

Topic: Mandatory Online Filing of Annual Reports
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Jurisdiction	Question(s)
	Does your state require mandatory online filing of annual reports? If yes did it require legislation to do so.
Manitoba	
Corporations Canada	
Alabama	
Alaska	
Arizona	Arizona DOES NOT require online filing, and yes, we think it would take legislation to do so.
Arkansas	
California	
Colorado	
Connecticut	Yes and yes. And since it became effective we have had about 98% online filing compliance (among entities that actually bother to file). We have a provision that permits filers to seek a waiver from the online filing requirement if they do not have internet access, if they do not have a method of payment that we accept for online filing, or for "cause." While we will just accept a filer's word on the waiver and print a paper report to send out, our experience has been that almost all filers have adopted the online filing without many waiver situations, as reported above. The advent of mandatory online filing of AR's has allowed us to vanquish historic backlogs and has been transformative. Even if you need to obtain legislative relief in this regard, it will be well worth the effort. What really worked with our legislature was the claim that automating this huge function would allow us to handle ever-increasing volumes of filings with a stable workforce, and even allow us to shrink through attrition; all while vanquishing historic backlogs. All that has come true since passage of the bill.
Delaware	
District of Columbia	In DC we do not have mandatory requirement for biennial report filing. However, we strongly encourage everyone to file online.

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Florida	Florida does require the annual reports to be filed online. We had statutory authority in place, at the time we started requiring online annual reports that allowed us to require any document to be filed online. We amended that statute to allow for electronic notification (email) that the annual reports are due.
Georgia	
Hawaii	Hawaii does not have mandatory online filing of annual reports.
Idaho	
Illinois	
Indiana	Indiana does not yet have mandatory online filings. Given our adoption rates, we are definitely considering moving to mandatory online filing for business entity reports (89%), ucc filings (87%) and ucc searches (99%). Business entity reports would require a statutory change, as delivery method is defined.
Iowa	
Kansas	I wish. About 50% electronically. Thompson Reuters tax professional software package integrated our requirements into their software package last year so that professional accountants can electronically transmit annual report filings at the same time they transmit to the IRS and Department of Revenue. This will be the first year the program is in effect so we are hoping it will have a big impact on electronic filing of annual reports.
Kentucky	
Louisiana	
Maine	
Maryland	
Massachusetts	Massachusetts does not have mandatory online filing of annual reports, however, it is the preferred method of filing at this point.
Michigan	Michigan does not require it; however we do provide the option. Here is the link: http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-35299_61343_35413-136482--,00.html
Minnesota	
Mississippi	

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Missouri	Mandatory online registration report filing is not required in Missouri but we offer a discounted price if they file online. Our online submissions are at around 90%. To make it a mandatory process a legislative change would be required.
Montana	Montana does not require online filing of annual reports but we do have a 90% adoption rate.
Nebraska	
Nevada	Nevada does not mandate that annual reports be filed online.
New Hampshire	
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Carolina	North Carolina does not require mandatory online filing of annual reports. I wish we could
North Dakota	
Ohio	Ohio does not have annual reports, but we have biennial reports for Professional Associations and LLPs, but at this time they are not required to be filed online.
Oklahoma	
Oregon	
Pennsylvania	
Rhode Island	
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	Tennessee does not require annual reports to be filed online. However, we strongly encourage they file online and the vast majority of annual reports filed are completed online in Tennessee.
Texas	Texas encourages, but does not require, online filing of its periodic reports.

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Utah	Utah encourages it - strongly - but it is not mandatory
Vermont	
Virginia	Virginia has, but does not mandate, online filing of corporate annual reports.
Washington	<p>Online annual reports are not mandatory in Washington State, but highly encouraged. Yes, It would take legislation to make it mandatory.</p> <p>The report notice is sent as a letter that includes the link and the password to complete it online. If they insist on filing by paper, they must call and request one be mailed to them.</p> <p>Online filing since starting this process in July 2014 has raise to 90% being completed online.</p>
West Virginia	
Wisconsin	
Wyoming	

Additional comments:

Full text of email:

Hi All,

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Thanks in advance for your response and hope you have a great day!

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