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Upcoming Deadlines for Candidates in the MAY 26, 2026, Primary Runoff Election

As a candidate in the 2026 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION, you must file a runoff campaign finance report with the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC). You must file this report **EVEN IF YOU HAD NO ACTIVITY** during the reporting period. If you think you received this notice in error, you should contact our office immediately.

MAY 18, 2026 -- Runoff Report: Your Runoff Report due eight days before the Primary Runoff Election must be ***received by*** the TEC by Monday, May 18, 2026. This report covers the period beginning on February 22, 2026, and ending on May 16, 2026.

MAY 17 – MAY 26, 2026 -- Daily Pre-Election Report(s) For Contributions:** The period covering daily pre-election reports for contributions begins on May 17 and ends at noon on May 25. Reports covering May 22 through May 25 are due by noon on May 26, deadline extended due to weekend and holiday. Candidates must file daily pre-election reports to report political contributions from a person that total more than \$2,290 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 \$2,290. 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.

**Candidates for county party chair are not required to file daily pre-election reports.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE ELECTRONIC FILING APPLICATION: 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 TEC campaign finance filing application. When you file electronically, if you have successfully filed your report, you will see your report listed in your "Filed Reports" grid under "Manage My Reports" in the filing application. A confirmation number will also be sent to your email. ***If your report is listed in your "In-Progress Reports" grid, your report is NOT 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 is available on our website at www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/affd/affs.php. Select "Electronic Filing Exemptions" from the left hand menu.

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

FILING SCHEDULES AND MORE: Future deadlines are listed on the filing schedules located at 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.