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Info on Montana 2022 Candidate Filing and COPP Filings

Filing for Office:

You File for Office with the Secretary of State (Statewide, State District), or Election Administrator (County), or District Clerk (School Trustees)

- Election calendars available on the MT SOS website here <https://sosmt.gov/elections/calendars/>
- Filing for Office occurs – School Trustee 12/09/2021 to 3/24/2022
- Filing for Office occurs – Statewide, State District, County 1/13/2022 to 3/14/2022

Filing with the COPP is separate and required by Montana law:

When you become a candidate*

**an individual who has filed a declaration or petition for nomination, acceptance of nomination - OR - an individual who has solicited or received and retained contributions, made expenditures ... see definition 13-1-101, MCA.*

If you are soliciting or accepting contributions, spending money, or have filed with the SOS/EA/DT, you need to:

- Within 5 days, file form C1/C1A, the Statement of Candidate, with the COPP. File electronically, using the Campaign Electronic Reporting System (CERS). CERS can be accessed via the COPP's website, politicalpractices.mt.gov, by clicking the 'Access CERS' icon (all candidates are required to file electronically);
- County & School Board* candidates - Select reporting status. Select 'B' box if total activity will not exceed \$500 or 'C' box if activity will exceed \$500. (*Trustee candidates in First Class Districts)
- All Statewide and State District candidates and 'C' box candidates will need to file form C-5, campaign finance reports, when due. Form C-5 is filed electronically, following the appropriate reporting calendar that cover specific reporting periods. Reporting for the 2022 Calendar year begins March 20, 2022.
- 2022 [reporting calendars](#) for all candidates are available on the COPP website

Note - All Statewide and State District candidates **file [D1 Business Disclosure](#)**

Statement with COPP within 5 days of Filing for Office. Note, this form must be printed, signed and returned to the CPP by mail or scanned and email.

As always, direct campaign finance & practices questions to the COPP at cpphelp@mt.gov or call 406.444.3919

Direct election related filing questions to the SOS <https://sosmt.gov/elections/>, Election Administrator <https://votinginmontana.com> (or at your local election office), and School District Clerk (<https://opi.mt.gov/.../Finance.../School-Finance/Elections>)