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## **Upcoming Deadlines for the February 23, 2021, Special Runoff Election for State Representative, District 68, for General-Purpose Committees and County Executive Committees**

This notice is to remind you of upcoming deadlines *that may apply to you* **if** your general-purpose political committee (GPAC) or county executive committee (CEC) is involved in the February 23, 2021, Special Runoff Election for State Representative, District 68. 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 this election. If your committee is not involved in this special runoff election, these reports are not required.

**FEBRUARY 16, 2021 (deadline extended due to holiday): Runoff Report:** A runoff report due eight days before this special runoff election must be ***received by*** the TEC by Tuesday, February 16, 2021, if the committee has activity in connection with the February 23, 2021, special runoff election during the period covered by the runoff report. The first day covered by the report is January 1, 2021, 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 February 13, 2021.

**FEBRUARY 14 – FEBRUARY 22, 2021: Daily Pre-Election Report(s):** The reporting period for filing daily pre-election reports begins on February 14, 2021, and ends at noon on February 22, 2021. A campaign treasurer of a GPAC or CEC must file one or more daily pre-election reports if the committee is involved in this special runoff election, and if the committee accepts political contributions from a single source that total more than \$6,370 during the reporting period, or makes direct campaign expenditures supporting or opposing either a single candidate that total more than \$1,860 or a group of candidates that total more than \$27,950 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 the contribution is accepted or the expenditure is made that causes the total amount to exceed the applicable threshold. Therefore, you may be required to file more than one daily pre-election report. Any political activity reported on a daily pre-election report must be reported again on the next required campaign finance report.

**ELECTRONIC FILING:** A campaign finance report 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). When you file electronically, you should 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 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, common reporting errors and other information that you may find useful.