

Avoid Rejected eFilings

The rejection rate for efiled documents in Texas is about 3.5%. This translates into rework and higher costs for both the filer and the court and the potential for missed filing deadlines for the filer. A key responsibility of the electronic filing service provider (EFSP) is to provide training to new filers and to help them avoid having a filing rejected.

Efilings get rejected for a variety of reasons, however, the major ones include:

1. Including multiple primary documents, each requiring a time-stamp, in a single filing.
2. **Not including** a cover letter where a cover letter is required. An example is submitting a proposed **Order** as the lead document. Orders cannot be stamped by the court until the judge signs the Order. In this case a cover letter serves as the lead document and is filed stamped by the court.
3. **Including** a cover letter when a cover letter is not required. An example would be including a cover letter as the lead document for an Original Petition that needs a file stamp.
4. Submitting the filing to the wrong jurisdiction. Examples include a document being filed with the District Court that should go to the County Court or the wrong county (Austin County vs. Travis County). The city of Austin is located in Travis County.

You can avoid rejected filings by learning from the mistakes of others. You can also help by providing permission to the clerk to modify your filing if necessary. If you have not already provided permission to the clerk, you can do so at any time by logging into your eFiling account and editing your account information. Just click the box next to the text "Allow the clerk to modify*."

eLawServices will keep you informed of any changes to the rules that may effect your filings. We will continue to monitor for rejected filings daily and will promptly notify you of any corrective action needed. Working together we can make a difference.

Thank you for choosing eLawServices as your electronic filing service provider. We do appreciate your business!

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