

Filing in the 2022 Republican or Democratic Primary Election

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Candidates seeking the nomination of the Democratic or Republican Party must file (1) a candidate application, and (2) a filing fee or petition in lieu of filing fee. Please note, the application along with the filing fee or petition in lieu of filing fee must be filed at the same time with the proper filing authority.

- **Filing Period**
 - The application must be filed between **November 13, 2021 and 6:00 p.m. on December 13, 2021**. (Section 172.023, Texas Election Code).
- **Candidate Application**
 - In order to become the Republican or Democratic Party nominee for a particular office, you must file an [application \(PDF\)](#) for a place on the ballot with the county or state party chair, as appropriate (see chart). (Section 172.022, Texas Election Code).
 - Candidates for federal office must file a [federal application \(PDF\)](#).
- **Filing Fee or Petition in Lieu of Filing Fee**
 - The application for a place on the primary ballot must be accompanied by either a filing fee or a [petition in lieu of filing fee \(PDF\)](#) signed by a certain number of qualified voters.
 - For details on the filing fee amount or number of petition signatures needed, see chart below.
- **Judicial Candidate Petitions**
 - Certain judicial candidates in Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Travis must file [additional petitions \(PDF\)](#).
 - Certain statewide judicial candidates must also file additional petitions using the [Statewide Judicial Office on Primary Ballot petition form \(PDF\)](#).

See our FAQs on Party Affiliation and Candidacy for more details about how primary voting or candidacy affects (or does not affect) candidacy in the general election.

Democratic or Republican Party Nominee					
Public Office Sought in 2022	File App. with Party Chair		Filing Fee	Nominating Petition in Lieu of Filing Fee	
	State Chair	County Chair		%Signatures ^g	Number of Signatures ^h
United States Representative	x ^a	-	\$3,125	2%	500

Governor	x	-	\$3,750	-	5000
Lieutenant Governor	x	-	\$3,750	-	5000
Attorney General	x	-	\$3,750	-	5000
Comptroller of Public Accounts	x	-	\$3,750	-	5000
Commissioner of General Land Office	x	-	\$3,750	-	5000
Commissioner of Agriculture	x	-	\$3,750	-	5000
Railroad Commissioner	x	-	\$3,750	-	5000
Justice, Supreme Court ^a	x	-	\$3,750	-	5000
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals ^a	x	-	\$3,750	-	5000
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
Family District Judge ^b	x ^a	-	\$2,500 /\$1,500 ⁱ	2%	500
District Attorney	x ^a	-	\$1,250	2%	500
Criminal District Attorney	x ^a	-	\$1,250	2%	500
County Judge	-	x	\$1,250 /\$750 ^d	2%	500
Judge, County Court-at-Law ^b	-	x	\$2,500 /\$1,500 ⁱ	2%	500

Judge, County Criminal Court ^b	-	x	\$2,500 /\$1,500 ^f	2%	500
Judge, County Probate Court ^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
District Clerk	-	x	\$1,250 /\$750 ^d	2%	500
County Clerk	-	x	\$1,250 /\$750 ^d	2%	500
District/County Clerk	-	x	\$1,250 /\$750 ^d	2%	500
County Surveyor	-	x	\$75	2%	500
County Treasurer	-	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 ^b	-	x	\$1,000 /\$375 ^d	2%	500
Source: Texas Election Code Section	§172.022		§172.024	§172.025	

- a. File with county chair if district is comprised of only one county.
- b. Section 172.021 of the Texas Election Code states petition requirements for certain judicial candidates. 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.
- c. Percentage of all votes for all gubernatorial candidates cast in the applicable territory in the 2018 general election. If number is less than 50, the required number of signatures is the lesser of (1) 50 or (2) 20% of all votes for all gubernatorial candidates cast in the applicable territory in the 2018 general election.
- 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. (Section 172.024(7), (8), Texas Election Code).
- f. Pay higher fee in Bexar, Dallas, Harris and Tarrant Counties. (Sections 172.024(10), (12), Texas Election Code).
- g. Section 172.021(g) of the Texas Election Code provides that 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.
- h. The minimum number of signatures that must appear on a candidate's petition for statewide office is 5000. The minimum number of signatures that must appear on a candidate's petition for district, county or precinct office is the lesser of (1) 500 or (2) 2% of the total vote received in the district, county or precinct, as applicable, by all gubernatorial candidates in the 2018 general election, subject to (c) above. (Section 172.025, Texas Election Code).