

Judicial Declaration of Intent Expenditure Limits

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Statement of Judicial Candidate's Intent to Comply or Not Comply with the Expenditure Limits Prescribed by the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act.

NOTE: A judicial candidate must file this statement before accepting campaign contributions or making campaign expenditures. Elec. Code § 253.164.

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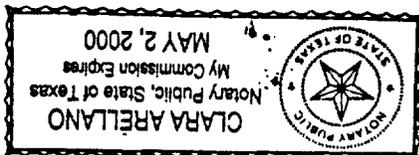
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Please check the appropriate box.

- I swear or affirm that I will voluntarily comply with the limits on expenditures prescribed by the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act.
- I hereby affirm that I do not intend to comply with the limits on expenditures prescribed by the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act.

1-12-98
Date

Margaret A. Cooper
Signature of C/OH Filer



AFFIX NOTARY STAMP/SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me by Margaret A. Cooper this the 12 day of January, 19 98, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Clara Arellano Clara Arellano Notary Public
Signature of officer administering oath Print name of officer administering oath Title of officer administering oath

Before a candidate for statewide judicial office, court of appeals, district court, statutory county court at law, or statutory probate court may accept political contributions or make political expenditures in connection with an election, the candidate must file either a sworn declaration of compliance with the expenditure limits of the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act or a declaration of intent to exceed those limits. Elec. Code § 253.164

EXPENDITURE LIMITS

Applicable for each election in which the candidate is involved. Elec. Code § 253.168.

1. Statewide Judicial Office \$2 million

2. Court of Appeals
 - a. judicial district population over one million \$500,000
 - b. judicial district population one million or less \$350,000

3. Other Judicial Office
 - a. judicial district population over one million \$350,000
 - b. judicial district population 250,000 to one million \$200,000
 - c. judicial district population less than 250,000 \$100,000

If a candidate files a declaration stating an intent to exceed the expenditure limits, or fails to file a declaration at all, the candidate is a "noncomplying" candidate. As a consequence, the Texas Ethics Commission must order the suspension of the limits on contributions, reimbursement of personal funds, and expenditures for all "complying" candidates for the office. Elec. Code § 253.165. Additionally, all political advertising by a candidate who files a declaration of intent to exceed the limits on expenditures or a specific-purpose committee for supporting such a candidate must include this statement:

Political advertising paid for by [name of candidate or committee],
[who or which] has rejected the voluntary limits of the Judicial
Campaign Fairness Act.

Elec. Code § 255.008.