



---

**State of Vermont  
Office of the Secretary of State**

128 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633-1101

[phone] 802-828-2363  
[fax] 802-828-2496  
[www.sec.state.vt.us](http://www.sec.state.vt.us)

**James C. Condos, Secretary of State  
Brian H. Leven, Deputy Secretary**

August 5, 2014  
For Immediate Release  
Contact: Zoe Newman, 802.828.2148

## **Secretary Condos Announces Launch of New Campaign Finance Information System**

Montpelier, VT – Secretary of State Jim Condos today announced the launch of the Vermont Campaign Finance Information System (CFIS). The new system provides candidates, PACs, and political parties the ability to maintain their financial activities and file their campaign finance reports online. At the same time, it allows all Vermonters to have real time access to the information as reports are filed.

Secretary Condos expressed his excitement at what he calls “a big step forward for financial transparency of political campaigns in Vermont.”

Use of the system is voluntary for candidates, PACs, and parties for the remainder of the 2014 election cycle and will become mandatory on January 1, 2015. Until the next cycle when use of the system is mandatory, the only searchable data will be from entities that have chosen to use the system during the 2014 cycle.

“The next couple months will give candidates a chance to acclimate to the new system at their own speed” Condos explained. “It will also give the public a glance at what is to come once we have mandatory usage in January 2015: a huge boost for transparency in the electoral system!”

“The development of an online filing system that provides searchable information for the general public, in real time, has been long overdue,” Condos said. “The launch of this system brings Vermont to the forefront of the growing movement to bring greater transparency to campaign financing. I am pleased to provide Vermonters with this powerful tool to gain more meaningful access to the very important information contained in campaign finance disclosures.”

The system allows candidates, PACs, and political parties to enter financial transactions (contributions and expenditures) and file reports on the relevant filing deadlines. The system will also track Mass Media expenditures. Information contained in any reports filed by candidates, PACs, and political parties will be immediately searchable using the database search functions.

*The new system may be accessed at <https://campaignfinance.sec.state.vt.us/>. Please note that no previously filed data will be entered into the system.*