

Minnesota

# *Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board*



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## **Online Accessibility of Local Reports**

The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board is reaching out to local governments to ask for certain information. The legislature requires the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to post on its Web site links that are provided by local governments. The links are to direct individuals to the section of the local government's Web site where financial reports of candidates and committees that are required to be filed with the local government are posted. The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board will post all of the links that are provided by local governments on its Web site at: [http://www.cfboard.state.mn.us/Local\\_po\\_lists.html](http://www.cfboard.state.mn.us/Local_po_lists.html).

The statute became effective on May 17, 2014, and the legislature now requires all local governments that accept affidavits of candidacy, nomination petitions, or place ballot questions on the ballot to make the required financial reports available online. The reports are required to be posted on the local government's Web site no later than 30 days after receipt of the report and must be available for four years after the posting date.

## **Exemptions**

Local governments are not required to post reports online if they:

1. Do not maintain a Web site; or
2. Qualify as a city or town with fewer than 400 registered voters as of January 1 of the year in which the election is to be held.

(For more information, see [Chapter 265, S.F. 2782, 88<sup>th</sup> Minn. Leg., §1 \(2014\)](#) and [Minn. Stat. § 211A.02.](#))

## **Publication of Links with the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board**

To publish a link to a local government's financial reports of candidates and committees, please email the appropriate URL to [andrew.schons@state.mn.us](mailto:andrew.schons@state.mn.us).

If you have questions, call Kyle Fisher, Legal Analyst, at (651) 539-1182, or send an email to [kyle.fisher@state.mn.us](mailto:kyle.fisher@state.mn.us).