

DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY FOR GENERAL ELECTION FOR STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS

All fields **MUST** be completed unless marked optional¹. Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of application.

DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY FOR _____ GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT					
TO: Secretary of State/County Judge (date of election) I declare that I am a write-in candidate for 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			
INCUMBENT DECLARATION: (Check this box if you are the incumbent.) <input type="checkbox"/> INCUMBENT					
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)		PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE LIST OF DECLARED WRITE-IN CANDIDATES*			
PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe location of residence.)		PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Optional) (Address at which you receive campaign related correspondence, if available.)			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional) (Address at which you receive campaign related emails, if available.)	OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)		DATE OF BIRTH / /	VOTER REGISTRATION VUID NUMBER ² (Optional)	
TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)					
Home:		Work:	Cell:		
FELONY CONVICTION STATUS (You MUST check one)		LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE THIS APPLICATION WAS SWORN			
<input type="checkbox"/> I have not been finally convicted of a felony. <input type="checkbox"/> I have been finally convicted of a felony, but I have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of that felony conviction and I have provided proof of this fact. ³		IN THE STATE OF TEXAS ____ year(s) ____ month(s)	IN TERRITORY/DISTRICT/PRECINCT FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED ____ year(s) ____ month(s)		
*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 or contain a title, 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." Please review Sections 52.031, 52.032 and 52.033 of the Texas Election Code regarding the rules for how names may be listed on the official ballot.					
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name of candidate)_____, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:					
"I, (name of candidate) _____, 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 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 am aware that I must disclose any prior felony conviction, and if so convicted, must provide proof that I have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of any such final felony conviction. I am aware that knowingly providing false information on the application regarding my possible felony conviction status constitutes a Class B misdemeanor. 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 this the _____ day of _____, _____, by _____. (day) (month) (year) (name of candidate)					
Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath ⁴			Printed Name of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath		
Notarial or Official Seal					
Title of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath					
TO BE COMPLETED BY SECRETARY OF STATE OR COUNTY JUDGE: THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED FILING FEE PAID BY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> CASHIERS CHECK OR <input type="checkbox"/> PETITION IN LIEU OF A FILING FEE. (See Section 1.007)					
This document and \$ _____ filing fee or a petition of _____ pages received.			<input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration Status Verified <hr/> <hr/>		
____ / ____ / ____ Date Filed			____ / ____ / ____ Signature of Filing Authority or Designee Receiving Filed Application		
____ / ____ / ____ Date Accepted			____ / ____ / ____ Signature of Filing Authority Upon Determination of Application		
____ / ____ / ____ Date Rejected					

INSTRUCTIONS

The Declaration of Write-In Candidacy shall be filed with the Secretary of State for statewide and district offices or with the county judge for county and precinct offices. Section 146.024, Texas Election Code.

This candidate application must be accompanied by either a filing fee or a completed Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee. The filing fee or the Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee must be presented at the time the application is filed. Sections 146.0232, 172.025, Texas Election Code. For additional information, please see the Candidate's Guide on the Secretary of State's website, including the page on Frequently Asked Questions on Party Affiliation and Candidacy.

FILING PERIOD

The Declaration of Write-In Candidacy must be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. of the 78th day before general election day and not earlier than 30 days before the filing deadline. Section 146.025(a), Texas Election Code.

The filing deadline is extended if a candidate whose name is printed on the ballot dies or is declared ineligible after the third day preceding the filing deadline. The extended filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. of the 75th day preceding Election Day. Section 146.025(b), Texas Election Code.

NEPOTISM LAW

The candidate must sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. When a candidate signs the application, it is an acknowledgment that the candidate is aware 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 the officer, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which the officer 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.

FOOTNOTES

¹An application for a place on the ballot, including any accompanying petition, is public information immediately on its filing. (Section 141.035, Texas Election Code)

²Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, many candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected at the time of the filing deadline. Please visit the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's website for additional information.

³Proof of release from the resulting disabilities of a felony conviction would include proof of judicial clemency under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.701, proof of executive pardon under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.01, or proof of a restoration of rights under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.05. (Texas Attorney General Opinion KP-0251)

One of the following documents must be submitted with this application.

Judicial Clemency under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.701

Executive Pardon under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.01

Restoration of Rights under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.05

⁴All 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, and the Secretary of State of Texas. See Chapter 602 of the Texas Government Code for the complete list of persons authorized to administer oaths.

FILING FEE SCHEDULE (172.024 Texas Election Code)

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, other than a justice specified by Subdivision (8)	\$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 1.2 million is wholly or partly situated, including the 15th Court of Appeals.	\$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 1.5 million	\$2,500
Judge of a Statutory County Court, other than a judge specified by subdivision (12)	\$1,500
Judge of a Statutory County Court in a county with a population of more than 1.5 million	\$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 in population	\$1,250
County under 200,000 in population	\$750
Justice of the Peace or Constable	
County of 200,000 or more in population	\$1,000
County under 200,000 in population	\$375
County Surveyor	\$75
All County Offices not otherwise listed	\$750