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1. General Update

- The Legislature reconvened on January 3, 2024. As of the date of this report, no new Political Reform Act-related bills have been introduced. One 2-year bill is in the committee process.
- Staff is continuing to reach out to and work with potential authors, other members, interested parties, and stakeholders, and to seek bipartisan support on Commission legislation.

2. Upcoming Legislative Deadlines

- Jan. 10 - Budget must be submitted by Governor
- Jan. 12 - Last day for policy committees to hear and report 2-year fiscal bills to the fiscal committees for bills introduced in their house
- Jan. 19 - Last day for any committee to hear and report to the floor 2-year bills introduced in that house
- Jan. 31 - Last day for each house to pass 2-year bills introduced in that house
- Feb. 16 – Bill introduction deadline
- Mar. 21 - Spring Recess begins upon adjournment
- Apr. 1 - Legislature Reconvenes from Spring Recess
- Apr. 26 - Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house
- May 3 - Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house
- May 10 - Last day for policy committees to meet prior to May 28
- May 17 - Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house

- Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to May 28
- May 20-24 - Floor Session only. No committees, other than conference or Rules committees, may meet for any purpose
- May 24 - Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house
- May 28 - Committee meetings may resume
- June 15 - Budget Bill must be passed by midnight
- June 27 - Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 5 General Election ballot
- July 3 - Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills
 - Summer Recess begins upon adjournment provided Budget Bill has been passed
- Aug. 5 - Legislature Reconvenes from Summer Recess
- Aug. 16 - Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills
- Aug. 19-31 - Floor Session only. No committees, other than conference and Rules committees, may meet for any purpose
- Aug. 23 - Last day to amend on the floor
- Aug. 31 - Last day for each house to pass bills
 - Final Recess begins upon adjournment
- Sept. 30 - Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1
- Nov. 5 - General Election
- Dec. 2 - 12 Noon convening of the 2025-26 Regular Session for one-day organizational session

3. Committee Membership

[Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments](#)

- Senator Steven M. Glazer, Chair
- Senator Janet Nguyen, Vice Chair
- Senator Benjamin Allen
- Senator Mike McGuire
- Senator Caroline Menjivar
- Senator Josh Newman
- Senator Thomas J. Umberg

[Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government](#)

- Senator Steve Padilla, Chair
- Senator Anna M. Caballero
- Senator Roger W. Niello

[Assembly Committee on Elections](#)

- Assemblymember Gail Pellerin, Chair

- Assemblymember Tom Lackey, Vice Chair
- Assemblymember Steve Bennett
- Assemblymember Marc Berman
- Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes
- Assemblymember Bill Essayli
- Assemblymember Evan Low
- Assemblymember Akilah Weber, M.D.

Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on State Administration

- Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva, Chair
- Assemblymember Jim Patterson
- Assemblymember Christopher M. Ward
- Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel (Dem. Alternative)
- Assemblymember Vince Fong (Rep. Alternative)

4. FPPC Priority Bills

Updates (as of 1/3/24)

- **In Committee:** AB 1170 (Valencia) is set for hearing in the Assembly Elections Committee on 1/10/24.

Status and Summaries

- **AB 1170 (Valencia) – Electronic Filing of SEIs (Form 700s)**

Status: Set for hearing in the Assembly Elections Committee on 1/10/24

Short Summary: AB 1170 would (1) require officials whose filing officer is the Commission to file their SEIs (Form 700s) using the Commission’s electronic filing system, (2) require redaction of certain information from SEIs posted online by the Commission, and (3) allow for immediate electronic retention of certain reports and statements.

Detailed Summary:

Electronic filing of SEIs: Existing law provides that the Commission is the filing officer for statewide elected officers and candidates and other specified public officials. Generally, these public officials file their SEI with their agency or another person or entity, who retain a copy of the statement and then forward the original statement to the Commission. AB 1170 would instead require public officials for whom the Commission is the filing officer to file their SEIs directly with the Commission using the Commission’s electronic filing system.

Redaction of certain information: Existing law requires the Commission to redact private information, including signatures, from the data made available on the internet about SEIs filed through the Commission’s online filing system. The bill would provide that the information required to be redacted additionally includes the personal residential address and telephone number of the filer, and the street name and building number of the filer’s business address and any real property interests.

Electronic retention of reports and statements: Existing law requires filing officers to retain certain reports and statements in paper format for 2 years before converting those filings to electronic or other specified formats. The bill would authorize filing officers to retain reports and statements in electronic or other specified formats immediately upon receiving those reports or statements.

Other Commission Proposals:

- AB 868 (Wilson) – Create a public record of digital campaign ads (2-year bill)
- Transfer lobbying audit duty
- Separate placement agent requirements from lobbying requirements
- Authorize creation and maintenance of local ethics training course
- Commission study on best practices for digital political advertisements
- Broaden the government salary exemption in the definition of “income” to promote equity
- Add additional authority for filing officers to waive the late filing fee
- Other minor changes and cleanup proposals

5. Other Commission-Related Bills

- None as of the date of this report.