



**TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION  
2008 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, that have elected to file campaign finance reports under the *regular* filing schedule (referred to in this schedule as GPACs) and specific-purpose political committees (referred to in this schedule as SPACs). *NOTE:* A general-purpose political committee that has elected to file reports under the monthly filing schedule should use the 2008 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 by modem or Internet is considered timely filed if it is transmitted by the filing deadline. A report 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. Effective September 1, 2007, 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 timely filed.**

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 15, 2008	January semiannual  [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs)  [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)  [FORM CEC] (all CECs)	July 1, 2007, <i>or</i>  the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i>  the day after the date the last report ended.	December 31, 2007

**REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MARCH 4, 2008, PRIMARY ELECTION**

Monday, February 4, 2008  <i>Deadline is extended because of weekend.</i>  <b>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than February 4, 2008.</b>	<b>30th day before the March 4, 2008, primary election</b>  [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the March 4 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 March 4 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 county executive committees that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the March 4 election)	January 1, 2008, <i>or</i>  the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i>  the day after the date the last report ended.	January 24, 2008
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<p><b>Monday, February 25, 2008</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than February 25, 2008.</b></p>	<p><b>8th day before the March 4, 2008, primary election</b></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 March 4 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 March 4 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 county executive committees that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the March 4 election)</p>	<p>January 25, 2008, <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>February 23, 2008</p>

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**REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE APRIL 8, 2008, PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION**

<p><b>Monday, March 31, 2008</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than March 31, 2008.</b></p>	<p><b>8th day before the April 8, 2008, primary runoff election</b></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 April 8 runoff 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 April 8 runoff 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 county executive committees that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the April 8 runoff election)</p>	<p>February 24, 2008, <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>March 29, 2008</p>
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**REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 10, 2008, UNIFORM ELECTION**

<p><b>Thursday, April 10, 2008</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than April 10, 2008.</b></p>	<p><b>30th day before the May 10, 2008, uniform election</b></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 10 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 10 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 May 10 election)</p>	<p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended.</p>	<p>March 31, 2008</p>
<p><b>Friday, May 2, 2008</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than May 2, 2008.</b></p>	<p><b>8th day before the May 10, 2008, uniform election</b></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 10 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 10 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 <i>other</i> activity in connection with the May 10 election)</p>	<p>April 1, 2008, <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 30, 2008</p>

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Tuesday, July 15, 2008	<b>July semiannual</b>  [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs)  [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)  [FORM CEC] (all CECs)	January 1, 2008, <i>or</i>  the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i>  the day after the date the last report ended.	June 30, 2008

**REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008, GENERAL OR UNIFORM ELECTION**

Monday, October 6, 2008  <i>Deadline is extended because of weekend.</i>  <b>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than October 6, 2008.</b>	<b>30th day before the November 4, 2008, general or uniform election</b>  [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the November 4 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 November 4 election)  [FORM CEC] (all CECs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had <i>other</i> activity in connection with the November 4 election)	July 1, 2008, <i>or</i>  the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i>  the day after the date the last report ended.	September 25, 2008
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<p><b>Monday, October 27, 2008</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than October 27, 2008.</b></p>	<p><b>8th day before the November 4, 2008, general or uniform election</b></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 4 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 4 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 4 election)</p>	<p>September 26, 2008, <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 25, 2008</p>
<p><b>Thursday, January 15, 2009</b></p>	<p><b>January semiannual</b></p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)</p> <p>[FORM CEC] (all CECs)</p>	<p>July 1, 2008, <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, 2008</p>
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## MORATORIUM ON CONTRIBUTIONS

**December 13, 2008** – Last day to accept contributions before the 2009 Regular Legislative Session.

**June 22, 2009** – First day to accept contributions after the 2009 Regular Legislative Session.

Please note that December 13, 2008, is the last day on which legislators, certain statewide officers, and certain political committees may accept contributions. The moratorium against accepting contributions begins December 14, 2008, and continues through June 21, 2009.

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, 2008, 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 SPECIFIC-PURPOSE COMMITTEES THAT SUPPORT OR OPPOSE JUDICIAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS**

**Filing Authorities.** A specific-purpose political committee supporting or opposing a single-county district judge or a candidate for single-county district judge must file a campaign treasurer appointment with the Texas Ethics Commission. The committee's campaign treasurer must file campaign finance reports with *both* the Texas Ethics Commission *and* the local filing authority. The local filing authority is generally the county clerk or the county elections administrator, or in some cases, the county tax assessor-collector.

**Judicial Declaration of Intent Required.** In addition to a candidate campaign treasurer appointment, a candidate subject to the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act must file a judicial declaration of intent regarding expenditure limits with the proper filing authority before he or she may accept a campaign contribution or make or authorize 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 specific-purpose committee that supports or opposes a candidate subject to the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act may accept political contributions only during a limited time period.

**Beginning Date.** A specific-purpose committee that supports or opposes a candidate seeking an office that will be filled at the November 4, 2008, general election may accept political contributions during a time period that begins on **June 6, 2007**. (A specific-purpose committee that supports or opposes a **write-in candidate** may begin accepting contributions only after the candidate has filed 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:

**July 2, 2008**, for specific-purpose committees that support or oppose candidates who are not involved in a primary runoff election and who are unopposed in the general election, or for candidates who lost in the primary election.

**August 6, 2008**, for specific-purpose committees that support or oppose candidates who are involved in a primary runoff election and who are unopposed in the general election, or for candidates who lost in the primary runoff election.

**March 4, 2009**, for specific-purpose committees that support or oppose candidates opposed in the general election.

**Other Restrictions.** Specific-purpose committees that support or oppose a judicial candidate or officeholder subject to the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act are subject to various campaign finance restrictions that do not apply to nonjudicial political committees. For more information, see the Texas Ethics Commission's CAMPAIGN FINANCE GUIDE FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS, which is available by mail from the Texas Ethics Commission or on the Ethics Commission's website at [www.ethics.state.tx.us/guides/jcoh\\_guide.pdf](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/guides/jcoh_guide.pdf) on the Internet.