

Filing Requirements for Candidacy

(Government Code Sec 2051.152(a)(4))

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. (a)

To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a public elective office in this state, a person must:

- (1) be a United States citizen;
- (2) be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;
- (3) have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
 - (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or
 - (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- (4) have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
- (5) have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for six months immediately preceding the following date:
 - (A) for a candidate whose name is to appear on a general primary election ballot, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
 - (B) for an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
 - (C) for a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in;
 - (D) for a party nominee who is nominated by any method other than by primary election, the date the nomination is made; and
 - (E) for an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made;
- (6) on the date described by Subdivision (5), be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected; and
- (7) satisfy any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office. Text of subsection effective on January 1, 2020
 - (a-1) For purposes of satisfying the continuous residency requirement of Subsection (a)(5), a person who claims an intent to return to a residence after a temporary absence may establish that intent only if the person:
 - (1) has made a reasonable and substantive attempt to effectuate that intent; and
 - (2) has a legal right and the practical ability to return to the residence. Text of subsection effective on January 1, 2020 (a-2) Subsection (a-1) does not apply to a person displaced

Important Election Dates & Filing Deadlines for 2025

Important 2025 Election Dates

May 3, 2025 - Uniform Election Date	
Authority Conducting Elections	Local Political Subdivisions and Counties
Deadline to post candidate requirements⁵ <u>Form 1-20</u>	Friday, May 3, 2024
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline¹	Monday, December 16, 2024 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates¹
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	Wednesday, January 1, 2025* <i>*First day to apply does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2025 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ¹	Wednesday, January 15, 2025
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ²	Friday, February 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms ³
Last Day to Order General Election or Election on a Measure	Friday, February 14, 2025
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 3, 2025
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Tuesday, April 22, 2025*

	*First business day after San Jacinto Day
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Tuesday, April 22, 2025
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Tuesday, April 29, 2025
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Saturday, May 3, 2025 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Monday, May 5, 2025 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) ⁴
November 4, 2025 - Uniform Election Date <i>These dates are subject to changes from the 2025 legislative session.</i>	
Authority conducting elections	County Elections Officer/Local political subdivisions
Deadline to post candidate requirements⁵ <u>Form 1-20</u>	Monday, November 4, 2024
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)	Wednesday, January 1, 2025* <i>*First day to apply does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2025 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline	Friday, June 20, 2025* for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates ¹ *First business day after Juneteenth
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ¹	Saturday, July 19, 2025 ("first day" does not move; office hours not required)

Last Day to Order General Election or Election on a Measure	Monday, August 18, 2025
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ²	Monday, August 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms ³
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, October 6, 2025
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, October 20, 2025 (17th day before election day falls on a Saturday, first day moves to next business day)
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, October 24, 2025
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, October 31, 2025
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 4, 2025 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, November 5, 2023 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) ⁴

¹ For the few entities who do not have a first day to file: **For the May 3, 2025 election**, Wednesday, January 15, 2025 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline **for local political subdivisions that do not have a first day to file for their candidates. For the November 4, 2025 election**, Saturday, July 19, 2025 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline for local political subdivisions that do not have a first day to file for their candidates.

Local political subdivisions include: cities, school districts, water districts, hospital districts, and any other local government entity that conducts elections. Many of these elections are conducted on the May uniform election date. Note: Counties may also be holding local proposition (measure) elections on May 3, 2025.

² Filing deadlines: generally, the filing deadline is the 78th day prior to Election Day. The Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). Write-in deadlines for general and special elections vary. See the long calendar for this election date for details. The write-in deadline for most

local (city, school, other) **special elections** is now the same day as the filing deadline for application for a place on the ballot. Section 201.054.

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. For the May 3, 2025 election, this is Friday, March 7, 2025. For the November 4, 2025 election, this is Monday, September 8, 2025. See Section 143.008 of the Code.

⁴ Different deadlines apply to the last day to receive ballots sent by the following: 1) non-military and military voters who mailed ballots from overseas and submitted a regular state Application for Ballot by Mail (“ABBM”), 2) non-military voters who mailed ballots from overseas and who submitted a Federal Postcard Application (“FPCA”), and (3) military voters and members of the Texas National Guard, who mailed ballots domestically or from overseas and who submitted an FPCA. See Secs. 86.007, 101.001 and 101.057 of the Code.

⁵ Section 2051.152 of the Government Code requires all political subdivisions with the authority to impose a tax maintain a publicly accessible Internet website and post the date and location of the next election for officers