

In 2008 the FCC made a similar attempt to require online disclosure of broadcaster's public files but it unfortunately failed miserably and the FCC decided to not implement such rules after the commenting process was over because of problems in the requirements over whether to allow/disallow the online records to go to broadcaster's own websites or a database on FCC.gov. I hope this time the FCC treads more carefully and actually succeeds in passing rules but to do so the rules need to be more clear than they were last time. Also misinformation attempts by opponents need to be fought back to keep people properly informed so they don't turn against the proposal. The FCC in soliciting comments on the current proposal should also re-examine the comments from the last time and should the FCC make the right choice to require online disclosure they should not wait till the Republican convention in Tampa and for the general election season to require the rules. No more delays. The FCC should swiftly implement the rules as soon as possible so broadcaster's public files (including the political files) are made available online for primary voters in states that are yet to hold their primaries and/or caucuses.