

Period for Accepting Contributions for Judicial Candidates and Officeholders (2018 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.

Limited Time Period for Accepting Contributions. A candidate subject to the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act may accept political contributions (campaign contributions or officeholder contributions) only during a limited time period.

Beginning Date. Candidates seeking an office that will be filled at the November 6, 2018, general election may accept political contributions during a time period that begins on **May 15, 2017**. (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 last day to accept political contributions is one of the following, as applicable:

July 4, 2018, for candidates who lost in the primary election.

September 19, 2018, for candidates who lost in the primary runoff election.

March 6, 2019, for candidates who last appeared on the ballot in the general election.

2017 Judicial District Populations. The restrictions in the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act include contribution and expenditure limits, which may vary according to the population of the judicial district. The 2017 population certification for each judicial district is located at www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/JudicialDistrictPopulations.pdf on the Ethics Commission's website.

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 Ethics Commission's [Campaign Finance Guide for Judicial Candidates and Officeholders](#) on the Ethics Commission's website at www.ethics.state.tx.us/guides/jcoh_guide.pdf or request a copy by mail from the Texas Ethics Commission.