



## COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES

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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](http://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](mailto: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>)