



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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TITLE 2. FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fair Political Practices Commission (the Commission), under the authority vested in it under the Political Reform Act (the Act)¹ by Section 83112 of the Government Code, proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations in Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations. The Commission will consider the proposed regulation at a public hearing on or after **August 20, 2026**, at the offices of the Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California, commencing at approximately **10:00 a.m.** Written comments should be received at the Commission offices no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **August 18, 2026**.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW:

The Commission has the authority to adopt a regulation to permit candidates and committees to combine campaign reports when filing as required by the Act.² The Commission does not currently have a regulation permitting candidates and committees to file combined campaign reports.

In 1985, the Legislature adopted Section 84205 which provides that the Commission may, by regulation or written advice, permit candidates and committees to combine campaign reports when filing as required by the Act. Since 1985, Commission staff has provided formal written advice, on at least 94 separate occasions, permitting candidates and committees to file combined campaign reports when filing pursuant to a filing schedule approved by Commission staff.

The proposed regulation provides the general parameters and procedures to permit candidates and committees to file combined campaign reports, when Commission staff determines doing so would not reduce or delay disclosure. The proposed regulation will give Commission staff flexibility to permit the filing of combined campaign reports in a much more efficient and expeditious manner as a formal written advice letter would no longer be required.

REGULATORY ACTION: Adopt 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18420.5.

Staff proposes the adoption of Regulation 18420.5 to codify the process for when candidates and committees are permitted to file combined campaign reports. Instead of requiring

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18104 through 18998 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

² Sections 83112 and 84205.

a formal advice letter to permit candidates and committees to file combined campaign reports, under the proposed regulation they would be permitted to file combined campaign reports pursuant to a filing schedule issued by the Commission.

SCOPE: The Commission may adopt the language noticed herein, or it may choose new language to implement its decisions concerning the issue identified above or any related issue.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Fiscal Impact on Local Government.	None.
Fiscal Impact on State Government.	None.
Fiscal Impact on Federal Funding of State Programs.	None.

AUTHORITY: Section 83112 provides that the Fair Political Practices Commission may adopt, amend, and rescind rules and regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions of the Act.

REFERENCE: Section 84205, Government Code.

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