

STUDENT GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT
THE UNIVERSITY TEXAS AT AUSTIN

**Advisory Opinion: Establishing Financial Disclosure
Deadlines for First Year Elections**

JUSTICE JAMES delivers the opinion. CHIEF JUSTICE
DODSON and JUSTICE PETON join.

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STUDENT
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
TEXAS AT AUSTIN**

No. Fall 2019 – 004

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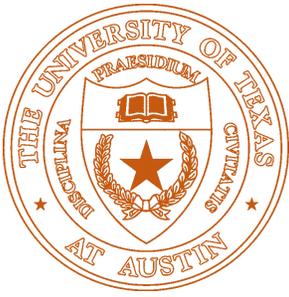
Summary: This Advisory Opinion seeks to provide financial disclosure deadlines for the 2019 First-Year Election candidates.

I. Background

Preserving a transparent democratic process is essential for the maintenance of fair and equal representation. For this reason, financial disclosure deadlines will be enacted and enforced by this Court for the 2019 First-Year Election.

II. Timeline

§7.12 of the Campus-Wide Election Code explains that “each candidate must keep accurate and up-to-date records of all campaign receipts and expenditures.” The specifics of these records are outlined in Chapter III, Subchapter B of the Student Government Election Code.



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For the 2019 First-Year Election, this Court has established three financial disclosure deadlines:

- 4:30 pm on September 20th
- 4:30 pm on September 23rd
- 4:30 pm on September 25th

Candidates who fail to submit updated financial disclosures by each of these deadlines will possibly be subject to Court-imposed sanctions following a complaint from an aggrieved party, as outlined in *Fall 2019 - 001*.

Results of the 2019 First-Year Election will be announced at 2:00 pm on September 27 in the SAC assembly room, SAC 2.302.

It is so ordered.