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### **ALL GROUPS NOW CAN FILE THEIR REPORTS ELECTRONICALLY WITH ELEC**

Treasurers of political party committees, political committees and continuing political committees (CPCs aka PACs) now are able to file their disclosure reports online instead of submitting paper copies.

“I am glad to announce that all groups that must file reports with ELEC now can do so electronically. We have been working toward this goal for a long time,” said Jeff Brindle, ELEC’s Executive Director.

During 2019, operators of political party committees, political committees and PACs will have the option of submitting their reports over the Internet or in paper form.

Beginning January 1, 2020, electronic filing will be mandatory, he said.

“We wanted to make sure that all groups have plenty of time to make the transition. We provided a similar grace period before lobbyists were required to file annual reports electronically in 2012,” Brindle said. “We are confident that once people switch to online filing, they will find it more convenient than ever.”

Enabling all users to e-file has been a goal of ELEC since it received a special \$2 million appropriation in 2014 to modernize its computer software, equipment and website.

While some of the funds were necessary to upgrade the underlying infrastructure that users never see, the funds enabled lobbyists in April 2016 to file quarterly reports online. In May 2017, ELEC unveiled a revamped website that is simpler to use and more graphically-oriented while also being more user-friendly when viewed through laptops and smartphones.

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As new users make the switch to e-filing, compliance and IT staff are available Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. to answer questions. Call 609-292-8700 or toll-free within NJ at 1-888-313-ELEC (3532). The agency already has held six “webinars”- online seminars- to provide guidance and 125 took part in those sessions.

The latest project will benefit the four state political parties and four legislative leadership committees, 47 county party committees, about 1,134 municipal parties and party organizations, about 536 special interest continuing political committees along with scores of political committees. Gubernatorial, legislative and local candidates already file electronically.

Brindle said the development of the new online capability was a collaborative effort that involved many ELEC staff members.

“Without the professionalism and diligence of our staff, this project would have never come to fruition. I want to thank them all for their tireless efforts,” Brindle said.

Anthony Giancarli, Information Technology Director, directed the project with extensive feedback from Stephanie Olivo, Compliance Director. IT Specialist Kenneth Colandrea, Administrative Analyst 2 Christopher Vigale, Report Examiner Maite Hopkins and Analyst Trainee Gianna Leonardo also made key contributions.

ELEC has scheduled in-person and online training sessions to help users learn the new E-file system.

To register, go to this website: [https://www.elec.state.nj.us/seminar\\_train/SeminarTraining.html](https://www.elec.state.nj.us/seminar_train/SeminarTraining.html).

Scheduled dates are on the following page.

**ELEC TRAINING SESSIONS**

In-Person Seminars will be held 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 25 S. Stockton Street, Trenton, NJ.  
All In-person Seminars begin at 10:00 a.m.

<b><u>IN-PERSON TRAINING</u></b>	<b><u>WEBINARS (ONLINE TRAINING)</u></b>
<p><b><u>Campaign Training Seminars*</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 2, 2019</li> <li>• April 18, 2019</li> <li>• September 12, 2019</li> <li>• October 1, 2019</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>ELEC efile - R-1 Filers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 29, 2019 1:30 p.m.</li> <li>• January 31, 2019 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>• February 6, 2019 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>• February 12, 2019 2:00 p.m.</li> <li>• March 7, 2019 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>• March 19, 2019 2:00 p.m.</li> <li>• April 9, 2019 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>• April 11, 2019 2:00 p.m.</li> <li>• May 7, 2019 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>• May 16, 2019 2:00 p.m.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>PAC (CPC/PPC) Training Seminars*</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 14, 2019</li> <li>• June 13, 2019</li> <li>• September 17, 2019</li> <li>• October 3, 2019</li> </ul> <p>(*Includes E-file training)</p>	<p><b><u>ELEC efile - R-3 Filers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 30, 2019 1:30 p.m.</li> <li>• February 5, 2019 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>• February 14, 2019 2:00 p.m.</li> <li>• March 5, 2019 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>• March 27, 2019 2:00 p.m.</li> <li>• April 3, 2019 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>• May 15, 2019 2:00 p.m.</li> <li>• May 21, 2019 10:00 a.m.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>ELEC efile - R-1 Filers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 19, 2019</li> <li>• April 23, 2019</li> <li>• May 2, 2019</li> <li>• July 18, 2019</li> <li>• September 19, 2019</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>ELEC efile - R-3 Filers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 21, 2019</li> <li>• May 1, 2019</li> <li>• September 24, 2019</li> </ul>	