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## **Upcoming Deadlines for Specific-Purpose Committees for the December 19, 2020, Special Runoff Election for State Senator, Senate District 30**

This notice is to remind you of upcoming deadlines *that may apply to you if* your specific-purpose political committee (SPAC) supports or opposes a candidate in the December 19, 2020, Special Runoff Election for State Senator, District 30. All reports listed below are required to be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) if the committee accepted political contributions or made political expenditures and/or had other activity in connection with these elections. If your committee is not involved in these special runoff elections, these reports are not required.

**DECEMBER 11, 2020: Runoff Report:** A runoff report due eight days before the special runoff elections must be **received by** the TEC by Friday, December 11, 2020, if the committee supports or opposes a candidate in the December 19, 2020, special runoff election during the period covered by the runoff report. The first day covered by the report is September 20, 2020, or the date your campaign treasurer appointment was filed, or the day after the date your last report ended, as applicable. The last day covered by the report is December 9, 2020.

**DECEMBER 10 – DECEMBER 18, 2020: Daily Pre-Election Report(s) for Contributions:** The reporting period for filing daily pre-election reports begins on December 10, 2020, and ends at noon on December 18, 2020. A campaign treasurer of an SPAC that supports or opposes a candidate in this special runoff election must file one or more daily pre-election reports if the committee accepts political contributions from a single source that total more than \$1,790 during the reporting period. A daily pre-election report must be **received by** the TEC not later than the first business day after the date of the contribution that causes the total amount accepted from a contributor during the period to exceed \$1,790. Therefore, you may be required to file more than one daily pre-election report. Contributions reported on a daily pre-election report must be reported again in the next applicable campaign finance report of contributions and expenditures.

**ELECTRONIC FILING:** Campaign finance reports must be filed electronically unless you qualify for the statutory exemption. To be in compliance with current requirements, you must use the campaign finance filing application found at [www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/TECindex.php](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/TECindex.php). Select "Political Committees" from the left hand menu. When you file electronically, wait for a confirmation number. If you do not get a confirmation number, the report has NOT been filed.

**TIMELY FILING:** A campaign finance report transmitted by Internet is considered timely filed if it is successfully transmitted in the correct format by midnight, Central Time Zone, on the date of the filing deadline. A campaign finance report eligible to be filed on paper, by a person who qualifies for the electronic filing exemption, **must be received by the TEC by 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline**. All paper reports must include the electronic filing exemption form, which may be found at [www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/affd/elf\\_pac\\_aff.pdf](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/affd/elf_pac_aff.pdf).

**LATE-FILING PENALTY:** The minimum late-filing penalty for a runoff report is \$500. The minimum late-filing penalty for a daily pre-election report is \$500 for each report that is late.

**FILING SCHEDULES AND MORE:** Future deadlines are listed on the filing schedules located at [www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/schedules/filing\\_schedules.php](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/schedules/filing_schedules.php). Also on our website are forms, instructions, filing guides, common reporting errors and other information that you may find useful.