

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION



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WASHINGTON -- Mississippi and South Carolina will be holding runoff elections next Tuesday, June 24, to select candidates for U.S. House seats.

Under federal election law, committees supporting candidates in those races must file reports of their financial activity 12 days before the runoff elections.

As of 5:00 p.m., June 19, reports from the following committees had not been filed:

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| House-04 | Britt Singletary for Congress Campaign | Democrat |
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SOUTH CAROLINA

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| House-06 | Jenrette '80 Volunteer Committee (John W. Jenrette, Jr.) | Democrat |
| House-06 | Harwell for Congress Volunteer Committee (Baxter Hicks Harwell) | Democrat |

The reports for Mississippi candidate committees were to include financial activity occurring between May 15 and June 4. South Carolina reports were to include financial activity occurring between May 22 and June 4. If sent certified or registered mail, the reports should have been postmarked by June 9. For all others, the due date was June 12.

Some individuals and their committees have no obligation to file reports under election law, even though their names may appear on state primary ballots. If an individual and his or her campaign committee raise or spend less than \$5,000, the individual is not considered a "candidate" and neither the individual nor the committee is required to register.

The Commission notified the committees of all candidates on the ballots of their potential filing requirements. Those committees which did not file on the due date were notified that their reports had not been received and that their names would be published for failure to file if they did not respond within 4 business days.

The Commission publishes only the names of those committees which have been designated by candidates as their principal campaign committees. Under Amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act, effective January 8, 1980, candidates no longer are required to file personal reports of campaign receipts and expenditures. All such information is reported by authorized committees of the candidates.

Other political committees supporting House and Senate candidates in runoff elections (those which are not authorized units of a candidate's campaign) also are required to file pre-runoff election reports, unless they report monthly. Those committee names are not published by the FEC.

The next report due for Mississippi and South Carolina candidate committees will be the second quarterly report - on July 15. The report will cover activity from June 5 through June 30.