

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

The Texas Ethics Commission is authorized by the Government Code, §571.091, to issue advisory opinions in regard to the following statutes: the Government Code, Chapter 302; the Government Code, Chapter 305; the Government Code, Chapter 572; the Election Code, Title 15; the Penal Code, Chapter 36; and the Penal Code, Chapter 39. Requests for copies of the full text of opinions or questions on particular submissions should be addressed to the Office of the Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070, (512) 463-5800.

Ethics Advisory Opinion Question

Whether an officer of a state agency meets the definition of an "appointed officer" in Chapter 572 of the Government Code when the officer is not appointed to a term of service fixed in statute or state constitution beyond the default maximum term specified by Article XVI, Section 30(a) of the Texas Constitution. (AOR-717-CI.)

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Ethics Advisory Opinion Request

Whether a particular communication is political advertising, as defined by Section 251.001(16) of the Election Code. (AOR 703.)

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Does the rule defining a "principal purpose" of a political committee (TEC Rule § 20.1(17)) apply to a nonprofit corporation? If so, what threshold must a nonprofit corporation remain below to avoid becoming a political committee? (AOR-707.)

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Whether the generally applicable lobby registration and disclosure requirements apply to a person who lobbies on behalf of a tribal nation. (AOR-718.)

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