

# Filing Requirements for Candidacy

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

### Requirements for Candidacy

#### 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 2021 & 2022

May 1, 2021 - Uniform Election Date	
Authority Conducting Elections	Local Political Subdivisions and Counties
Deadline to post candidate requirements <sup>5</sup> <a href="#">Form 1-15 (PDF)</a>	Friday, May 1, 2020
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline <sup>1</sup>	Monday, December 14, 2020 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates <sup>1</sup>
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).	Friday, January 1, 2021*  <i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2021 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 or Special Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) <sup>1</sup>	Wednesday, January 13, 2021
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) <sup>2</sup>	Friday, February 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.  See note below relating to four-year terms <sup>3</sup>
Last Day to Order General Election or Special Election on a Measure	Friday, February 12, 2021
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 1, 2021
First Day of Early Voting By Personal Appearance	Monday, April 19, 2021
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail ( <b>Received</b> , <u>not</u> Postmarked)	Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Saturday, May 1, 2021 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless a late-arriving deadline applies)

**November 2, 2021 – Uniform Election Date**

***These dates are subject to changes from the 2021 legislative session.***

Authority Conducting Elections	County Elections Officer/Local political subdivisions
Deadline to post candidate requirements <sup>5</sup> <a href="#">Form 1-15 (PDF)</a>	Monday, November 2, 2020
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).	Friday, January 1, 2021*  <i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2021 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60<sup>th</sup> day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline <sup>1</sup>	Thursday, June 17, 2021 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates <sup>1</sup>
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) <sup>1</sup>	Saturday, July 17, 2021 ("first day" does not move; office hours not required)
Last Day to Order General Election or Special Election on a Measure	Monday, August 16, 2021
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) <sup>2</sup>	Monday, August 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.  See note below relating to four-year terms <sup>3</sup>
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, October 4, 2021
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, October 18, 2021 (17 <sup>th</sup> day before election day falls on a Saturday, first day moves to next business day)
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail ( <b>Received</b> , <u>not</u> Postmarked)	Friday, October 22, 2021
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, October 29, 2021
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless a late-arriving deadline applies)

**March 1, 2022 - Primary Election**

***These dates are subject to changes from the 2021 legislative session.***

Deadline to post candidate requirements <sup>1</sup> <a href="#">Form 1-15 (PDF)</a>	Monday, March 1, 2021
First day to file for a place on the Primary ballot for precinct chair candidates.	Tuesday, September 14, 2021
Filing deadline for candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent.	Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).	Saturday, January 1, 2022*  *First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2022 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, January 31, 2022
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, February 14, 2022
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail ( <b>Received</b> , <u>not</u> Postmarked)	Friday, February 18, 2022
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, February 25, 2022
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, March 1, 2022 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is <b>not</b> postmarked, <b>OR</b> Thursday, March 3, 2022 (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) <sup>4</sup>  *First business day after Texas Independence Day

**Saturday, May 7, 2022 - Uniform Election Date (Limited)**

<p><b>Authority Conduction Elections</b></p>	<p><b>Local Political Subdivisions</b>   <b>(County-ordered elections may not be held on this date. County Election Official may, but is not required to, contract to provide election services to political subdivisions holding elections on this date.)</b></p>
<p>Deadline to post candidate requirements <sup>1</sup><a href="#">Form 1-15 (PDF)</a></p>	<p>Friday, May 7, 2021</p>
<p>Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline (Local Political Subdivisions Only)<sup>1</sup></p>	<p>Monday, December 20, 2021 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates<sup>1</sup></p>
<p>First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).</p>	<p>Saturday, January 1, 2022*</p> <p><i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2022 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i></p>
<p>First Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only)<sup>1</sup></p>	<p>Wednesday, January 19, 2022</p>
<p>Last Day to Order General Election or Special Election on a Measure</p>	<p>Friday, February 18, 2022</p>
<p>Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only)<sup>2</sup></p>	<p>Friday, February 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms<sup>3</sup></p>
<p>Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (Local Political Subdivisions Only)</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 22, 2022</p>
<p>Last Day to Register to Vote</p>	<p>Thursday, April 7, 2022</p>
<p>First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance</p>	<p>Monday, April 25, 2022</p>
<p>Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (<b>Received, not</b> Postmarked)</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 26, 2022</p>
<p>Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 3, 2022</p>
<p>Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail</p>	<p>Saturday, May 7, 2022 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is <b>not</b> postmarked, <b>OR</b> Monday, May 9, 2022 (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)<sup>4</sup></p>

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022 – Uniform Election Date**

Deadline to post candidate requirements <sup>1</sup> <a href="#">Form 1-15 (PDF)</a>	Monday, November 8, 2021
Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline (Local Political Subdivisions Only)	Thursday, June 23, 2022 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates <sup>1</sup>
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).	Saturday, January 1, 2022*  <i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2022 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60<sup>th</sup> day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
First Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only)	Saturday, July 23, 2022
First Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Saturday, July 23, 2022
Last Day to Order General Election or Special Election on a Measure	Monday, August 22, 2022
Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>2</sup>	Monday, August 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Monday, August 22, 2022
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (Local Political Subdivisions Only)	Friday, August 26, 2022
Last Day to Register to Vote	Tuesday, October 11, 2022* *First business day after Columbus Day
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, October 24, 2022

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022 – Uniform Election Date**

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Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail ( <b>Received, not</b> Postmarked)	Friday, October 28, 2022
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, November 4, 2022
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 8, 2022 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is <b>not</b> postmarked, <b>OR</b> Wednesday, November 9, 2022 (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) <sup>4</sup>