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# Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Reminds Committees and Lobbyists of Filing Deadline

*Deadline is Monday for both electronic and paper filings*

Sacramento— Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today reminded committees and the lobbying community of the May 2 deadline to file campaign and lobbying disclosure reports. The filing deadline would normally be April 30, but shifts to May 2nd because April 30 falls on a Saturday. Electronic reports must be received by midnight, May 2, and paper copies must be postmarked by May 2 to be considered timely filed.

Monday's campaign filing deadline includes quarterly ballot measure reports and the odd-numbered year reports for state committees that have made contributions of $10,000 or more to state officeholders during the first three months of the year. These odd-year filers will likely include recipient committees, including candidate-controlled committees, political party committees and political action committees (PACs), as well as qualifying major donors.

Ballot measure committee filers will include any committee that is primarily formed to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a state measure and has raised $1,000 or more. This may be the first disclosure report for many of the 70 initiatives that have been circulated this year, although contributions received of $5,000 or more had to be electronically disclosed within 10 business days of receipt.

Lobbyist quarterly disclosure reports are required from any lobbying firm, lobbyist employer, individual lobbyist and lobbying coalition. These reports are to be filed electronically if the filer has $5,000 or more worth of reportable activity within the filing period or has previously incurred electronic filing obligations. This is the first filing for the lobbying community that does not have the requirement for a redundant paper filing to be submitted simultaneously with the electronic document.

Reports cover activity from January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005. Electronically filed reports may be viewed online on the Secretary of State's web site at http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov/.

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