

Electronic Filing Affidavit of Hardship

Prescribed by Secretary of State 3/05

Full Name of Committee										
Full Name of Candidate						Date of Election		M	D	Y
Street Address						Office Sought			District	
City						State		Zip Code		
Type of Report (place X to the left of report type)	Pre-Primary		Post-Primary		Pre-General		Post-General		Annual Year	
	Special		July Monthly		August Monthly		September Monthly		Semiannual	

By filing this form, the candidate attests to the following:

- 1) The campaign committee has had, during the reporting period for the report indicated above, contribution and expenditure activity that pursuant to R.C. 3517.106 would require the report to be filed by electronic means;
- 2) If a campaign committee of a statewide candidate, the committee has had less than \$25,000 in expenditures during the reporting period for the report indicated above;
- 3) The campaign committee intends to file the report on paper instead of by electronic means. This report must be received at the secretary of state's office no later than the applicable deadline prescribed by R.C. 3517.10(A). The report must be accompanied by the fee prescribed by R.C. 3517.106(L) and rule of the secretary of state;
- 4) Filing the report indicated above by electronic means would constitute a hardship for the candidate or campaign committee.

To Determine the Fee:

Count the total number of contribution entries and the total number of expenditure entries in the report. Write these two figures in the margin of the Ohio Campaign Finance Report (Form 30-A). Do not count Loan and Debt entries. Next, multiply the total number of entries by 0.30 to determine the fee due. Attach a check or money order to the report when it is filed, made payable to the Ohio Secretary of State, for the amount calculated.

The statements in this Affidavit are made under the penalty of election falsification. Whoever commits election falsification is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree.

State of Ohio County of _____	}	SS
Before me, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn (affirmed) deposes and says that filing the aforementioned campaign finance statement by electronic means of transmission would constitute a hardship for me or my campaign committee. Further affiant sayeth naught.		
(Seal affixed here)	_____ Signed (Candidate Signature Only)	Sworn to (or affirmed) before me and signed in my presence this ____ day of _____, 20____.
_____ Signed Notary Public, State of Ohio. My Commission expires ____/____/____ MM DD YYYY		

Electronic Filing Affidavit of Hardship - Form 31-DD

This form is only to be used by candidates for general assembly, statewide office and court of appeals. Political action committees, political contributing entities, political parties, legislative campaign funds and electioneering communication entities may not file this form. Candidates for statewide office whose campaign committees have \$25,000 or more in expenditures during the reporting period may not file this form. It is to be filed with the secretary of state's office prior to the filing of the report covered.

The purpose of this form is to permit candidates whose campaign committees are subject to the electronic filing requirements in R.C. 3517.106 to affirm that filing their campaign finance reports by electronic means would constitute a hardship for the candidate or committee. The Affidavit of Hardship must be filed for each report subject to the requirement to file the report by electronic means. Once this form is filed, the campaign committee is permitted to file the report on paper. A

paper report filed under the Affidavit of Hardship must be received at the secretary of state's office no later than the applicable deadline set forth in R.C. 3517.10. The paper report should not be filed at the county board of elections. In addition, when the report is filed, it must also be accompanied by a check or money order made payable to the Ohio Secretary of State for the fee to offset the data entry costs. The formula to determine the amount of the fee prescribed in R.C. 3517.106(L) is listed on the form.

The top portion of the form must be filled out listing the name of the campaign committee, name of candidate, etc. Please indicate which report this affidavit covers, i.e. the pre-primary, the semiannual report, etc.

This form must be notarized prior to submitting it to the secretary of state's office. The secretary of state's office will not notarize this form for the candidate. Only the candidate can sign this form.