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Governor-elect Ann W. Richards Wednesday announced that she will appoint former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan of Austin as special counselor to the governor to advise her on "all matters related to ethics in government."

Jordan, who currently holds the Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chair in National Policy at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, will continue her teaching duties at the university while acting as counselor to the Richards Administration.

"Barbara Jordan has graciously agreed to advise my administration on matters related to ethics," Richards said. "She will also counsel my appointees on what is expected of them in regards to ethical conduct in government and will help draft legislation on ethics," the governor-elect said.

Jordan served as congresswoman from the 18th District in Houston from 1972-1978. As a member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, she was a major participant in the Watergate hearings that led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon.

She served in the state Senate from 1966-1972.

Richards has called for an ethics package that includes full financial disclosure, including federal income tax returns for all statewide elected officials, disclosure of lobby expenditures of more than $100 per occasion,

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and the establishment of a Texas Ethics and Election Commission to oversee ethics laws.

Richards has also pledged to provide ongoing education and training for all appointees and staff of the governor's office on ethical behavior in government.