

Refugio County

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To: Candidate or Officeholder

Subject: Election Forms and Resources

Attached are the some of the general forms and instructions you might find helpful.

All the forms and other additional information that you might need may also be found on the Secretary of State Elections Website.

The Appointment of A Campaign Treasurer By A Candidate and other Campaign Finance Reports are filed with the Elections Administration Office.

The application form for a place on the ballot are filed with your Party Chair.

Other Useful Resources:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>
SECRETARY OF STATE	1-800-252-VOTE	www.sos.state.tx.us
TEXAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	(512) 463-1151	www.tlc.state.tx.us
TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION	1-800-325-8506	www.ethics.state.tx.us
TEXAS DEMOCRATIC PARTY	(512) 478-9800	www.txdemocrats.org
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS	(512) 477-9821	www.texasgop.org

All of the forms that you will need to file your regular campaign finance reports may also be found and completed online with the Texas Ethics Commission.

We are only the filing authority.

It is the responsibility of the candidate and/or officeholder to meet the deadlines and contact the Texas Ethics Commission for all questions.

Important Addresses

Texas Secretary of State

State Capitol
P.O. Box 12060
Austin, Texas 78711-2060
(512) 463-5650 or 1-800-252-VOTE (8683)

Texas Ethics Commission

State Capitol
Physical Address:
201 E. 14 St
10th Floor
Austin, Texas 78701
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 12070
Austin, TX 78711-2070
(512) 463-5800

Federal Election Commission

999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463
1-800-424-9530

Republican Party of Texas

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505 West 12th St., Suite 200
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Libertarian Party of Texas

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1-800-422-1776

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Qualifications for Office

Public Office Sought in 2012	U.S. Citizen	Texas Resident	District Resident	Registered to Vote in Texas	Age	Practicing Lawyer or Judge	Source ^d	Term of Office
United States Senator	9 yrs.	Yes ^a	-	-	30	-	I § 3	6 yrs.
United States Representative	7 yrs.	Yes ^a	not req'd	-	25	-	I § 2	2 yrs.
Railroad Commissioner	Yes	Yes ^a	-	Yes ^h	25 ^h	-	§§ 81.01003, 81.01004	6 yrs.
Justice, Supreme Court	Yes	Yes ^a	-	-	35 ^b	10 yrs. ^b	V § 2	6 yrs.
Presiding Judge and Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals	Yes	Yes ^a	-	-	35 ^b	10 yrs. ^b	V § 4	6 yrs.
State Senator	Yes	5 yrs. ^b	12 mo. ^b	-	26 ^b	-	III § 6	4 yrs.
State Representative	Yes	2 yrs. ^b	12 mo. ^b	-	21 ^b	-	III § 7	2 yrs.
Member, State Board of Education	Yes	12 mo. ^b	12 mo. ^b	Yes	26 ^b	-	§ 7.103	4 yrs.
Chief Justice and Justice, Court of Appeals	Yes	Yes ^a	Yes ^a	-	35 ^b	10 yrs. ^b	V § 6	6 yrs.
District Judge	Yes	2 yrs. ^b	2 yrs. ^{b, h}	-	25 ^h	4 yrs. ^b	V § 7 §24.001	4 yrs.
Criminal District Judge	Yes	2 yrs. ^b	2 yrs. ^b	-	25 ^h	4 yrs. ^b	V § 7 §24.001	4 yrs.
District Attorney ^e	Yes	12 mo. ^c	6 mo. ^c	-	18 ^h	Yes	V §§ 21, 30 § 41.001	4 yrs.
Judge, County Court-at-Law ^e	Yes	2 yrs. ^e	Yes ^e	-	25 ^{e, h}	4 yrs. ^e	V § 30 §25.0014	4 yrs.
Judge, County Criminal Court ^e	Yes	2 yrs. ^e	Yes ^e	-	25 ^{e, h}	4 yrs. ^e	V § 30 §25.0014	4 yrs.
Judge, County Probate Court ^e	Yes	2 yrs. ^e	Yes ^e	-	25 ^{e, h}	4 yrs. ^e	V § 30 §25.0014	4 yrs.
County Attorney	Yes	12 mo. ^c	6 mo. ^c	-	18 ^h	Yes	V § 21 § 41.001	4 yrs.
Sheriff ^f	Yes	12 mo. ^c	6 mo. ^c	-	18 ^h	-	V § 23 85.0011	4 yrs.
Tax Assessor-Collector	Yes	12 mo. ^c	6 mo. ^c	-	18 ^h	-	VIII § 14	4 yrs.
County Commissioner	Yes	12 mo. ^c	6 mo. ^c	-	18 ^h	-	V § 18	4 yrs.
Constable ^g	Yes	12 mo. ^c	6 mo. ^c	-	18 ^h	-	V § 18 § 86.0021	4 yrs.
Justice of the Peace(Place 1)	Yes	12 mo. ^c	6 mo. ^c	-	18 ^h	-	V § 18	4 yrs.

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- a. No duration specified.
- b. Before date of general election.
- c. Before December 12, 2011, if candidate for Democratic or Republican Party Nomination. Before March 17, 2012, if other party nominee for precinct, county, or single-county district office. Before March 24, 2012, if other party nominee for multi-county district office. Before June 9, 2012, if other party nominee for statewide office. Before June 21, 2012, if independent candidate. Before November 6, 2012, if declared write-in candidate.
- d. Citations refer to article and section number of the U.S. Const. for U.S. Senator and U.S. Rep.; section number of the Tex. Educ. Code for Member, State Board of Education; section number of the Tex. Nat. Res. Code for Railroad Commission; section number of the Tex. Gov't Code for district judge, district and county attorney, and statutory county court; section number for Texas Loc. Gov't Code for sheriff and constable; and article and section number of the Tex. Const. for all others. Also see § 141.001 of the Tex. Elec. Code.
- e. Statutory qualifications may vary; contact your local party chair or the Secretary of State.
- f. Additional qualifications for sheriff: must have a high school diploma or high school equivalency degree and be eligible to be licensed under sections 1701.309, 1701.312, and 1701.502 of the Texas Occupations Code.
- g. Additional qualifications for constable: must be either (1) eligible to be licensed under sections 1701.309, 1701.312, and 1701.502 of the Texas Occupations Code AND (a) has at least an associate's degree, (b) is a special investigator under Article 2.122(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, or (c) is an honorably retired peace officer or honorably retired federal criminal investigator who holds a certificate of proficiency issued under Section 1701.357, Texas Occupations Code OR (2) an active or inactive licensed peace officer under Chapter 1701 of the Texas Occupations Code.
- h. On first day of term to be filled at election.

Special Note 1: Please be advised that due to the removal of the staggering schedule from Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution, there are various local offices which may have been created by your county commissioners court or the Texas Legislature but are not listed in this guide. For further information on filing for county offices not listed, please contact the [county clerk's/elections administrator's](#) office or the office of the Secretary of State.

Special Note 2: Please be advised that executive and judicial officers elected in a statewide election, state appellate and district judges, members of the State Board of Education, and district or criminal district attorneys (among others) are subject to the provisions of Chapter 572 of the Texas Government Code Ann., which relates to personal financial disclosure, standards of conduct, and conflicts of interest issues. For further information on the applicability and requirements of Chapter 572, candidates should contact the [Texas Ethics Commission](#).

Republican or Democratic Party Nominees

In order to become the Republican or Democratic Party nominee for a particular office, you must file an [application for a place on the ballot](#) with the county or state party chair, as appropriate (see chart). Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.022. The application must be filed between November 12, 2011 and December 12, 2011. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.023 (NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session). The application for a place on the primary ballot must be accompanied by either a filing fee or a [nominating petition](#) signed by a certain number of qualified voters. Certain judicial candidates in Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Travis Counties and certain statewide judicial candidates must file [additional petitions](#). If you receive a majority of the votes cast in the primary election or receive the most votes in a primary runoff election, if applicable, your name will appear on the general election ballot in November.

Republican or Democratic Party Nominee					
Public Office Sought in 2012	File App. with Party Chair		Filing Fee	Nominating Petition in Lieu of Filing Fee	
	State	County		%Signatures ^e	Maximum Number of Signatures
United States Senator	x	-	\$5,000	-	5,000
United States Representative	x ^a	-	\$3,125	2%	500
Railroad Commissioner	x	-	\$3,750	-	5,000
Justice, Supreme Court ^d	x	-	\$3,750	-	5,000
Presiding Judge and Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals ^d	x	-	\$3,750	-	5,000
State Senator	x ^a	-	\$1,250	2%	500
State Representative	x ^a	-	\$750	2%	500
Member, State Board of Education	x ^a	-	\$300	2%	500
Chief Justice and Justice, Court of Appeals ^b	x ^a	-	\$2,500/\$1,875 ^e	2%	500
District Judge ^b	x ^a	-	\$2,500/\$1,500 ^f	2%	500
Criminal District Judge ^b	x ^a	-	\$2,500/\$1,500 ^f	2%	500
District Attorney	x ^a	-	\$1,250	2%	500
Judge, County Court-at-Law ^b	-	x	\$2,500/\$1,500 ^f	2%	500
Judge, County Criminal Ct. ^b	-	x	\$2,500/\$1,500 ^f	2%	500
County Attorney	-	x	\$1,250/\$750 ^d	2%	500
Sheriff	-	x	\$1,250/\$750 ^d	2%	500
Tax Assessor-Collector	-	x	\$1,250/\$750 ^d	2%	500
County Commissioner	-	x	\$1,250/\$750 ^d	2%	500
Constable	-	x	\$1,000/\$375 ^d	2%	500
Justice of the Peace (Place 1) ^b	-	x	\$1,000/\$375 ^d	2%	500
Source: Texas Election Code Section	172.022		172.024	172.025	

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- a. File with county chair if district is composed of only one county.
- b. For candidates running for Courts of Appeals in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 14th Districts and **all candidates running for judicial offices** in Bexar, Dallas, Harris, and Tarrant Counties, a 250-signature judicial petition is required in addition to the filing fee, or 750 signatures must be collected on the petition in lieu of filing fee. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.021(e) (NEW LAW, HB 2702, 2011 Legislative Session).
- c. Percentage of all votes for all gubernatorial candidates cast in the applicable territory in the 2010 general election. If number is less than 50, a larger percentage may be required. Consult Secretary of State for further information.
- d. Pay higher fee if county has at least 200,000 inhabitants according to 2010 Census.
- e. Pay higher fee in Courts of Appeals Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 14. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.024(8) (NEW LAW, HB 2702, 2011 Legislative Session).
- f. Pay higher fee in Bexar, Dallas, Harris, and Tarrant Counties. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.024(10), (12) (NEW LAW, HB 2702, 2011 Legislative Session).
- g. Pay higher fee if county attorney performs the duties of a district attorney.
- h. A candidate for the office of chief justice or justice, supreme court, or presiding judge or judge, court of criminal appeals, who chooses to pay the filing fee must also accompany the application and fee with a petition. The minimum number of signatures that must appear on the petition is 50 from each of the fourteen court of appeals districts, for a total requirement of 700 signatures. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.021(g).

All information is required to be provided unless indicated as optional

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE _____ PARTY GENERAL PRIMARY BALLOT

TO: State/County Chair I request that my name be placed on the above-named official primary ballot as a candidate for nomination to the office indicated below.					
OFFICE SOUGHT Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.				INDICATE TERM <input type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED	
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)			PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT		
PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Street address and apartment number. If none, describe location of residence. Do not include P.O. Box or Rural Rt.)			MAILING ADDRESS (If different from residence address)		
CITY	STATE	ZIP	CITY	STATE	ZIP
EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional)		OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)		DATE OF BIRTH / /	
TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code) (Optional)		Length of Continuous Residence as of Date Application Sworn			
OFFICE:		IN STATE _____ yr(s) _____ mos	IN COUNTY _____ yr(s) _____ mos	IN DISTRICT OR PRECINCT _____ yr(s) _____ mos	
HOME:					
If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election.					
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name) _____, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says: "I, (name) _____, of _____ County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of _____, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the Constitution and laws of this state. I have not been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code. I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."					
X _____ SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE					
Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, this the _____ day of _____, _____.					
SEAL					
_____ Signature of Officer administering oath ¹			_____ Title of Officer administering oath		
TO BE COMPLETED BY CHAIR:					
THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED FILING FEE, PAID BY CASH _____, CHECK _____, MONEY ORDER _____, CASHIERS CHECK _____, OR A PETITION IN LIEU OF FILING FEE _____.					
This document and \$ _____ filing fee or a nominating petition of _____ pages received.					
(See Section 1.007)					
			_____ Date		
			_____ Signature of Chair		

INSTRUCTIONS

The application is filed with the county chair for the single-county district offices, county and precinct offices. The application is filed with the state chair if the office sought is a multi-county district office or state office. The first day to file an application is the 30th day before the filing deadline of the 2nd Monday in December of odd-numbered years at 6:00 p.m. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.023.

If the deadline for filing falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, the deadline is extended to the next regular business day.

The application shall be filed with the state chair for all statewide offices and all district offices which are filled by the choice of voters residing in more than one county. The application shall be filed with the county chair for all county and precinct offices and all district offices which are filled by the choice of voters residing in only one county or part of one county. The application may also be filed with the secretary of the county executive committee, if there is one. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.022.

FOOTNOTE

¹All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary, and the Secretary of State of Texas.

INSTRUCTIONS

The candidate **must** sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. The nepotism prohibitions of chapter 573, Government Code, are summarized below:

No officer may appoint, or vote for or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related within the second degree by affinity (marriage) or the third degree by consanguinity (blood) to himself, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which he serves when the compensation of that person is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office. However, nothing in the law prevents the appointment, voting for, or confirmation of anyone who has been continuously employed in the office or employment for the following period prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member related to the employee in the prohibited degree: one year, if the officer or member is elected at the general election for state and county officers.

No candidate may take action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate is seeking election or an employee or officer of the governmental body to which the candidate is seeking election regarding the appointment or employment of a person related to the candidate in a prohibited degree as noted above. This prohibition does not apply to a candidate's actions with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

Examples of relatives within the third degree of consanguinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: parent, child;
- (2) Second degree: brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild;
- (3) Third degree: great-grandparent, great-grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece.

These include relatives by blood, half-blood, and legal adoption.

Examples of relatives within the second degree of affinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: spouse, spouse's parent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law;
- (2) Second degree: brother's spouse, sister's spouse, spouse's brother, spouse's sister, spouse's grandparent.

Persons related by affinity (marriage) include spouses of relatives by consanguinity, and, if married, the spouse and the spouse's relatives by consanguinity. These examples are not all inclusive.

FILING FEE SCHEDULE

United States Senator	\$5,000
All other statewide offices	\$3,750
United States Representative	\$3,125
State Senator	\$1,250
State Representative	\$750
Member, State Board of Education	\$300
Chief Justice or Justice, Court of Appeals (except as provided below)	\$1,875
Chief Justice or Justice of a Court of Appeals that serves a Court of Appeals District in which a county with a population of more than 1,000,000 is wholly or partly situated	\$2,500
District Judge or Judge specified by Sec. 52.092(d) for which this schedule does not otherwise prescribe a fee	\$1,500
District or Criminal District Judge of a court in a judicial district wholly contained in a county with a population of more than 1,500,000	\$2,500
Judge of a Statutory Court (except as provided below)	\$1,500
Judge of a Statutory County Court in a county with a population of more than 1,500,000	\$2,500
District Attorney or Criminal District Attorney or County Attorney performing the duties of a District Attorney	\$1,250
County Judge, County Commissioner, District Clerk, County Clerk, Sheriff, County Tax-Assessor-Collector and County Treasurer	
County of 200, 000 or more population	\$1,250
County of under 200,000 population	\$750
Justice of the Peace or Constable	
County of 200, 000 or more population	\$1,000
County of under 200,000 population	\$375
County Surveyor, Public Weigher or Inspector of Hides and Animals	\$75
All County Offices not otherwise listed	\$750

INSTRUCCIONES

En el caso de los puestos oficiales de distrito de un solo condado, del precinto y del condado, la solicitud deberá entregarse al presidente del condado. En el caso de los puestos de distrito para varios condados o estatal, la solicitud deberá entregarse al presidente estatal del partido. El primer día para presentar la solicitud es el día 30° antes de la fecha tope que viene siendo el 2° lunes de Diciembre de años impares a las 6 de la tarde. Código Electoral de Texas § 172.023.

Si el último día para registrarse cae en un sábado, domingo, o un día oficial de vacación estatal o nacional, se extiende la fecha tope al siguiente día hábil.

En el caso de todos los puestos oficiales estatales y todos los puestos oficiales del distrito que se ocupan por la selección de votantes que residen en más de un condado, la aplicación se registrará con el presidente estatal del partido. En el caso de todos los puestos oficiales del condado y del precinto que se ocupan por la selección de votantes que residen en solamente un condado o parte de un condado, la aplicación se registrará con el presidente del partido del condado. La solicitud también podrá presentarse al secretario del comité ejecutivo del condado, si lo hay. Código Electoral de Texas §172.022.

NOTA

Todo juramento, testimonio o afirmación hecho dentro de este Estado se podrá administrar y se podrá dar un certificado del hecho por un juez, escribano, o comisionado de alguna corte de registro, un notario público, un juez de paz, secretario de la ciudad, y el Secretario del Estado de Texas.

INSTRUCCIONES

El candidato **deberá** firmar esta declaración indicando que él/ella está enterado(a) de la ley sobre el nepotismo. Lo siguiente es un resumen de las prohibiciones del nepotismo de acuerdo al capítulo 573 de Código Gobierno:

Ningún oficial podrá nombrar, o votar por o confirmar el nombramiento o empleo de alguna persona que está emparentada con él dentro del segundo grado por afinidad (matrimonio) o dentro del tercer grado por consanguinidad (sangre), o que está emparentada con cualesquier otro miembro del cuerpo directivo o corte en que él/ella celebra sesión cuando la compensación de esa persona estará pagada con fondos públicos o los honorarios del puesto oficial. Sin embargo, la ley no prohíbe el nombramiento, el votar por, o la confirmación de alguna persona que de forma continua ha sido empleado de la oficina o ha sido empleado durante el siguiente plazo antes de la elección o el nombramiento del oficial o miembro que está emparentado con el empleado en el grado prohibido: seis meses, si el oficial o miembro está elegido en una elección otra de la elección general para oficiales del estado y del condado.

Ningún candidato podrá obrar para influir a un empleado del puesto oficial al cual el candidato desea estar elegido o un empleado o oficial del cuerpo fiscal al cual el candidato desea estar elegido en cuanto al nombramiento o al empleo de una persona que está emparentada con el candidato en un grado prohibido como notado arriba. Esta restricción no se dirige a las acciones de un candidato respecto a una clase o categoría de buena fe de empleados o empleados anticipados.

Los ejemplos de parientes dentro del tercer grado de consanguinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: padre, madre, hijo(a);
- (2) Segundo grado: hermano(a), abuelo(a), nieto(a) primo(a);
- (3) Tercer grado: bisabuelo(a), bisnieto(a), tío(a), sobrino(a).

Los siguientes incluyen parientes de linaje (sangre), medios hermanos, y adopción legal.

Los ejemplos de parientes dentro del segundo grado de afinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: esposo(a), suegro(a), yerno; nuera;
- (2) Segundo grado: cuñado(a), abuelo(a) del esposo o esposa.

Las personas que están emparentadas por afinidad (matrimonio) incluyen los esposos o esposas de parientes que están emparentados por consanguinidad, y, si casados, el esposo o esposa y los parientes del esposo o esposa por consanguinidad. Éstos no son todos los ejemplos posibles.

LISTA DE CUOTAS DE REGISTRO

Senador de los Estados Unidos	\$5,000
Todos los otros puestos oficiales representando todo el Estado	\$3,750
Representante de los Estados Unidos	\$3,125
Senador del Estado	\$1,250
Representante del Estado	\$750
Miembro, Junta de Educación Estatal	\$300
Juez Presidente o Juez, Corte de Apelación (excepto como provisto abajo)	\$1,875
Juez presidente o juez de una corte de apelación que sirve un distrito corte de apelación en el cual esté situado completa o parcialmente un condado con una población de más 1,000,000 habitantes	\$2,500
Juez de Distrito o Juez mencionado específicamente por la Sec. 52.092(d) por el cual esta lista no prescribe de otro modo una gratificación	\$1,500
Juez de Distrito o Juez de Distrito Criminal de una corte en un distrito judicial situado completamente en un condado con una población de mas de 1,500,000 habitantes	\$2,500
Juez de una Corte de Condado Estatutaria (excepto como provisto abajo)	\$1,500
Juez de una corte de condado estatutario en un condado con una población de más de 1,500,000 habitantes	\$2,500
Fiscal de Distrito o Fiscal de Distrito Criminal o Procurador del Condado que cumple con las mismas obligaciones de un fiscal del distrito	\$2,500
Juez de Condado, Comisionado del Condado, Secretario del Distrito, Secretario del Condado, Sherife, Asesor-Collector de Impuestos del Condado o Tesorero del Condado	
Condado con una población de 200,000 habitantes o más	\$1,250
Condado con una población de menos de 200,000 habitantes	\$750
Juez de Paz o Agente de la policía	
Condado con una población de 200,000 habitantes o más	\$1,000
Condado con una población de menos de 200,000 habitantes	\$375
Agrimensor del Condado, Pesador Público o Inspector de Pieles y Animales	\$75
Todos los puestos oficiales del condado que no se han mencionado	\$750

Name of Form:

Application for Place on the Primary Ballot.

Section Reference:

Sections 141.031 and 172.021, Texas Election Code.

Purpose:

To place name on Primary Election ballot.

Number of Copies Required:

One.

Completed by:

Candidate.

Filing Date:

The filing deadline is December 12, of odd-numbered years, at 6 p.m.

Filed with:

County Chair (or Secretary of County Executive Committee) or State Party Chair, as applicable.

Comments:

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The forms are available from the Secretary of State's Office or www.sos.state.tx.us.

Current form is 7/11.

Important 2012 Election Dates

March 6, 2012 - Primary Election Date

Note: Information is subject to preclearance by the USDOJ.

Authority conducting elections	*Political Party County Chairs
First Day to File for Place on Ballot	November 12, 2011 <i>(September 13, 2011 for Precinct Chair) (NEW LAW)</i>
Last Day to File for Place on Ballot	December 12, 2011 <i>(second Monday in December) (NEW LAW)</i>
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail <i>(does not apply to FPCA)</i>	January 6, 2012
Last Day to Register to Vote	February 6, 2012 <i>(Monday, next business day)</i>
First Day of Early Voting	February 21, 2012 <i>(Tuesday after Presidents' Day)</i>
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail <i>(Received, not Postmarked)</i>	February 28, 2012
Last Day of Early Voting	March 2, 2012 <i>(unless county offices close for Texas Independence Day state holiday; check local schedule)</i>

May 22, 2012 - Primary Runoff Election Date (NEW LAW: Fourth Tuesday in May)

Note: Information is subject to preclearance by the USDOJ.

Authority conducting elections	*Political Party County Chairs
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail <i>(does not apply to FPCA)</i>	March 23, 2012 <i>(if did not request runoff ballot on application for primary ballot)</i>
Last Day to Register to Vote	April 23, 2012 <i>(Monday, next business day)</i>
First Day of Early Voting	May 14, 2012 <i>(Monday, next business day)</i>
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail <i>(Received, not Postmarked)</i>	May 15, 2012 <i>(Received, not Postmarked)</i>
Last Day of Early Voting	May 18, 2012

May 12, 2012 – Limited Uniform Election Date

Note: Information is subject to preclearance by the USDOJ.

Authority conducting elections	*Local political subdivisions other than counties
	<i>(NEW LAW: County-ordered elections may not be held on this date. County Election Officials may but are not required to contract to provide election services to political subdivisions.)</i>
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot <i>(for cities and schools ONLY)</i> <i>(filing deadline for other political subdivisions may vary)*</i>	February 4, 2012 <i>(Even though the 1st day to file falls on Saturday, this does not require the filing authority to hold weekend office hrs to receive candidate applications.)</i>
Last Day to File for Place on Ballot, if regular filing deadline*	March 5, 2012 <i>(NEW LAW: 71st day before election day; falls on state holiday March 2, 2012; moves to Monday, next business day)</i> *March 16, 2012 <i>(see note below relating to four-year terms)</i>
Last Day to Order General Election <i>(or Special Election on a Measure)*</i>	March 5, 2012 <i>(NEW LAW: 71st day before election day; falls on state holiday March 2, 2012; moves to Monday, next business day)</i>
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	March 13, 2012
Last Day to Register to Vote	April 12, 2012
First Day of Early Voting	April 30, 2012
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	May 4, 2012 <i>(Friday, preceding business day)</i>
Last Day of Early Voting	May 8, 2012

November 6, 2012 - Uniform Election Date

Note: Information is subject to preclearance by the USDOJ.

Authority conducting elections	County Clerk/Elections Administrator/*Local political subdivisions
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot <i>(for cities and schools ONLY)</i> <i>(filing deadline for other political subdivisions may vary)*</i>	July 21, 2012 <i>(Even though the 1st day to file falls on Saturday, this does not require filing authority to hold weekend office hrs to receive candidate applications)</i>
Last Day to Order General Election <i>(or Special Election)**</i>	August 20, 2012 <i>(NEW LAW: 78th day before election day)</i>
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot <i>(for local political subdivisions ONLY)*</i>	August 20, 2012 <i>(NEW LAW: 78th day before election day)</i>
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail <i>(does not apply to FPCA)</i>	September 7, 2012
Last Day to Register to Vote	October 9, 2012 <i>(Tuesday, next business day after Columbus Day)</i>
First Day of Early Voting	October 22, 2012 <i>(Monday, next business day)</i>
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	October 30, 2012 (Received, not Postmarked)
Last Day of Early Voting	November 2, 2012

***Filing deadlines:**

1. Generally, the filing deadline is the 71st day prior to Election Day (78th day prior to November General Election in even-numbered years); however, the Election Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code.

2. *Local political subdivisions, other than cities or school districts, might not have a "first day" to file. Write-in deadlines for general and special elections also vary, but the deadline is usually on the 5th day after the regular filing deadline for the election.*
3. *If no candidate for a **four-year term** has filed an application for a place on the ballot for a **city office**, the filing deadline for that office is extended to 5 p.m. of the 57th day before the election. See Section 143.008 of the Texas Election Code.*

Calendar of Important Dates for Candidates for the 2012 Primary and General Elections

Note: Any changes impacted by administrative rules are subject to final approval (preclearance) by the U.S. Department of Justice

September 2011

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13th First day county chairs may accept applications for a place on the ballot for office of **precinct chair**. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.023(b) (date impacted by NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).

November 2011

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12th First day Republican or Democratic Party candidate may file an application for a place on the primary ballot. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.023(b) (date impacted by NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).

First day county chairs may accept applications for a place on the primary ballot for office of **county chair**. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.023(b) (date impacted by NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).

First day independent candidates may file declaration of intent to run. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 142.002(b), 172.023 (date impacted by NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).

19th First day to file declaration of write-in candidacy for county or precinct chair. (Secs. 146.025, 171.0231).

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7th	<p>Last day a vacancy for an unexpired term may occur and appear on the primary ballot. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 202.004(a).</p> <p>Note: If finally adopted, proposed rule 1 T.A.C. § 81.420 (36 Tex. Reg. 4749-4862, July 29, 2011) states that, notwithstanding Tex. Elec. Code Ann §§ 202.004(a)(2), 202.004(b), and 202.004(c), if a vacancy in an office of the state or county government occurs on or before the 5th day before the date of the regular primary filing deadline, the filing deadline for a place on the general primary ballot for the office is the 5th day after the regular primary filing deadline.</p>
11th	<p>Deadline for county chair (or secretary of county executive committee) to post a notice on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the commissioners court's meetings, containing the address(es) at which county chair and secretary will be available to receive applications on the last day for filing an application. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.022(b).</p>
12th	<p>Last day Democratic or Republican Party candidate may file an application for a place on the primary ballot (6 p.m.). Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.023(a) (NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).</p> <p>Last day county chairs may accept applications for a place on the ballot for office of county or precinct chair (6 p.m.). Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.023 (NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).</p> <p>Last day independent candidates may file declaration of intent to run (6 p.m.). Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 142.002, 172.023(a) (date impacted by NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).</p>
13th	<p>If a candidate withdraws, dies or is declared ineligible by this date, the name is omitted from the primary ballot. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 172.057, 172.058 (NEW LAW, HB 2817, 2011 Legislative Session).</p> <p>Also, if finally adopted, proposed rule 1 T.A.C. § 81.420 (36 Tex. Reg. 4749-4862, July 29, 2011) will place the deadline for withdrawal, death or declaration of ineligibility to effect an extension of the primary filing deadline to the 1st day after the regular primary filing deadline to correct a discrepancy in SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session.</p>
16th	<p>Deadline for state chair to deliver certified list of statewide and multi-county district candidates to each county chair. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.028 (deadline changed by NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).</p>
19th	<p>Last day candidates may file a declaration of write-in candidacy for county or precinct chair (6 p.m.). Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 171.0231(d) (NEW LAW, SB 100, HB 1904, 2011 Legislative Session). (This date is extended by Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 1.006 from the 5th day after the date of the regular filing deadline for the general primary election, which falls on Saturday, December 17.)</p> <p>Last day Democratic or Republican Party candidates may file an application for a place on the primary ballot (5 p.m.) for an office of the state or county government that became vacant on or before the 5th day before the date of the regular primary filing deadline. (This date is extended by Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 1.006 from the 5th day after the date of the regular filing deadline for the general primary election, which falls on Saturday, December 17.)</p> <p>Note: If finally adopted, proposed rule 1 T.A.C. § 81.420 (36 Tex. Reg. 4749-4862, Jul. 29, 2011) will provide that notwithstanding Tex. Elec. Code Ann §§ 202.004(a)(2), 202.004(b), and 202.004(c), if a vacancy in an office of the state or county government occurs on or before the 5th day before the date of the regular primary filing deadline, the filing deadline for a place on the general primary ballot for the office is the 5th day after the regular primary filing deadline.</p> <p>Filing deadline for primary (6 p.m.), if filing deadline is extended due to a withdrawal, death, or declaration of ineligibility that occurred by December 13th (1st day after filing deadline). Application must be received by 5 p.m., if filed by mail with state chair. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.054(b). If finally adopted, proposed rule 1 T.A.C. § 81.420 (36 Tex. Reg. 4749-4862, July 29, 2011) will confirm that the extended deadline is the 5th day after the regular primary filing deadline.</p>
20th	<p>Ballot drawing at each county seat for primary ballot. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.082 (date impacted by NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).</p>
22nd	<p>Deadline for county chair to deliver copies of the list of candidates to county election officer, state chair, and the secretary of state. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.029(c) (date impacted by NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).</p> <p>Deadline for state chair to deliver his/her list of candidates to the secretary of state. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.029(c) (date impacted by NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).</p>

January 2012

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2nd Last day for party with state organization which intends to make nominations by convention to register with the secretary of state. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 181.0041.

Last day other party candidates may file applications to be nominated by convention (5 p.m.). Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 181.033.

6th First day for voters to submit application for ballot by mail for **March 6** primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 84.007.

February 2012

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6th Last day citizens may register to vote in **March 6** primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 13.143(e).

21st First day of early voting by personal appearance for **March 6** primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 85.001(a), (c). (Extended due to President's Day).

28th Last day for early voting clerk to receive application for ballot by mail for **March 6** primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 84.007(c).

March 2012

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2nd	Last day of early voting by personal appearance for March 6 primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 85.001(a).
6th	<p>Primary election day. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 41.007(a).</p> <p>Precinct conventions to elect delegates to county or district conventions of parties holding primaries may be held. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 174.022(a). (NEW LAW, HB 2817, 2011 Legislative Session, provides that precinct conventions may be held on primary election day or not later than a date determined by the county executive committee that occurs not later than the fifth day after the date of the general primary election.)</p>
13th	Precinct conventions held to elect delegates to county or district conventions of minor parties. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 181.061(c), 182.005.
14th	Last day runoff primary candidates may withdraw from ballot (5 p.m.). Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.059 (NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).
15th	<p>Local canvass of the primary election by county executive committee must be conducted on this date. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.116(b).</p> <p>Ballot drawing conducted immediately following canvass for candidates involved in runoff election for county and precinct offices.</p>
17th	County convention for minor parties that are nominating candidates for single county district, county, or precinct offices. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 181.061(c), 182.005.
23rd	First day to submit application for ballot by mail for May 22 runoff primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 84.007.
24th	<p>District convention for minor parties nominating candidates for multi-county district offices. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 181.061(b).</p> <p>County and senatorial district conventions for parties holding primary elections. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 174.063(a).</p>

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23rd	Last day to register to vote in May 22 runoff primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 13.143(e).
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14th	<p>First day of early voting by personal appearance for May 22 runoff primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 85.001(b), (c).</p> <p>Deadline for independent candidates for the office of president to file with the Office of the Secretary of State. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 192.032(c).</p>
15th	Last day for early voting clerk to receive application for ballot by mail (including FPCA) for May 22 runoff primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 84.007(c).
18th	Last day of early voting by personal appearance for May 22 runoff primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 85.001(c).
22nd	Runoff primary election day. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 41.007(b) (NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).
23rd	First day independent candidates for offices involved in runoff election may collect signatures for applications. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 142.009.
28th	Last day minor party chairs may submit petitions and precinct convention lists to secretary of state and to the appropriate county clerk (or other county election official) for placement on the ballot. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 1.006, 181.005(a), 181.006(b)(3), 182.003, 182.004.

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7th-9th	Republican State Convention in Fort Worth. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 174.092(a) (NEW LAW, HB 2194, 2011 Legislative Session, permits state convention to be held in June or July).
8th-9th	Democratic State Convention in Houston. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 174.092(a) (NEW LAW, HB 2194, 2011 Legislative Session, permits state convention to be held in June or July).
9th	<p>State Convention for other parties nominating candidates for statewide offices. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 181.061(a).</p> <p>State Convention for Libertarian Party in Austin. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 181.061(a).</p>
11th	New party officers take office. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 171.022(c).
21st	Last day independent candidates may file applications and petitions (5 p.m.). Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 142.006.

July 2012

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21st First day candidates may file Declaration of write-in candidacy for November 6 general election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 146.025 (date impacted by NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).

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20th Last day to order November 6 general election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 3.003, 3.005 (NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).

Last day candidates may file Declaration of Write-in Candidacy for November 6 general election (5 p.m.). Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 146.025 (NEW LAW, SB 100, 2011 Legislative Session).

24th Last day candidates may withdraw or be declared ineligible from general election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 1.006, 145.032.

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7th First day to submit application for ballot by mail for November 6 general election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 84.007.

October 2012

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9th Last day citizens may register to vote in November 6 general election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 1.006, 13.143(e). (Deadline extended due to weekend and holiday, Columbus Day).

22nd First day of early voting by personal appearance for November 6 general election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 85.001(a).

30th Last day for early voting clerk to receive application for ballot by mail for November 6 general election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 84.007(c).

November 2012

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2nd Last day of early voting by personal appearance for November 6 general election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 85.001(a).

6th General election day. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 41.002.

Candidates' FAQ

- [If the 2012 primary dates and deadlines are subject to change, how does this affect campaign finance filings with the Texas Ethics Commission \(non-federal offices\) or the Federal Election Commission \(federal offices\)?](#)
- [May I start collecting signatures for the 2012 primary on your current petition form \(if I want to file with a petition instead of a filing fee\)?](#)
- [I understand the forms might change, but I want to look at the current forms. Where can I find them?](#)
- [I've heard the number of presidential electors for Texas is going up in response to the latest U.S. Census.](#)
- [If I want to check out proposed Texas state legislation during the 2011 session, what do I do?](#)
- [How will redistricting affect my office?](#)
- [I just want to run for a local city or school district or other office – where is my information?](#)

Q: If the 2012 primary dates and deadlines are subject to change, how does this affect campaign finance filings with the Texas Ethics Commission (non-federal offices) or the Federal Election Commission (federal offices)?

A. You will need to direct that question to those offices. **We strongly recommend contacting these offices if you have not already.**

- [Texas Ethics Commission](#), *non-federal offices*, at (512)-463-5800
- [Federal Election Commission](#), *federal offices*, at (800) 424-9530

Q. May I start collecting signatures for the 2012 primary on your current petition form (if I want to file with a petition instead of a filing fee)?

A. Yes, if you are willing to accept the risk. Under current law, there is no “first day” to collect signatures for the primary. (There is a “first day” for independent candidates.) Therefore, you may start collecting signatures for the primary election if you wish. However, you are at some risk, because if the legislature changes the form or anything else the signer needs to see, you will have to start over. Having said that, there is nothing illegal about the activity. You are just taking a slight risk that your work will not be usable later. We also recommend that you contact the Texas Ethics Commission (or the FEC for federal offices), especially if you are engaging in financial transactions like paying people to help you collect signatures.

Q: I understand the forms might change, but I want to look at the current forms. Where can I find them?

A: A [short forms index](#) is listed on our website.

Q: I've heard the number of presidential electors for Texas is going up in response to the latest U.S. Census.

A: The estimated new number of electors for Texas is 38 (the projected number of 36 representatives, plus two senators). This number is based on the addition of four representatives for Texas as a result of the 2010 census and reapportionment.

- This is described in a Census Bureau [December 2010 press release](#).
- The [numbers are certified](#) to the governors of the states.
- For general information about the Electoral College, please [visit the federal website](#).

Q. If I want to check out proposed Texas state legislation during the 2011 session, what do I do?

A. First, be aware that the online Texas Election Code is not updated immediately after a session. In the meantime, you can track legislation by signing up for alerts at the [Legislature's website](#). You can also check the [Sections Affected](#) page at the Legislative Reference Library.

Q. How will redistricting affect my office?

A. We have an [overview and FAQ](#) on our website here.

There is more extensive information at the [Texas Legislative Council](#).

Q. I just want to run for a local city or school district or other office – where is my information?

A. See the various local government pages at [Conducting Your Elections](#)