

CANDIDATE 2026 ELECTION YEAR CALENDAR

June Primary / November General Elections

Report form C-5 must be filed for **each** reporting period to disclose all transactions that occurred during the specific reporting period (even if \$0)

REPORT DUE ON THIS DATE	REPORTING PERIOD FOR C5 REPORT DUE	13-37-226 MCA
*Odd year before the election (2025)		13-37-226. Time for filing reports, MCA (mt.gov)
April 5*	Quarterly- Date of first contribution/expenditure through March 31, 2023	13-37-226 (1)(a)
July 5*	Quarterly- April 1 through June 30, 2025	13-37-226 (1)(a)
October 5*	Quarterly- July 1 through Sept. 30, 2025	13-37-226 (1)(a)
January 5*	Quarterly- Oct. 1 through December 31	13-37-226 (1)(a)
13-37-226(1)(a) MCA ---- *Pre-election year reporting	(a) quarterly, due on the 5th day following a calendar quarter, beginning with the calendar quarter in which funds are received or expended during the year or years prior to the election year that the candidate expects to be on the ballot and ending in the final quarter of the year preceding the year of an election in which the candidate participates;	
Year of the election reporting (2026)		
March 20	Monthly- January 1 through March 15	13-37-226 (1)(b)
April 20	Monthly- March 16 through April 15	13-37-226 (1)(b)
May 15 through primary election date (C-7 and C-7E Reporting Period)	File form C-7 within 2 business days if a contribution of \$830 - statewide candidates; \$470 - State District/County candidates is received from a single source between between May 15 and the day before the primary election	13-37-226 (1)(c.)
	File form C-7E within 2 business days if an expenditure of \$830 - statewide candidates; \$470 - State District/County candidates is received from a single source between between May 15 and the day before the primary election	13-37-226 (1)(d)
May 20	Monthly- April 16 through May 14	13-37-226 (1)(b)
	PRIMARY ELECTION	13-1-107 MCA
June 20	Post Primary- May 15 through June 15	13-37-226 (1)(b)
August 20	Monthly- June 16 through August 15	13-37-226 (1)(b)
September 20	Monthly- August 16 through September 15	13-37-226 (1)(b)
October 15 through general election date (C-7 and C-7E Reporting Period)	File form C-7 within 2 business days if a contribution of \$830 - statewide candidates; \$470 - State District/County candidates is received from a single source between between Oct 15 and the day before the primary election	13-37-226 (1)(c.)
	File form C-7E within 2 business days if an expenditure of \$830 - statewide candidates; \$470 - State District/County candidates is received from a single source between between Oct 15 and the day before the primary election	13-37-226 (1)(d)
October 20	Monthly- September 16 through October 14	13-37-226 (1)(b)
	GENERAL ELECTION	
November 20	Monthly- October 15 through November 15	13-37-226 (1)(b)
March 10, 2027	Reference 13-37-226(1)(e), Mont. Code Ann. for post election year reporting dates: (e) semiannually on the 10th day of March and September, starting in the year following an election in which the candidate participates until the candidate files a closing report as specified in	13-37-226 (1)(e.)
September 10, 2027	13-37-228(3)	13-37-226 (1)(e.)