are considered timely filed if they are filed electronically via eCRIS before midnight on or before the filing deadline date or, for committees allowed to file by paper, if they are **received** by the Commission’s offices after the filing period has begun and by 5:00 p.m. on or before the filing deadline date if delivered by the United States Postal Service, courier service, parcel service or hand delivery.

**Committees seeking confirmation of receipt should check their committee’s filing status on [eCRIS’s Document/Filing Search](#).**

**NOTE: Candidate committees of candidates who never make it onto the ballot but remain open are required to file a termination filing or deficit filings, as the case may be, in accordance with footnotes 6 and 7. Please call for further guidance.**

**Footnotes:**

1. Only committees of candidates in a primary must file on this date.
2. Any committee of an unsuccessful candidate in the primary that has eliminated any deficit or distributed any surplus may terminate at or before this time by filing a Termination Report in lieu of this report.
3. A candidate committee of an unsuccessful candidate in the primary whose name is not eligible to appear on the general election ballot is not required to file this statement.
4. The committee of a candidate who was not successful in the primary, which still has a deficit as of November 9, 2020 (the 90th day following the August 11, 2020 primary) must file this report, and must thereafter file a Deficit Report on the 7th day of each month in which there was either an increase or

decrease of more than \$500 as of the last day of the month preceding the filing measured against the amount of the deficit reported on the last Deficit Report. A Termination Report may be filed in lieu of a Deficit Report if the deficit has been erased and any surplus has been distributed by the last day of the month preceding the filing of a Termination Report.

5. The committee of a candidate who was not successful in the primary and which had a surplus that was not yet reported as distributed must distribute or expend its surplus by November 9, 2020 (the 90th day following the August 11, 2020 primary) and submit a Termination Filing by November 16, 2020.
6. A candidate committee of a candidate on the ballot for the November election which still has a deficit as of February 7, 2021 must file a Deficit Report by February 8, 2021 and must thereafter file a Deficit Report on the 7th day of each month in which there was either an increase or decrease of more than \$500 as of the last day of the month preceding the filing measured against the amount of the deficit reported on the last Deficit Report. A Termination Report may be filed in lieu of a Deficit Report if the deficit has been erased and any surplus has been distributed by the last day of the month preceding the filing of a Termination Report.
7. A candidate committee of a candidate on the ballot for the November election must distribute or expend any surplus by March 31, 2021 and submit a Termination Report by April 7, 2021 (unless it has begun filing deficit reports). Keep in mind that any candidate committee which has distributed its surplus before March 31, 2021 must terminate within seven days of such distribution. Accordingly, such committee would have already filed its Termination Report and would not need to file the April 7 Termination Report.

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**If you have any questions about filing requirements, need additional forms, have questions about how to report certain contributions and expenditures, or have questions about other campaign finance laws, please call the State Elections Enforcement Commission at (860) 256-2940 or (866) SEEC-INFO.**

*PLEASE NOTE: Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this calendar is accurate. If any information in this calendar conflicts with the provisions of the General Statutes, the Statutes shall prevail.*