

Period for Accepting Contributions for Judicial Candidates and Officeholders (2014 General Election)

The Judicial Campaign Fairness Act in title 15 of the Election Code places a number of restrictions on judges and judicial candidates. The [Campaign Finance Guide for Judicial Candidates and Officeholders](#) explains those restrictions.

Candidates subject to the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act may accept political contributions only during the time period set out in Election Code section 253.153.

Beginning Date. Candidates seeking an office that will be filled at the November 4, 2014, general election may accept political contributions during a time period that begins on **May 13, 2013**. (A **write-in candidate** may begin accepting contributions only after filing a declaration of write-in candidacy with the secretary of state or county judge, as applicable.)

Ending Date. The time period ends on one of the following dates, as applicable:

July 2, 2014, for candidates who lost in the primary election.

September 24, 2014, for candidates who lost in the primary runoff election.

March 4, 2015, for candidates who last appeared on the ballot in the general election.

Other Restrictions. Candidates and officeholders subject to the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act are subject to various campaign finance restrictions that do not apply to nonjudicial candidates and officeholders. For more information, see the [Campaign Finance Guide for Judicial Candidates and Officeholders](#), which is available at http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/guides/JCOH_guide.htm on the Ethics Commission's website.

Population of Judicial Districts. Various limits in the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act are determined by reference to the judicial district. See the [current population figures for judicial districts](#) for details.