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Media Alert

## **FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS JUST GOT EASIER**

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FL- Filing campaign finance reports with the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office just got easier. Supervisor of Elections, Leslie Swan, proposed to the Board of County Commissioners a change in report filing procedures requiring electronic filing of all campaign finance reports.

In the past, all campaign finance reports submitted by candidates, political committees and political parties were required to be submitted electronically, in addition to, submitting the original paper copy to the Election's office. The Indian River County Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution at the August 20, 2013 County Commission meeting to implement the electronic filing requirement.

Beginning in November, the frequency of campaign finance reports will increase as a result of new legislation contained in House Bill 569, which Governor Scott signed into law on May 1, 2013. The new legislation increases the frequency of campaign finance reports for candidates and committees from quarterly to monthly, until 60 days before a primary election. For candidates and committees that file with their local supervisor of elections, reports are due bi-weekly beginning on the 60<sup>th</sup> day before a primary election and continuing through the Friday before a general election, with an additional report due on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> days before a primary and general election.

Due to the increased frequency of reporting dates, filing by electronic means will be a convenience to candidates, political committees and political parties who will no longer have to travel to the Elections Office to submit the hard copy of their finance report in person.

The electronic filing program is based on Internet access using standard web-browsing software. The system provides for direct entry of campaign finance information as well as the ability to upload such information from campaign finance software certified by the Division of Elections. Safeguards are in place to prevent unauthorized access to electronic filing system

functions. An electronic receipt is issued upon submittal of a campaign finance report indicating and verifying that the report has been filed.

All campaign finance reports are due not later than midnight of the day required by law. Leslie Swan, Supervisor of Elections, said "My staff is encouraging those filing campaign finance reports to submit the report by 5:00 p.m. on the due date in the event that the person filing the report needs any assistance from elections personnel. Any report filed after the midnight deadline is subject to the penalties prescribed in the Florida Statutes."