

## **Personal Financial Statement Deadline Automatically Extended to July 31, 2020**

**Deadline:** In response to the novel coronavirus COVID-19, the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) is automatically extending the due date for annual 2020 personal financial statements (PFS) to **July 31, 2020**. The PFS covers the period January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. **All state filers whose PFS deadline was April 30, 2020, have had their PFS filing deadline automatically moved to July 31, 2020.** You DO NOT need to call the TEC to see if your deadline was extended. Local filers need to verify their PFS deadline with their local filing authority.

**Electronic Filing Requirement:** A PFS filed with the TEC by an individual appointed to office may be filed electronically using the online filing application or on a paper Form PFS. A PFS filed with the TEC by an elected state officeholder, a candidate for an elected state office, or a state political party chair must be filed electronically - there are no exceptions to this requirement.

**Extension:** **All filers whose PFS was due April 30, 2020, with the TEC have had their deadline automatically extended to July 31, 2020. You do not need to request an extension, nor do you need to call TEC to verify that your deadline has changed. TEC has already applied the extended deadline to all TEC filers whose PFS was due April 30, 2020.**

**Holdovers:** An appointed officer who resigns or whose term of office expires AND who ceases to participate in agency functions is not required to file the personal financial statement that is due because of service in that office after the resignation date or term expiration date. Therefore, if your term expired or you resigned before January 1, 2020, **AND** you ceased to participate in the functions of the agency, you may not be required to file future personal financial statements. If this situation applies to you, you must give written notice to the Governor's Office and to the Texas Ethics Commission. Notice to the Texas Ethics Commission can be given by filing [Form PFS-PF \(Participation Form\)](#). Email your completed [Form PFS-PF](#) to [affidavits@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:affidavits@ethics.state.tx.us).

**Local Officeholders:** Certain local officeholders may be required to file a personal financial statement with a local filing authority. See Local Government Code [Chapter 159](#). Local officeholders should verify their PFS filing deadline with their local filing authority and should read the TEC statement found at [www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/filinginfo/deadlines/2020/Notice-PFS\\_Deadline-MovedToJuly312020.pdf](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/filinginfo/deadlines/2020/Notice-PFS_Deadline-MovedToJuly312020.pdf).

**Further Information:** For additional information, please refer to the [Personal Financial Statement Form Instruction Guide](#).