

## WHERE TO BEGIN

### ✓ Treasurer Appointment & Reporting



A candidate must appoint a treasurer and begin tracking finances once any one of the following occurs:

- A contribution for a campaign is received\*
- Funds are expended for the purpose of the campaign\*
- Candidacy is publicly announced
- Filing for public office

\*This includes the use or receipt of personal funds for the purpose of the campaign.

STATE, LEGISLATIVE & JUDICIAL OFFICIALS



# CAMPAIGN FINANCE

A GUIDE FOR CANDIDATES

## REPORTING BASICS

All money raised or spent in relation to a campaign must be accounted for and tracked. This includes the use of the candidate's personal money.

### ✓ Where to Report

All candidates for all offices now report online via the Secretary of State's Campaign Finance Portal. The portal may be found at:



[sunshine.voteidaho.gov](https://sunshine.voteidaho.gov)

For state, legislative and judicial officials, all assistance, oversight and enforcement will be administered by the Idaho Secretary of State.



Remember: no one was ever fined for over-reporting

### ✓ Disclosures



All campaign material (signs, flyers, mailings, TV ads, etc.) require a disclosure statement.

For example: "Paid for by [candidate's name]."

### ✓ Donation Limits

Maximum contributions to **legislative and judicial candidates** is \$1,000 and \$5,000 to **statewide candidates**, per individual, business\* or political committee per election. Any single contribution of \$1,000 or more must be reported within **48 hours** of receipt.

\*Businesses sharing controlling ownership may only contribute up to the combined maximum.

## FILING DEADLINES

**10<sup>TH</sup>** of each month in the year of the election

Annual report due January 10th following non-election years

**\$50 FINE**

each day after 48 hours late

Campaign Finance Laws  
I.C. Title 67 Chapter 66



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