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BiblioGov. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 54 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.1in. Pursuant to a legislative requirement, GAO evaluated the effectiveness of the legislative financial disclosure process, focusing on whether: (1) individuals accurately and timely filed their required reports; (2) the House and Senate committees took steps to obtain overdue reports; (3) the committees reviewed the reports to ensure that individuals properly filled them out and, if in error, whether the corrections were timely; and (4) the committees made the reports available to the public. GAO found that: (1) the House and Senate have made substantial progress in improving their financial disclosure systems, detecting and reducing reporting errors, improving followup on overdue reports, issuing clarified forms and instructions, and developing report review checklists, which resulted in overall improved filing compliance; (2) although political candidate filing improved since 1981, about one-half of the candidates for the House and Senate filed late or did not file in 1986; (3) although both the House and Senate procedures for reviewing reports were effective in detecting apparent errors, the House did not review requested corrections and, while the Senate reviewed requested corrections, it did not always ensure timely...



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