

**DISPOSING OF SURPLUS FUNDS IN THE
CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT (FS 106.141)**

A candidate who withdraws his or her candidacy, becomes unopposed, is elected or defeated must within 90 days, dispose of surplus funds in the campaign account and file a report reflecting the disposition of such surplus funds. Surplus funds, in the candidate's campaign account, may be disposed of by any of the following means, or any combination thereof:

- Prior to disposing of surplus funds, a candidate may be reimbursed by the campaign, in full or in part, for any reported contributions by the candidate to the campaign.
- Return pro rata to each contributor the funds that have not been spent or obligated.
- Donate the funds that have not been spent or obligated to a charitable organization or organizations that meet the qualifications of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Give not more than \$10,000 of the funds that have not been spent or obligated to the political party of which such candidate is a member.

A candidate elected to office or a candidate who will be elected to office by virtue of his or her being unopposed may, in addition to the disposition method provided in FS 106.141, transfer from the campaign account, to an office account established pursuant to FS 106.141, any amount of the funds on deposit in such campaign account up to:

- Two thousand five hundred dollars multiplied by the number of years in the term of office for which elected, for a candidate for county office or for a candidate in any election conducted on less than a countywide basis. (includes special district)
- One thousand five hundred dollars, for a candidate for county court judge.

**REPORTING CASH CONTRIBUTIONS AND
CONTRIBUTION BY CASHIER'S CHECKS**

A person may not make or accept a cash contribution or contribution by means of a cashier's check in excess of \$50. (FS 106.09)

**LEE COUNTY'S
ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S
REPORTS**

Candidates are required to file campaign treasurer's reports electronically. The electronically filed report **must be filed before 12:00 A.M. (Midnight) Eastern Standard Time of the due date.**

The candidate's User ID and password, will be required in order to file your report electronically.

If a candidate experiences technical difficulty with the Electronic Filing System and must submit an original, signed report, the original, signed report, if hand delivered, is due by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. If the original, signed report is mailed, the report must bear a United States Postal Service post mark reflecting the report's due date or an earlier date. See section on FILING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORTS in this brochure for more information. (FS 106.07)

When necessary a candidate can obtain the necessary blank campaign treasurer's reporting forms by visiting the Florida Division of Elections website at <http://election.dos.state.fl.us>.

**WHICH CANDIDATES
WILL BE REQUIRED
TO FILE ELECTRONICALLY?**

Electronic filing will be required of ALL Lee County candidates with the exception of certain special district candidates.

WHEN NECESSARY

MAIL A ORIGINAL/SIGNED REPORT:
LEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

P O BOX 2545

FORT MYERS FL 33902-2545

OR

HAND DELIVER A ORIGINAL/SIGNED REPORT:

LEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

LEE COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL COMPLEX

2480 THOMPSON ST—3RD FLOOR

FORT MYERS FL 33901

2010

**LEE COUNTY
CAMPAIGN
TREASURER'S
REPORTING DATES**

**COUNTY AND
SPECIAL DISTRICT
CANDIDATES**

**SHARON L. HARRINGTON
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
239-LEE VOTE OR 239-533-8683**

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2010 ELECTION DATES

Primary Election August 24, 2010
General Election November 2, 2010

CANDIDATE QUALIFYING DATES

Federal, Judicial, State Attorney, and Public Defender
Noon, April 26, 2010 through Noon, April 30, 2010

Statewide, Multi-county, County,
District and Special District
Noon, June 14, 2010 through Noon, June 18, 2010

**FILING CAMPAIGN
TREASURER'S REPORTS**

If it becomes necessary for a candidate to file an original, signed campaign treasurer's report, the report must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on or by the 10th day following the end of each calendar quarter from the time the campaign treasurer is appointed. United States post-mark bearing the due date or an earlier date is acceptable.

Following the last day of qualifying for candidates, candidates AND political committee reports are filed on the 32nd, 18th and 4th days preceding the primary election and on the 46th, 32nd, 18th and 4th days preceding the general election.

If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the report is due on the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. (FS 106.07)

**WAIVER OF CAMPAIGN
TREASURER'S REPORT**

With the exception of certain special district candidates, when there has been no activity in the campaign account during a reporting period (no funds expended or received) the filing of the report may be waived by notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no activity has occurred. This notification must be made on the prescribed reporting date by electronic transmission or, when necessary, by filing an original notice with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections. (FS 106.07)

PENALTIES FOR FILING A LATE REPORT

Late reports are subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late, and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% 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. (FS 106.07)

Any candidate failing to file a termination report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. (FS 106.07 and 106.141)

| REPORT SCHEDULE | | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| Cover Period | Report Code | Due Date |
| 10/01/09 – 12/31/09 | 2009 Q4 | 01/11/10 |
| 01/01/10 – 03/31/10 | 2010 Q1 | 04/12/10 |
| 04/01/10 – 07/16/10 | 2010 F1 | 07/23/10 |
| 07/17/10 – 07/30/10 | 2010 F2 | 08/06/10 |
| 07/31/10 – 08/19/10 | 2010 F3 | 08/20/10 |
| 08/20/10 – 09/10/10 | 2010 G1 | 09/17/10 |
| 09/11/10 – 09/24/10 | 2010 G2 | 10/01/10 |
| 09/25/10 – 10/08/10 | 2010 G3 | 10/15/10 |
| 10/09/10 – 10/28/10 | 2010 G4 | 10/29/10 |
| TERMINATION REPORTS | | |
| *Unopposed *Elected *Defeated *Withdrawn | Report Code | Due Date |
| After April Qualifying | TR | 07/29/10 |
| After June Qualifying | TR | 09/16/10 |
| Primary Election | TR | 11/22/10 |
| General Election | TR | 01/31/11 |

TERMINATION REPORTS

Each candidate shall, within 90 days after having withdrawn, become unopposed, been eliminated or elected to office, dispose of all funds in the campaign account and file a final report with the filing officer. (FS 106.07 and 106.141)

WHERE TO FILE REPORTS

CANDIDATES

Reports are filed with the officer before whom the candidate qualifies. Municipal candidates DO NOT file reports with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections and should contact the City or Town Clerk in their municipality for information and requirements for filing campaign treasurer reports. Federal, State, District and Multi-county candidates file with the Florida Division of Elections. (FS 105.08, 106.07)

COUNTY COURT JUDGE CANDIDATES

A candidate for the office of Lee County Court Judge files his/her campaign treasurer's reports with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections at the prescribed time intervals for judicial candidates when applicable. (FS 105.08, 106.07, 106.141)

INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

Each person (*not a candidate*) who makes an independent expenditure which, in the aggregate, is in the amount of \$100 or more, shall file reports of such expenditures in the same manner, at the same time, and are subject to the same penalties as a political committee supporting such candidate or issue. (FS 106.071)

**INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE
REPORT FILING**

Reports are filed with the same officer as a political committee supporting or opposing such candidate or issue. (FS 106.04, 106.07, and 106.071)

SPECIAL DISTRICT CANDIDATES

Any Lee County special district candidate who does not accept contributions, whose only expense is the \$25 filing fee, or signature verification fee for a special district candidate who obtains 25 signatures of the voters in the geographical area represented by the office sought, will not be required to file campaign treasurer's reports. A special district candidate who accepts contributions or makes expenditures will file campaign treasurer's reports with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections. (FS 99.061, 99.095 and 106.021)