

Fair Political Practices Commission Guidelines for Waiving Late Fines

Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700)

Employees and officeholders at all state and local government agencies, as well as candidates for public office, are required to file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) to disclose their personal financial interests. Once filed, the form is a public document and must be made available to the public on request (See Government Code Section 81008). The Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) alerts public officials about their own economic interests and potential areas of conflict in relation to their duties and provides information to members of the public who may monitor official actions for any conflicts.

Any person who files a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) after the deadline imposed by the Political Reform Act is liable for a late fine pursuant to Government Code Section 91013. Fines issued pursuant to this section shall not exceed \$10 per day up to a maximum of \$100.

The Fair Political Practices Commission will consider a request to waive the payment of a late fine if the request is based on “good cause.”

Waiver Request

A person who files through the FPPC’s electronic filing system may request waiver of a late fine through the system. A person who files on paper must submit a written request for waiver of a late fine to the Statements of Economic Interests Unit. The waiver request must be signed by the person required to file the particular statement upon which the late filing fine was assessed.

Good Cause

1. **Incapacitation for Medical Reasons ***
2. **Hospitalization ***
3. **Accident Involvement ***
4. **Loss or Unavailability of Records ***
5. **Other Good Cause**

The Manager of the Statements of Economic Interests Unit may waive any late fine for other good cause.

***May need to show documentation if requested.**

Late fines will *not* be waived for reasons such as:

- Vacation
- Filer's busy season
- Spouse/assistant failed to file the form on behalf of the filer
- The filer needed additional time to gather information in order to file
- Filer is waiting for professional assistance from a financial advisor/CPA/FPPC before filing
- Filer asserts they have not been late before but promises to file on time in the future
- The form was accidentally misplaced on the desk, home, or in the vehicle
- Filer did not receive a reminder to file their statement