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Advisory Bulletin to All Candidates and Potential Candidates

In accordance with Election Law Article §2-102(b)(9), the State Board of Elections issues this advisory bulletin regarding the candidate filing process.

Pursuant to Election Law Article §13-332, an individual may not file a *Certificate of Candidacy* or a *Declaration of Intent* for any public or party office if that individual or the authorized candidate campaign committee established by that individual in the last FIVE years:

1. Has failed to file a campaign finance report; or
2. Has failed to pay in full any late fees associated with a late filed campaign finance report.

The deadline to file as a candidate is February 25, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. A *Certificate of Candidacy* must be filed in person at the appropriate election office.

For all candidates that filed a *Certificate of Candidacy* in the calendar year 2013, a financial disclosure statement for calendar year 2013 must be filed with appropriate ethics office no later than February 27, 2014. Failure to file the financial disclosure form timely may result in the candidate being removed from the ballot. See State Government Article §15-605.

Additionally, the State Board of Elections will not issue a commission or allow the administering of the oath of office to any individual that has failed to file a campaign finance report or failed to pay late fees associated with a late filed campaign finance report. See Election Law Article §13-333.

Assistant Attorney General Jeff Darsie has reviewed and agrees with this advisory.