

SD Campaign Finance Report Deadlines & Who Files

Last Updated: May 13, 2025

WHO FILES & WHICH REPORT SDCL 12-27-22	Pre-Primary	Pre-General	Year-End Odd Year (Filed in Even Year)	Year-End Even Year (Filed in Odd Year)
Statewide Candidates & Statewide Elected Officials	X	X	X	X
Legislative Candidates & Campaign Committees (Change per 2025 Legislative Session)	*X*	X		X
Statewide Recognized Political Party	X	X	X	X
County Party & Auxiliary		X		
Statewide PAC	X	X	X	X
Statewide Ballot Question	X	X	X	X
County Candidates & Campaign Committees (Counties w/ >10,000 Population) (Change per 2025 Legislative Session)	*X*	X		X
2025 YEAR-END DUE: JANUARY 30, 2026				
Deadline: The last Friday in January each year. What needs to be reported? All transactions from the last report through December 31, 2025. Who files? All statewide candidates and statewide elected officials, statewide political action committees, statewide political parties, and statewide ballot question committees.				
PRE-PRIMARY DUE: MAY 18, 2026				
Deadline: Fifteen (15) days before the Primary Election. What needs to be reported? All transactions from the last submitted report through May 13, 2026. Who files? All statewide candidates and statewide elected officials, statewide political action committees, statewide political parties, and statewide ballot question committees. All legislative candidates and legislative candidate campaign committees. All county candidates and county candidate campaign committees in counties with a population greater than 10,000—filed with the county auditor.				
PRE-GENERAL DUE: OCTOBER 19, 2026				
Deadline: Fifteen (15) days before the General Election. What needs to be reported? All transactions from the last submitted report through October 14, 2026. Who files? All statewide candidates and statewide elected officials, statewide political action committees, statewide political parties, and statewide ballot question committees. All legislative candidates and legislative candidate campaign committees. All county candidates and county candidate campaign committees in counties with a population greater than 10,000, and all county political parties—filed with the county auditor. All auxiliary organizations.				
2026 YEAR-END DUE: JANUARY 29, 2027				
Deadline: The last Friday in January each year. What needs to be reported? All transactions from the last report to December 31, 2026. Who files? All statewide candidates and statewide elected officials, statewide political action committees, statewide political parties, and statewide ballot question committees. All legislative candidates and legislative candidate campaign committees. All county candidates and county candidate campaign committees in counties with a population greater than 10,000—filed with the county auditor. Political Party Termination: If a political party loses its party status, a termination report must be filed.				
NOTE: No campaign finance disclosure report is required if the political committee regularly submits a campaign finance disclosure report with another state or the Federal Election Commission or a report of contributions and expenditures with the Internal Revenue Service (SDCL 12-27-3).				
NOTE: If a statewide ballot question committee does not list any activity on the next required campaign finance report submitted to the Secretary of State, that committee has until the next reporting period to report activity. If that committee does not have any activity to report by the next reporting period, the committee shall submit a termination report by that reporting period deadline (SDCL 12-27-22(6)).				