

Fair Political Practices Commission Guidelines for Waiving Late Fines

Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) – Annual Statements

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 (Section 81008). The forms alert public officials about their own economic interests and potential areas of conflict in relation to their duties, and provide 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 as Shown**

***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
- Filer needed additional time to gather information in order to file
- Filer is waiting for professional assistance from financial advisor/CPA/FPPC before filing
- Filer asserts that he or she has not been late before, but promises to file on time in the future
- Form was accidentally misplaced on desk, home or in vehicle
- Filer did not receive a reminder to file his/her annual statement