



Presidential elections 2018

Information for the media on election funding disclosures and on supervising compliance with the disclosure obligation

Advance disclosure

A political party nominating a candidate for the presidential elections and the polling representative of the constituency association nominating the candidate, or the representative's alternate, may file an advance disclosure with the National Audit Office containing a plan for funding the election campaign and how the funds raised for the campaign will be spent. The advance disclosure must be filed before election day. The advance disclosure is voluntary, and it can also be filed by all political parties and associations referred to in party subsidy decisions.

Advance disclosures may be filed between 28 November 2017 and 9 February 2018.

Advance disclosures for the first round of the election must be filed in writing with the National Audit Office by 3 pm on 26 January 2018. If a second round is held, the advance disclosures for the first round can be supplemented before the second election day. If the advance disclosure is not filed before the first election day, it can also be filed before the second election day. In both cases, the advance disclosure must be filed in writing by 3 pm on 9 February 2018. Advance disclosures received after that will not be published or considered.

The National Audit Office will publish the advance disclosures filed by candidates at:

www.vaalirahoitusvalvonta.fi -> Election campaign funding -> Disclosures by election -> Presidential elections 2018

The advance disclosures filed by political parties and the associations referred to in the party subsidy decisions can be viewed at:

www.vaalirahoitusvalvonta.fi -> Political party funding -> Search disclosures -> Advance disclosures each year

Election funding disclosure

All candidates that take part in the presidential elections must file election funding disclosures. The disclosure obligation applies to political parties nominating a candidate and polling representatives of constituency associations nominating a candidate, or that representative's alternate.

If one of the candidates receives more than half of all votes cast in the first round, the Government will declare the result of the presidential elections on the second day after the first round of the election, and the election result will be confirmed on 30 January 2018. In that case, election funding disclosures must be filed within two months of the declaration, which means that written election funding disclosures must be received by the National Audit Office by 3 pm on 2 April 2018. All election funding disclosures received after that will be marked as late.

If none of the candidates receives more than half of the votes in the first round, the two candidates that received the most votes will proceed to the second round. If the second round is held, the Government will determine, on the fourth day after the second election day, which of the candidates received the majority of the votes in the second round and has been elected as President of the Republic. The Government will declare the result of the presidential elections and confirm the election result on 15 February 2018. Election funding disclosures must be filed within two months of the declaration of the result of the second round. This means that written election funding disclosures must be received by the National Audit Office by 3 pm on 16 April 2018. All election funding disclosures received after that will be marked as late.

The National Audit Office will publish all election funding disclosures at:

www.vaalirahoitusvalvonta.fi -> Election campaign funding -> Disclosures by election -> Presidential elections 2018

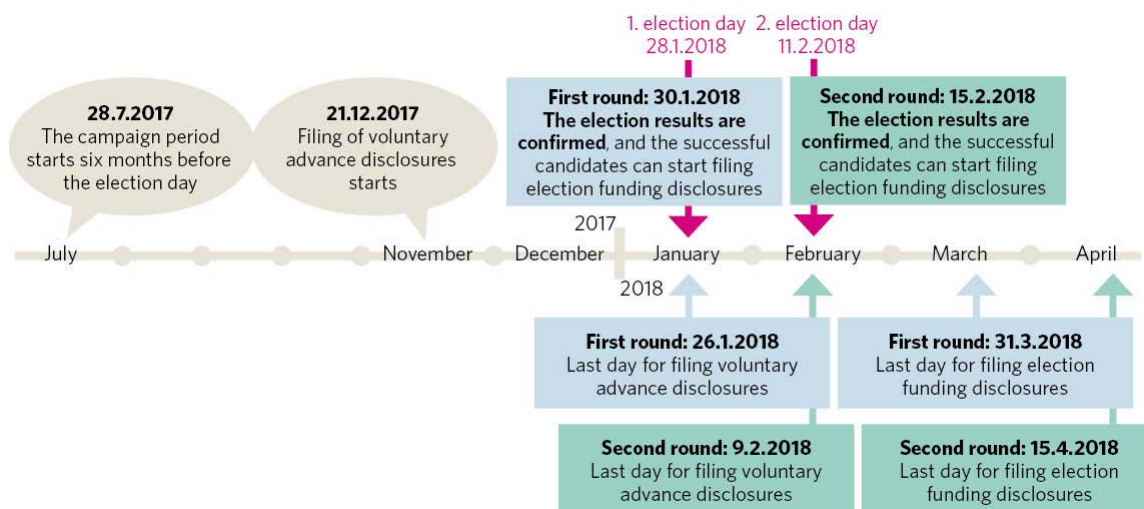
Reports

Reports on published funding disclosures can be viewed in the online service of the National Audit Office. The service prepares reports on all disclosures that have filed disclosures, disclosures that have not been filed, disclosures filed after a specific date and the largest donors.

www.vaalirahoitusvalvonta.fi -> Election Campaign Funding -> Search information

The information contained in the disclosures can also be downloaded in CSV format. All reports are in real time.

www.vaalirahoitusvalvonta.fi -> Election campaign funding -> Search information -> Data sets



Penalty payment

If the discloser fails to file the election funding disclosure despite a reminder to do so or if the disclosure is found to be inaccurate or incomplete in essential parts, the National Audit Office may require the discloser to file the disclosure or correct an error on pain of a penalty payment. The penalty payment will be imposed by the penalty payment board, which is a separate body.

Result and information services

General information about elections and election result statistics is provided by the Ministry of Justice, Statistics Finland and the Population Register Centre.

General information on elections: www.vaalit.fi

Result service: tulospalvelu.vaalit.fi

Supervisory tasks of the National Audit Office

The National Audit Office has received advance disclosures and election funding disclosures since 1 May 2009. The National Audit Office publishes the advance disclosures, election funding disclosures, and the disclosures filed by political parties and associations referred to in party subsidy decisions in real time in its online service, where they and reports on them can be browsed.

The tasks of the National Audit Office are laid down in the Act on a Candidate's Election Funding. The National Audit Office supervises compliance with the disclosure obligation. This means that the National Audit Office

- verifies that all disclosers have filed the disclosures required under the Act on a Candidate's Election Funding
- makes all the funding disclosures received available to the public without delay
- if necessary, after examining the funding disclosures, urges a discloser to file a new disclosure, provide additional information to supplement the disclosure, or to provide information corroborating the accuracy and completeness of the disclosure.

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