



**TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION
2015 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 2015 FILING SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL-PURPOSE POLITICAL COMMITTEES FILING MONTHLY (MPAC).

NOTE: A political committee must file pre-election reports if the committee accepts contributions or makes expenditures in connection with an election. The campaign treasurer of a political committee may be required to file 30-day and 8-day pre-election reports in connection with elections not listed on this schedule.

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 midnight, Central Time Zone, on the night of the filing deadline*. For most reporting periods, a report filed on paper or on CD or disk is considered timely filed if it is deposited with the U.S. Post Office or placed in the hands of a common or contract carrier properly addressed with postage and handling charges prepaid, or hand-delivered to the filing authority in the correct format 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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Thursday, January 15, 2015	January semiannual [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs) [FORM CEC] (all CECs)	July 1, 2014, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	December 31, 2014

REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 9, 2015, UNIFORM ELECTION

Thursday, April 9, 2015 NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than April 9, 2015.	30th day before the May 9, 2015, uniform election [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the May 9 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 9 election) [FORM CEC] (all CECs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the May 9 election)	January 1, 2015, <i>or</i> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	March 30, 2015
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<p>Friday, May 1, 2015</p> <p>NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than May 1, 2015.</p>	<p>8th day before the May 9, 2015, 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 in connection with the May 9 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 9 election)</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs that filed the 30th Day Before Election Report,” or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the May 9 election)</p>	<p>March 31, 2015, or</p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, or</p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>April 29, 2015</p> <p>NOTE: Special pre-election reports (daily filings) 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>Wednesday, July 15, 2015</p>	<p>July semiannual</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs) [FORM CEC] (all CECs)</p>	<p>January 1, 2015, <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>June 30, 2015</p>
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REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015, GENERAL OR UNIFORM ELECTION

<p>Monday, October 5, 2015</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 October 5, 2015.</p>	<p>30th day before the November 3, 2015, general or uniform election</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the November 3 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 3 election)</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the November 3 election)</p>	<p>July 1, 2015, <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 24, 2015</p>
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<p>Monday, October 26, 2015</p> <p>NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than October 26, 2015.</p>	<p>8th day before the November 3, 2015, 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 in connection with the November 3 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 3 election)</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the November 3 election)</p>	<p>September 25, 2015, <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 24, 2015</p> <p>NOTE: Special pre-election reports (daily filings) 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>Friday, January 15, 2016</p>	<p>January semiannual</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs) [FORM CEC] (all CECs)</p>	<p>July 1, 2015, <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, 2015</p>
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MORATORIUM ON CONTRIBUTIONS

December 13, 2014 – Last day to accept contributions before the 2015 Regular Legislative Session.

June 22, 2015 – First day to accept contributions after the 2015 Regular Legislative Session.

Please note that December 13, 2014, is the last day on which legislators, certain statewide officers, and certain political committees may accept contributions. The moratorium on accepting contributions begins December 14, 2014, and continues through June 21, 2015.

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 4, 2014, 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 COMMITTEES SHOULD KNOW REGARDING CONTRIBUTING TO JUDICIAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS

There are contribution limits for a candidate subject to the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act; general purpose committees are exempt from these. 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 8, 2016, general election may accept political contributions during a time period that begins on **May 18, 2015**. (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:

June 29, 2016, for candidates who lost in the primary election.

September 21, 2016, for candidates who lost in the primary runoff election.

March 8, 2017, for candidates who last appeared on the ballot in the general election.