



**TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION
2012 FILING SCHEDULE FOR
GENERAL-PURPOSE POLITICAL COMMITTEES (GPAC),
INCLUDING COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES (CEC), AND
SPECIFIC-PURPOSE POLITICAL COMMITTEES (SPAC)**

This is a filing schedule for general-purpose political committees, including county executive committees (referred to in this schedule as CEC), that have elected to file campaign finance reports under the *regular* filing schedule (referred to in this schedule as GPAC) and specific-purpose political committees (referred to in this schedule as SPAC). *NOTE:* A general-purpose political committee that has elected to file reports under the monthly filing schedule should use the 2012 FILING SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL-PURPOSE POLITICAL COMMITTEES FILING MONTHLY (MPAC).

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EXPLANATION OF THE FILING SCHEDULE CHART

COLUMN I: REPORT DUE DATE - This is the date by which the report must be filed. If the due date for a report falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report is due on the next regular business day. This schedule shows the extended deadline, where applicable. A report transmitted over the Internet is considered timely filed if it is transmitted by the filing deadline. For most reporting periods, a report filed on paper or on disk is considered timely filed if it is deposited with the U.S. Post Office or a common or contract carrier properly addressed with postage and handling charges prepaid, or hand-delivered to 201 E. 14th St., Sam Houston Building, 10th Floor, Austin, Texas, 78701, by the filing deadline. **Pre-Election Reports.** A report due 30 days before an election and a report due 8 days before an election must be *received* by the appropriate filing authority no later than the report due date to be considered filed on time.

COLUMN II: TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES) - This column gives the report type and explains which reporting form to use and which filers are required to file the report.

COLUMN III: BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED - This column sets out the beginning date of the time period covered by the report. Use the latest one of the applicable dates. The "date of campaign treasurer appointment" is the beginning date only for the *first* report filed after a political committee filed a campaign treasurer appointment. (*NOTE:* If you are ever confused about the beginning date for a required report, remember this rule: **There should never be gaps between reporting periods and, generally, there should not be overlaps.**)

COLUMN IV: ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED - This column sets out the ending date of the time period covered by the report. The report must include reportable activity occurring on the ending date.

Please consult the CAMPAIGN FINANCE GUIDE FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES for further information.

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Tuesday, January 17, 2012 <i>Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday.</i>	January semiannual [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs) [FORM CEC] (all CECs)	July 1, 2011, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	December 31, 2011

REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 12, 2012, UNIFORM ELECTION

Thursday, April 12, 2012 NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than April 12, 2012.	30th day before the May 12, 2012, uniform election [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the May 12 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the May 12 election) [FORM CEC] (all CECs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the May 12 election)	January 1, 2012, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	April 2, 2012
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<p>Friday, May 4, 2012</p> <p>NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than May 4, 2012.</p>	<p>8th day before the May 12, 2012, uniform election</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had other activity in connection with the May 12 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the May 12 election)</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs that filed the 30th Day Before Election Report,” or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had other activity in connection with the May 12 election)</p>	<p>April 3, 2012, or</p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, or</p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>May 2, 2012</p> <p>NOTE: Special pre-election reports of contributions accepted and direct campaign expenditures made after the ending date may be required. Please consult the Campaign Finance Guide for further information.</p>

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REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 29, 2012, PRIMARY ELECTION

<p>Monday, April 30, 2012</p> <p><i>Deadline is extended because of weekend.</i></p> <p>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than April 30, 2012.</p>	<p>30th day before the May 29, 2012, primary election</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the May 29 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that supported or opposed an opposed candidate* or a measure in the May 29 election)</p> <p>*including a county chair candidate of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial election if the county has a population of 350,000 or more</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the May 29 election)</p>	<p>January 1, 2012, <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>April 19, 2012</p>
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<p>Monday, May 21, 2012</p> <p>NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than May 21, 2012.</p>	<p>8th day before the May 29, 2012, primary election</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the May 29 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate* or a measure in the May 29 election)</p> <p>*including a county chair candidate of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial election if the county has a population of 350,000 or more</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the May 29 election)</p>	<p>April 20, 2012, <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>May 19, 2012</p> <p>NOTE: Special pre-election reports of contributions accepted and direct campaign expenditures made after the ending date may be required. Please consult the Campaign Finance Guide for further information.</p>

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Monday, July 16, 2012 <i>Deadline is extended because of weekend.</i>	July semiannual [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs) [FORM CEC] (all CECs)	January 1, 2012, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	June 30, 2012

REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE JULY 31, 2012 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Monday, July 23, 2012 NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than July 23, 2012.	8th day before the July 31, 2012, primary runoff election [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the July 31 runoff election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that supported or opposed an opposed candidate* or a measure in the July 31 runoff election) *including a county chair candidate of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial election if the county has a population of 350,000 or more [FORM CEC] (all CECs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the July 31 runoff election)	July 1, 2012, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	July 21, 2012 NOTE: Special pre- election reports of contributions accepted and direct campaign expenditures made after the ending date may be required. Please consult the Campaign Finance Guide for further information.
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REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012, GENERAL OR UNIFORM ELECTION

<p>Tuesday, October 9, 2012</p> <p><i>Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday.</i></p> <p>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than October 9, 2012.</p>	<p>30th day before the November 6, 2012, general or uniform election</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the November 6 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the November 6 election)</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the November 6 election)</p>	<p>July 1, 2012, <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>September 27, 2012</p>
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<p>Monday, October 29, 2012</p> <p>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than October 29, 2012.</p>	<p>8th day before the November 6, 2012, general or uniform election</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the November 6 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the November 6 election)</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the November 6 election)</p>	<p>September 28, 2012, <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>October 27, 2012</p> <p>NOTE: Special pre-election reports of contributions accepted and direct campaign expenditures made after the ending date may be required. Please consult the Campaign Finance Guide for further information.</p>

<p>Tuesday, January 15, 2013</p>	<p>January semiannual</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs) [FORM CEC] (all CECs)</p>	<p>July 1, 2012, <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>December 31, 2012</p>
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MORATORIUM ON CONTRIBUTIONS

December 8, 2012 – Last day to accept contributions before the 2013 Regular Legislative Session.

June 17, 2013 – First day to accept contributions after the 2013 Regular Legislative Session.

Please note that December 8, 2012, is the last day on which legislators, certain statewide officers, and certain political committees may accept contributions. The moratorium on accepting contributions begins December 9, 2012, and continues through June 16, 2013.

The following are subject to the moratorium:

- Statewide officeholders, including officeholders-elect;
- Members of the legislature, including members-elect;
- Specific-purpose committees that support, oppose, or assist statewide officeholders or members of the legislature; and
- Legislative caucuses.

Judicial offices are not covered by this moratorium. Judicial offices are subject to other laws that provide specific judicial fundraising periods.

A statewide officeholder or member of the legislature who was defeated at the November 6, 2012, general election is not subject to the moratorium, nor is a specific-purpose political committee that supports or assists only such an officeholder or member.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS

Judicial Declaration of Intent Required. A candidate subject to the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act must file a campaign treasurer appointment and judicial declaration of intent regarding expenditure limits (Form JCTA) with the proper filing authority before accepting a campaign contribution or making or authorizing a campaign expenditure. NOTE: The Judicial Campaign Fairness Act applies to political contributions and expenditures in connection with the office of chief justice or justice, supreme court; presiding judge or judge, court of criminal appeals; chief justice or justice, court of appeals; district judge; judge, statutory county court; or judge, statutory probate court.

Limited Time Period for Accepting Contributions. A candidate subject to the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act may accept political contributions (campaign contributions or officeholder contributions) only during a limited time period.

Beginning Date. Candidates seeking an office that will be filled at the November 6, 2012, general election may accept political contributions during a time period that begins on **August 12, 2011**. (A **write-in candidate** may begin accepting contributions only after filing a declaration of write-in candidacy with the secretary of state or county judge, as applicable.)

Ending Date. The time period ends on one of the following dates, as applicable:

September 26, 2012, for candidates who lost in the primary election.

November 28, 2012, for candidates who lost in the primary runoff election.

March 6, 2013, for candidates who last appeared on the ballot in the general election.

Other Restrictions. Candidates and officeholders subject to the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act are subject to various campaign finance restrictions that do not apply to nonjudicial candidates and officeholders. For more information, see the Ethics Commission's CAMPAIGN FINANCE GUIDE FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS that is available by mail or on the Ethics Commission's website at www.ethics.state.tx.us/guides/jcoh_guide.pdf.