

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 |
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| | *Odd year before the election (2025) | <u>13-37-226. Time for filing reports, MCA (mt.gov)</u> |
| 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 <u>\$830</u> - statewide candidates; <u>\$470</u> - 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 <u>\$830</u> - statewide candidates; <u>\$470</u> - 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 <u>\$830</u> - statewide candidates; <u>\$470</u> - 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 <u>\$830</u> - statewide candidates; <u>\$470</u> - 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.) |