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On November 1, 2015, Governor John Kasich announced the dates for a special election to fill former U.S. House Speaker John Boehner's seat in Ohio's 8th Congressional District. A special primary election will be held on March 15, 2016, and a special general election will occur on June 7, 2016. The winner of the special election will serve through the remainder of Boehner's term, until January 3, 2017.

Following the announcement of the special election, the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) issued a [Special Election Report Notice](#) outlining important filing dates and deadlines for the upcoming special election. Political committees – including candidate

committees, political action committees (PACs) and party committees that make previously undisclosed contributions or expenditures in connection with a special election – must file reports with the FEC in connection with the special election.

Principal campaign committees are also required to file 48-hour notices if any authorized committee of the candidate receives any contribution (including in-kind contributions and loans) of \$1,000 per source during the listed periods. These reports must be filed within 48 hours of receipt of the contribution. Campaign committees that file electronically must also file their 48-hour notices electronically.

The additional filing deadlines are:

Report	Reporting Period	Filing Deadline
Pre-Primary	1/1/16 - 2/24/16	3/3/16
April Quarterly	2/25/16 - 3/31/16	4/15/16
Pre-General	4/1/16 - 5/18/16	5/26/16
Post-General	5/19/16 - 6/27/16	7/7/16
July Quarterly	WAIVED	
October Quarterly	6/28/16 - 9/30/16	10/15/16

The periods for 48-hour reporting are:

	Reporting Period
Pre-Primary	2/25/16 - 3/12/16
Pre-General	4/1/16 - 5/18/16

What went wrong? First criminal prosecution in U.S. for campaign finance coordination serves as election season reminder

By Marjorie J. Yano

Tim Eyman is currently under investigation by the Washington Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) and the Attorney General's office for allegedly misusing campaign funds, *The Seattle Times* reports. According to the 224-page investigative report

recently issued by the PDC, Eyman is accused of receiving secret payments from Citizen Solutions, a signature-gathering firm, "illegally shuffling donations between two separate 2012 initiatives and using campaign money for personal expenses."

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The PDC investigation has found evidence that “Eyman has received hundreds of thousands of dollars in payments from the firm — including a \$300,000 wire transfer in 2012.”

While the investigation continues, Eyman is campaigning for Initiative 1366, an anti-tax

measure that will go before voters on the November 3 ballot. In his first media appearance since the PDC asked the Attorney Generals’ office to investigate, Eyman refused to answer questions regarding the investigation.

Ohio and federal contribution limits, campaign finance reporting calendars and lobbyist reporting deadlines

As 2016 legislative sessions get underway in both Columbus and Washington, D.C., the Ohio Secretary of State and the FEC have issued updated campaign finance filing deadlines and revised campaign contribution limits for the year. Staying current on campaign contribution limits and knowing federal and state filing deadlines for campaign finance reports is important for anyone participating in the political process.

Click [here](#) for updated Ohio and federal contribution limits and reporting deadlines. For registered lobbyists, information about the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee’s lobbyist reporting calendar and deadlines for federal lobbyist reporting are also included.

Ohio Elections Commission moves to new offices

The Ohio Elections Commission has recently moved its offices to a new downtown Columbus location in the Riffe Center at 77 South High Street, Suite 1850, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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