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## **Upcoming Deadlines for Candidates in the February 23, 2021, Special Runoff Election for State Representative, District 68**

This notice is to remind you that as a candidate in the February 23, 2021, Special Runoff Election for State Representative, District 68, you must file a Runoff report with the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC). If you think you received this notice in error, please contact our office immediately.

**FEBRUARY 16, 2021 (deadline extended due to holiday): Runoff Report:** Your runoff report due eight days before the special runoff election must be received by the TEC by Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Candidates for this office must file this report **EVEN IF THERE WAS NO ACTIVITY** during the reporting period. The report covers the period beginning on January 14, 2021, and ending February 13, 2021.

**FEBRUARY 14 – FEBRUARY 22, 2021: Daily Pre-Election Report(s) for Contributions:** The period for filing a daily pre-election report begins on February 14, 2021, and ends at noon on February 22, 2021. Candidates must file daily pre-election reports to report political contributions from a single source that in the aggregate exceed \$1,860 during this 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 \$1,860. Therefore, you may be required to file more than one daily pre-election report. Contributions reported on a special pre-election report must be reported again in the next applicable campaign finance report of contributions and expenditures.

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE 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 "Candidates and Officeholders" 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.

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE 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\\_coh\\_aff.pdf](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/affd/elf_coh_aff.pdf).

**LATE-FILING PENALTY:** The minimum civil penalty for filing a late runoff report is \$500. The minimum civil penalty for filing a late 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, and other information that you may find useful.