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Last chance for candidates to accept money to be used in campaign

Any contribution received by candidate with opposition in an election on Election Day or less than 5 days before the day of the election must be returned. So, on a Tuesday Election Day, that means the candidate may not accept a contribution beginning the Friday 12:00 a.m. before the election (s. 106.08 (3) (a), FS). The law does not prohibit the acceptance: it prohibits the use. So, to preclude having a refund the contribution, the candidate should only accept it before midnight, Thursday night.

To be clear the Thursday prior to the election at 11:59 p.m. is the last minute to accept contributions.

Penalty for Late Filing Reports

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three 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 the primary and general election, the fine shall be \$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. For a candidate's termination report, the fine shall be \$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. All fines must be paid from the candidate's personal funds – not campaign funds. (Section 106.07(2) and (8), F.S.)

Candidate's Signature

Date

Print Candidate's Name