



**TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION**  
**2012 FILING SCHEDULE FOR CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS**  
**WHO FILE WITH THE TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION**

This is a filing schedule for the Secretary of State and candidates for and officeholders in the following offices:

- Statewide elective offices (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Land Commissioner, Agriculture Commissioner, Railroad Commissioner, Supreme Court Justice, Court of Criminal Appeals Judge)
- Member of the Texas Legislature
- County Chair of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial general election if the county has a population of 350,000 or more
- Court of Appeals Justice
- Member of the State Board of Education
- District Judge
- District attorney from a multi-county district  
 (NOTE: This schedule also contains the due date for the personal financial statement required to be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission by ALL district attorneys.)

The candidates for and officeholders in the offices listed above file campaign finance reports with the Texas Ethics Commission. Candidates for and officeholders in local offices that are regularly filled at the general election for state and county officers (the November election in even-numbered years) should use the 2012 FILING SCHEDULE FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS WHO FILE WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OR ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR. Candidates for and officeholders in local offices that are filled on uniform election dates in May and November should use the 2012 FILING SCHEDULE FOR REPORTS DUE IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTIONS HELD ON UNIFORM ELECTION DATES. Examples of these types of offices include school board positions and city offices. If you are a judicial candidate or officeholder, please see the note attached to the end of the 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 the filing deadline. For most reporting deadlines, 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 filing a campaign treasurer appointment. For officeholders recently appointed to an elective office, the beginning date for the first report will be the date the officeholder took office, provided that he or she was not already filing as an officeholder or candidate at the time of the 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 CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS WHO FILE WITH THE TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION or the CAMPAIGN FINANCE GUIDE FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS for further information.

<u>COLUMN I</u> DUE DATE	<u>COLUMN II</u> TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)	<u>COLUMN III</u> BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED	<u>COLUMN IV</u> ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED
<b>Tuesday, January 17, 2012</b>  <i>Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday.</i>	<b>January semiannual</b>  [FORM C/OH or JC/OH] (all candidates and officeholders)	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
<b>Tuesday, January 17, 2012</b>  <i>Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday.</i>	<b>Annual report of unexpended contributions</b>  [FORM C/OH-UC] (former candidates and former officeholders who have filed a final report and who retained unexpended contributions or assets purchased with contributions)	January 1, 2011, <i>or</i>  the day after the date the final report was filed.	December 31, 2011

**REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 29, 2012, PRIMARY ELECTION**

<b>Wednesday, April 18, 2012</b>	<b>Personal Financial Statement</b>  [FORM PFS] (all candidates, other than state or county chair candidates up for election in 2012, including unopposed candidates)	January 1, 2011	December 31, 2011
<b>Monday, April 30, 2012</b>  <i>Deadline is extended because of weekend.</i>  <b>NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than April 30, 2012.</b>	<b>30th day before the May 29, 2012, primary election</b>  [FORM C/OH or JC/OH] (candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the primary election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule, including county chair candidates of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial general election if the county has a population of 350,000 or more)	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 19, 2012

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DUE DATE	TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)	BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED	ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED

Monday, April 30, 2012	<b>Personal Financial Statement</b>  [FORM PFS] (all officeholders, other than county chairs, who were not required to file by April 18, 2012)	January 1, 2011	December 31, 2011
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**REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 29, 2012, PRIMARY ELECTION (continued)**

Monday, May 21, 2012  <b>NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than May 21, 2012.</b>	<b>8th day before the May 29, 2012, primary election</b>  [FORM C/OH or JC/OH] (candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the primary election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule, including county chair candidates of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial general election if the county has a population of 350,000 or more)	April 20, 2012, <i>or</i>  the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i>  the day after the date the last report ended.	May 19, 2012  <b>NOTE:</b> 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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Monday, July 16, 2012  <i>Deadline is extended because of weekend.</i>	<b>July semiannual</b>  [FORM C/OH or JC/OH] (all candidates and officeholders)	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
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**REPORT DUE BEFORE THE JULY 31, 2012, PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION**

Monday, July 23, 2012  <b>NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than July 23, 2012.</b>	<b>8th day before the July 31, 2012, primary runoff election</b>  [FORM C/OH or JC/OH] (candidates in the primary runoff election who do not file on the modified reporting schedule, including county chair candidates of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial general election if the county has a population of 350,000 or more)	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  <b>NOTE:</b> 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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DUE DATE	TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)	BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED	ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED

**REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012, GENERAL ELECTION**

<p><b>Tuesday, October 9, 2012</b></p> <p><i>Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday</i></p> <p><b>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than October 9, 2012.</b></p>	<p><b>30th day before the November 6, 2012, general election</b></p> <p>[FORM C/OH or JC/OH] (candidates, other than county chair candidates, who have an opponent on the ballot in the general election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule)</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>
<p><b>Monday, October 29, 2012</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: This report must be <u>received</u> by the appropriate filing authority no later than October 29, 2012.</b></p>	<p><b>8th day before the November 6, 2012, general election</b></p> <p>[FORM C/OH or JC/OH] (candidates, other than county chair candidates, who have an opponent on the ballot in the general election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule)</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><b>NOTE:</b> 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><b>Tuesday, January 15, 2013</b></p>	<p><b>January semiannual</b></p> <p>[FORM C/OH or JC/OH] (all candidates and officeholders)</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>
<p><b>Tuesday, January 15, 2013</b></p>	<p><b>Annual report of unexpended contributions</b></p> <p>[FORM C/OH-UC] (former candidates and former officeholders who have filed a final report and who retained unexpended contributions or assets purchased with contributions)</p>	<p>January 1, 2012, <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the final report was filed.</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.

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## 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](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/guides/jcoh_guide.pdf).