

# TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

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## Advisory Opinion Request/Question

Whether receiving a fee contingent on the sale of services to an independent school district is prohibited by Section 305.022 of the Government Code. (AOR 686.)

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## Advisory Opinion Request/Question

Whether a retired district court judge may use political contributions to pay for his and his wife's headstones or monuments at the State Cemetery of Texas. (AOR 687.)

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## Ethics Advisory Opinion/Question

Whether Section 253.007 of the Election Code prohibits a former legislator from engaging in activity requiring lobby registration under various scenarios. (AOR 688.)

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## Ethics Advisory Opinion/Question

Whether a written communication, created by a political subdivision and related to a measure, constitutes political advertising for purposes of the Election Code's prohibition against using public funds for political advertising. (AOR 689.)

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Ethics Advisory Opinion/Question

Whether a written communication, created by a political subdivision and related to the political subdivision's special election for a sales tax ballot measure, constitutes political advertising for purposes of the Election Code's prohibition against using public funds for political advertising. Tex. Elec. Code § 255.003(a). (AOR 690.)

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Ethics Advisory Opinion/Question

Whether the Section 572.069 revolving door prohibition prevents a state university employee, who operates a business outside of his university employment, from bidding on behalf of his business on a procurement issued by the university. (AOR 691.)

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