

## MANDATORY VS. OPTIONAL E-FILING

At least **31 states now mandate that candidates report campaign finance information electronically**, with some exceptions (e.g., in some states, candidates who raise or spend less than \$5,000 may still file on paper). **In 17 other states, it is still optional for candidates to file electronically rather than on paper.** Only two states, Idaho and Mississippi, do not have an electronic filing system in place at all; however, it is still possible to search on their oversight agencies' websites for scanned copies of campaign finance documents that were originally filed on paper.

STATE	AGENCY OVERSIGHT	MANDATORY OR OPTIONAL E-FILING?
Alabama	Alabama Secretary of State	Mandatory
Alaska	Alaska Public Offices Commission	Mandatory, with exceptions
Arizona	Arizona Secretary of State	Optional
Arkansas	Arkansas Secretary of State; Arkansas Ethics Commission	Optional
California	California Secretary of State	Mandatory, with exceptions
Colorado	Colorado Secretary of State	Mandatory
Connecticut	Connecticut State Elections Enforcement Commission	Optional
Delaware	Delaware State Election Commissioner	Optional
Florida	Florida Division of Elections	Mandatory
Georgia	Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission	Mandatory, with exceptions
Hawaii	Hawaii Campaign Spending Commission	Mandatory, with exceptions
Idaho	Idaho Secretary of State-Election Division	E-filing not available
Illinois	Illinois State Board of Elections	Mandatory, with exceptions
Indiana	Indiana Election Division	Optional
Iowa	Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board	Mandatory
Kansas	Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission	Optional
Kentucky	Kentucky Registry of Election Finance	Optional
Louisiana	Louisiana Board of Ethics	Optional
Maine	Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices	Mandatory, with exceptions
Maryland	Maryland State Board of Elections	Mandatory
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance	Mandatory
Michigan	Michigan Department of State-Bureau of Elections	Mandatory, with exceptions
Minnesota	Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board	Mandatory, with exceptions
Mississippi	Mississippi Secretary of State	E-filing not available
Missouri	Missouri Ethics Commission	Mandatory
Montana	Commissioner of Political Practices	Optional

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<b>Nebraska</b>	Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission	Optional
<b>Nevada</b>	Nevada Secretary of State	Mandatory, with exceptions
<b>New Hampshire</b>	New Hampshire Secretary of State	Optional
<b>New Jersey</b>	New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission	Mandatory, with exceptions
<b>New Mexico</b>	New Mexico Secretary of State	Optional
<b>New York</b>	New York State Board of Elections	Mandatory, with exceptions
<b>North Carolina</b>	North Carolina State Board of Elections	Optional
<b>North Dakota</b>	North Dakota Secretary of State	Mandatory
<b>Ohio</b>	Ohio Secretary of State	Mandatory, with exceptions
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Oklahoma Ethics Commission	Mandatory, with exceptions
<b>Oregon</b>	Oregon Secretary of State	Mandatory
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Pennsylvania Department of State	Optional
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Rhode Island Board of Elections	Mandatory, with exceptions
<b>South Carolina</b>	South Carolina State Ethics Commission	Mandatory
<b>South Dakota</b>	South Dakota Secretary of State	Optional
<b>Tennessee</b>	Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance-Tennessee Registry of Election Finance	Mandatory, with exceptions
<b>Texas</b>	Texas Ethics Commission	Mandatory, with exceptions
<b>Utah</b>	State of Utah Financial Disclosures	Mandatory
<b>Vermont</b>	Vermont Secretary of State-Elections Division	Mandatory (beginning in 2015-16)
<b>Virginia</b>	Virginia Department of Elections	Optional
<b>Washington</b>	Public Disclosure Commission	Mandatory, with exceptions
<b>West Virginia</b>	West Virginia Secretary of State	Optional
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Wisconsin Government Accountability Board-Elections Division	Mandatory, with exceptions
<b>Wyoming</b>	Wyoming Secretary of State	Mandatory

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