

2021 Kansas Statutes

25-4152. Failure to file certain reports; notice; late filings; civil penalties; waiver or collection of penalties. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the commission shall send a notice by registered or certified mail to any person failing to file any report or statement required by K.S.A. 25-4144, 25-4145 or 25-4148, and amendments thereto, and to the candidate appointing any treasurer failing to file any such report, within the time period prescribed therefor. The notice shall state that the required report or statement has not been filed with either the office of secretary of state or county election officer or both. The person failing to file any report or statement, and the candidate appointing any such person, shall be responsible for the filing of such report or statement. The notice also shall state that such person shall have 15 days from the date such notice is deposited in the mail to comply with the registration and reporting requirements before a civil penalty shall be imposed for each day that the required documents remain unfiled. If such person fails to comply within the prescribed period, such person shall pay to the state a civil penalty of \$10 per day for each day that such report or statement remains unfiled, except that no such civil penalty shall exceed \$300. The commission may waive, for good cause, payment of any civil penalty imposed by this section.

(b) (1) Subject to the notice provisions of subsection (a), reports that are due under the provisions of K.S.A. 25-4148(a)(1) and (2), and amendments thereto, for candidates that appear on the ballot for the then-current primary or general election ballot and are late more than 48 hours shall be subject to civil penalties as provided in subsection (b)(2).

(2) The candidate shall be liable for a civil penalty of \$100 for the first day the report is more than 48 hours late and \$50 for each subsequent day the report is late, but in no case shall the civil penalty exceed \$1,000. The commission may waive, for good cause, payment of any civil penalty imposed by this section.

(c) (1) Subject to the notice provisions of subsection (a), reports that are due under the provisions of K.S.A. 25-4145 and 25-4148, and amendments thereto, for each political committee that anticipates receiving \$2,501 or more in any calendar year and are late more than 48 hours shall be subject to civil penalties as provided in subsection (c)(2).

(2) The political committee shall be liable for a civil penalty of \$100 for the first day the report is more than 48 hours late and \$50 for each subsequent day the report is late, but in no case shall the civil penalty exceed \$1,000. The commission may waive, for good cause, payment of any civil penalty imposed by this section.

(d) Civil penalties provided for by this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the governmental ethics commission fee fund.

(e) If a person fails to pay a civil penalty provided for by this section, it shall be the duty of the commission to bring an action to recover such civil penalty in the district court of the county in which such person resides.

History: L. 1981, ch. 171, § 11; L. 1984, ch. 145, § 1; L. 1990, ch. 122, § 7; L. 1991, ch. 150, § 10; L. 1995, ch. 203, § 3; L. 1998, ch. 117, § 10; L. 1998, ch. 168, § 1; L. 2001, ch. 5, § 90; L. 2018, ch. 88, § 2; July 1.