General Election November 8, 2022



Application Packet

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To:

Political Candidates

From:

Beatriz Charo, City Secretary

Subject:

2022 City of Robstown General Election

Date:

July 25, 2022

The City of Robstown General Election will be held on November 8, 2022. Utility Board Trustee Position No. 5 will be up for election this year. Attached is the Application Packet which has been prepared by the City Secretary's Office. This packet is designed to acquaint you with the application, applicable terms, qualifications, and vacancies. Please take time to thoroughly read all the information and instructions. For the most up to date information, please refer to the websites on the Contact and Reference Information page. Be aware of deadlines and do not hesitate to call our office if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Beatriz Charo, City Secretary Note - Navigational menus along with other non-content related elements have been removed for your convenience. Thank you for visiting us online.

Terms, Qualifications, and Vacancies

General Information

A city is home rule if it has a charter. It is Type C (general law) if it is governed by a mayor and two commissioners. If the city is not home rule or Type C, it is either Type A or Type B. Type A and Type B general law cities have five aldermen and a mayor. The only way to determine which type a city is, is to obtain a copy of the records of the incorporation election from the county clerk or the city secretary. If a general law city with an alderman form of government has a population of over 600, it is probably (but not absolutely) a Type A City.

The general rule for residence and age requirements is section 141.001(a)(2),(5) of the Election Code.

Any city, whether home rule or general law, that has increased its terms of office to 3 years or 4 years must fill vacancies by a majority vote at a special election within 120 days after the vacancy or vacancies occur; except that a home-rule municipality may provide by charter or charter amendment the procedure for filling a vacancy occurring on its governing body for an unexpired term of 12 months or less. See Art. XI, Sec.11 (as amended) for details.

Filling Vacancies

Type A City (Local Gov't Code, Section 22.010)

- Term of office -- 2 years/can opt for up to 4 (Local Gov't Code, Section 22.035)*
- Population -- at least 600 (Local Gov't Code, Section 6.001)
- One vacancy -- city council may fill vacancy by appointment (majority of remaining members, excluding the mayor, make the appointment) until the next regular city election (at which time office will go on ballot for unexpired term, if any) or call a special election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.*
- Two vacancies at same time -- city council must order a special election to fill the vacancies for the remainder of the unexpired term.*
- A special election ordered to fill these vacancies is governed by Title 12 of Election Code.
- *A 3-year or 4-year term requires adoption by election (Art. XI, Sec.11, Tex.Const.); once adopted, vacancies must be filled by special election. See Art. XI, Sec.11 for details.

Type B City (Local Gov't Code, Section 23.002)

- Term of office -- 1 year/can opt for up to 4 (Local Gov't Code, Section 23.026)*
- Population -- 200 9,999 (Local Gov't Code, Section 7.001)

- All vacancies are filled by appointment by remaining aldermen for the unexpired term only.*
- *A 3-year or 4-year term requires adoption by election (Art. XI, Sec.11, Tex.Const.); once adopted, vacancies must be filled by special election. See Art. XI, Sec.11 for details.

Type C City (Local Gov't Code, Section 24.026)

- Term of office 2 years/can opt for up to 4 (Local Gov't Code, Section 24.023)*
- Population 201-4999 (Local Gov't Code, Section 8.001)
- One vacancy -- remaining members of commission fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. (Local Gov't Code, Section 24.026)*
- Two vacancies county judge must order a special election to fill the vacancies.*
- *A 3-year or 4-year term requires adoption by election (Art. XI, Sec.11, Tex.Const.); once adopted, vacancies must be filled by special election. See Art. XI, Sec.11 for details.

Home Rule City (Local Gov't Code, Chapter 26)

- Term of office 2 years/can opt for up to 4 (Tex. Const. Article XI, Section 11)*
- Population more than 5,000
- Vacancies are filled as provided in charter.*
- NOTE: If population of 1.5 million or more and 270 days or more remain before date of next general election, governing body must order special election. (Local Gov't Code, Section 26.045)
- *A 3-year or 4-year term requires adoption by election (Art. XI, Sec.11, Tex.Const.); once adopted, vacancies must be filled by special election; EXCEPT a home-rule municipality may provide by charter or charter amendment the procedure for filling a vacancy occurring on its governing body for an unexpired term of 12 months or less. See Art. XI, Sec.11 (as amended) for details.

Independent School District (Education Code, Section 11.060)

- Term of office 3/4 years (Education Code, Section 11.059)
- A vacancy may be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the board until the next regular school board election. The board also has the option to fill the office by special election. If more than one year remains in the term of the vacated office, it must be filled no later than 180 days after the date the vacancy occurs. (Education Code, Section 11.060)

Qualifications for Office

Type A City (Local Gov't Code, Section 22.032)

Mayor

Residence -- 1 year in state prior to the filing deadline; 1 year in city prior to election day Age -- 18

Must be a registered voter in territory elected from by the filing deadline*

Alderman

Residence -- 1 year in state prior to filing deadline; 6 months in the city (or ward) prior to filing deadline (Texas Elec. Code, Section 141.001(a); Brown v. Patterson, 609 SW 2nd 287)

Age -- 18

Must be a registered voter in territory elected from by the filing deadline*

Type B City (Local Gov't Code, Section 23.024)

- Residence -- 1 year in state prior to filing deadline; 6 months in city (or ward) prior to election day
- Age -- 18
- Must be a registered voter in territory elected from by the filing deadline

Type C City (Election Code, Section 141.001)

- Residence -- 1 year in state and 6 months in city prior to filing deadline
- Age -- 18
- Must be a registered voter in territory elected from by the filing deadline

Home Rule City

- · Residence -- use general rule if charter does not specify a requirement
- A charter may require up to 12 months residence in a city.
- Age -- charter may require 21. (see Election Code, section 141.003)
- Must be a registered voter in territory elected from by the filing deadline unless charter expressly conflicting*
- Any requirement that a candidate must own property is unconstitutional. Turner v. Fouche, 90 S. Ct. 532 (1970).

School Board Trustee (Education Code, Chapter 11)

- Residence -- 1 year in state and 6 months in school district prior to filing deadline (Texas Elec. Code, Section 141.001(a); Brown v. Patterson, 609 SW 2nd 287)
- Age -- 18 years
- Must be a registered voter in territory elected from by the filing deadline*
- In addition to the general felony rule at Election Code Sec. 141.001 (finally convicted), must not be convicted (finally convicted or otherwise) of specific crimes in Education Code in time to serve.
 Sec. 11.066

*House Bill 484 (2015) amends Election Code Section 141.001 to provide a new general rule (for most offices) that a candidate must be a registered voter of the territory elected from as of the filing deadline (unless outside law conflicts).

Government Code Section 601.009 provides that office-holders must be registered voters of the area they were elected from as of the time they are sworn in.

For more details, see our VR for Candidates (HB 484) FAQ.

Updated: December 2015

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED AS OPTIONAL Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of application. **GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT** APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE (date of election) TO: Secretary of State/County Judge I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below. OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.) INDICATE TERM FULL UNEXPIRED PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT* FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last) PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Optional) (Address for which you receive campaign related correspondence, if available.) you do not have a residence address, describe location of residence.) STATE 7IP CITY STATE ZIP CITY hj VOTER REGISTRATION VUID PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional) (Address for OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank) DATE OF BIRTH NUMBER² (Optional) which you receive campaign related emails, if available.) TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional) Cell: Office: Home: LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE THIS APPLICATION WAS SWORN FELONY CONVICTION STATUS (You MUST check one) IN TERRITORY/DISTRICT/PRECINCT FROM I have not been finally convicted of a felony. IN THE STATE OF TEXAS WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED I have been finally convicted of a felony, but I have been _____ year(s) year(s) pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of that felony conviction and I have provided _ month(s) _ month(s) proof of this fact with the submission of this application.³ *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) County, Texas, ____, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and being a candidate for the office of ___ 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." SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE Sworn to and subscribed before me this the _ (month) (name of candidate) (day) Printed Name of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath⁴ Notarial or Official Seal Title of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath TO BE COMPLETED BY FILING OFFICER: This document and a nominating petition of _____ pages received. ☐ Voter Registration Status Verified ____ (See Section 1.007) Date Accepted Signature of Filing Officer or Designee Date Received

INSTRUCTIONS

An independent candidate must submit an application for a place on the ballot in the General Election for 5tate and County Officers. The application must be filed with the Secretary of State for a statewide or district office; or the county judge, for a county or precinct office.

In order for an independent candidate to make an application for a place on the ballot for the General Election for State and County Officers, he or she had to file a Declaration of Intent as set forth in Section 142.002, Texas Election Code.

This candidate application must be accompanied by a petition that satisfies the requirements prescribed by Section 142.007, Texas Election Code.

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-252-8683.

FILING DEADLINE

An application for a place on the ballot must be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. of the 30th day after runoff primary election day, except as provided by Section 202.007, 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.

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INSTRUCCIONES

Un candidato independiente debe presentar una solicitud para obtener un lugar en la boleta electoral en las elecciones generales para funcionarios estatales y del condado. La solicitud debe presentarse ante el Secretario de Estado para un cargo estatal o de distrito; o ante el juez del condado, para un cargo de condado o precinto electoral.

Para que un candidato independiente pueda solicitar un puesto en la boleta de las elecciones generales para funcionarios estatales y del condado, tuvo que presentar una Declaración de Intención según lo establecido en la Seccion 142.002, Código Electoral de Texas.

Esta solicitud de candidatura debe ir acompañada de una petición que satisfaga los requisitos prescritos por la Sección 142.007 del Código Electoral de Texas.

Si tiene preguntas sobre la solicitud, por favor póngase en contacto con la División de Elecciones del Secretario de Estado llamando al 800-252-8683.

PLAZO DE PRESENTACIÓN

La solicitud de inscripción en la boleta debe presentarse a más tardar a las S:00 p.m. del día 30 después del día de las elecciones primarias de desempate, salvo lo dispuesto en la Sección 202.007.

LEY DE NEPOTISMO

El candidato debe firmar esta declaración indicando su conocimiento de la ley del nepotismo. Cuando un candidato firma la solicitud, es un reconocimiento de que el candidato conoce la ley del nepotismo. Las prohibiciones de nepotismo del capítulo 573, Código de Gobierno, se resumen a continuación:

Ningún funcionario puede nombrar, votar o confirmar el nombramiento o empleo de cualquier persona emparentada dentro del segundo grado por afinidad (matrimonio) o del tercer grado por consanguinidad (sangre) con sí mismo, o con cualquier otro miembro del órgano de gobierno o corte en el que se desempeña cuando la compensación de esa persona debe pagarse con fondos públicos o honorarios del cargo. Sin embargo, nada en la ley impide el nombramiento, la votación o la confirmación de cualquier persona que haya estado empleada continuamente en la oficina o el empleo durante el período siguiente antes de la elección o el nombramiento del funcionario o miembro emparentado con el empleado en el grado prohibido: un año, si el funcionario o miembro es elegido en la elección general para funcionarios estatales y del condado.

Ningún candidato puede tomar medidas para influir en un empleado del cargo al que aspira a ser elegido o en un empleado o funcionario del organismo gubernamental al que aspira a ser elegido en relación con el nombramiento o el empleo de una persona emparentada con el candidato en un grado prohibido, tal como se ha indicado anteriormente. Esta prohibición no se aplica a las acciones de un candidato con respecto a una clase o categoría de buena fe de empleados o empleados prospectos.

NOTAS

¹Una solicitud para un lugar en la boleta electoral, incluida cualquier petición que la acompañe, es información pública inmediatamente después de su presentación. (Sección 141.035, Código Electoral de Texas)

²La inclusión del número único de identificación de votante (VUID, por sus siglas en Ingles) es opcional. Sin embargo, a muchos candidatos se les exige que estén registrados como votantes en el territorio desde el cual se elige el cargo en el momento de la fecha límite de presentación. Por favor, visite el sitio web de la Division de Elecciones de la Secretaría de Estado para obtener información adicional.

³La prueba de liberación de las discapacidades resultantes de una condena por un delito grave incluiría prueba de clemencia judicial según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 42A.701, prueba de indulto ejecutivo según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.01, o prueba de una restauración de derechos según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.05. (Opinión de Fiscal General de Texas KP-0251)

Se debe enviar uno de los siguientes documentos con esta solicitud:

Clemencia judicial según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 42A.701

Prueba de indulto ejecutivo según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.01

Prueba de una restauración de derechos según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.05

⁴Todos lo los juramentos, declaraciones juradas o afirmaciones hechas dentro de este estado pueden ser administrados y un certificado del hecho dado por un juez, secretario(a) o comisionado de cualquier corte de registro, un notario público, un juez de paz, y el Secretario de Estado de Texas. Consulte el Capítulo 602 del Código del Gobierno de Texas para obtener la lista completa de personas autorizadas a administrar juramentos.

AW2-16 Prescribed by Secretary of State Sections 141.063, 142.007, Texas Election Code 2/09

PETITION FOR A PLACE ON THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT (PETICIÓN PARA QUE SU NOMBRE ESTE PUESTO EN LA BOLETA DE LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL DE LA CIUI

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INSTRUCTIONS (Petition in City Election)

The petition shall be filed with the same officer with whom an application for a place on the ballot for the office being sought is to be filed and must be filed at the same time as such application.

The petition may consist of several parts, and each part may consist of several pages. The statement in the box at the head of the page must appear at the head of each page of signatures. The affidavit at the bottom of the page must accompany each part but is not required for each page of signatures.

The person or persons who circulate the petition must be administered the affidavit by the proper officer.

INSTRUCCIONES: (Petición para elección de la ciudad)

Esta petición deberá presentarse ante el mismo oficial a quien se solicite inscripción el la boleta para el puesto que se busca y al mismo tiempo que la solicitud correspondiente.

La petición puede estar dividida en diversas secciones y cada sección a su vez puede constar de varias páginas. La declaración que está en el cuadro que encabera el formulario deberá aparecer al principio de cada hoja que contenga firmas. La declaración jurada que aparece al pie del formulario deberá incluirse con cada sección de la petición; no se exige que aparezea en cada página de firmas.

La(s) persona(s) que haga(n) circular la petición deberá(n) firmar la declarción jurada ante el oficial correspondiente.

FOOTNOTES

- 1 Insert Candidate's name.
- ² Insert office title, including any place number or other distinguishing number.
- ³ Either the voter registration certificate number or the date of birth is required.
- 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, city secretary, and the Secretary of State of Texas.

ANOTACIONES

- 1 Indicar el nombre del candidate.
- ³ Indicar el cargo aficial e incluir el mimero de su lugar en la boleta o cualquier otro mimera distintivo.
- ³ Su número de certificado de registro de votante <u>o</u> su fecha de nacimiento es necesario.
- ATOdo juramento, testimonio o afirmación hecho dentro de este Estado se podrá administrar y se podrá dar un certificada 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.

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APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

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APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions are for the APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE (Form CTA). Use Form CTA only for appointing your campaign treasurer. Use the AMENDMENT (Form ACTA) for changing information previously reported on Form CTA and for renewing your choice to report under the modified schedule. Note: Candidates for most judicial offices use Form JCTA to file a campaign treasurer appointment.

DUTIES OF A CANDIDATE OR OFFICEHOLDER

As a candidate or officeholder, you alone, not the campaign treasurer, are responsible for filing this form and all candidate/officeholder reports of contributions, expenditures, and loans. Failing to file a report on time or filing an incomplete report may subject you to criminal or civil penalties.

QUALIFICATIONS OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER

A person is ineligible for appointment as a campaign treasurer if the person is the campaign treasurer of a political committee that has outstanding filing obligations (including outstanding penalties). This prohibition does not apply if the committee in connection with which the ineligibility arose has not accepted more than \$5,000 in political contributions or made more than \$5,000 in political expenditures in any semiannual reporting period. A person who violates this prohibition is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed three times the amount of political contributions accepted or political expenditures made in violation of this provision. Note: A candidate may appoint himself or herself as his or her own campaign treasurer.

DUTIES OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER

State law does not impose any obligations on a candidate's campaign treasurer.

REQUIREMENT TO FILE BEFORE BEGINNING A CAMPAIGN

If you plan to run for a public office in Texas (except for a federal office), you must file this form when you become a candidate even if you do not intend to accept eampaign contributions or make campaign expenditures. A "candidate" is a person who knowingly and willingly takes affirmative action for the purpose of gaining nomination or election to public office or for the purpose of satisfying financial obligations incurred by the person in connection with the campaign for nomination or election. Examples of affirmative action include:

- (A) the filing of a campaign treasurer appointment, except that the filing does not constitute candidacy or an announcement of candidacy for purposes of the automatic resignation provisions of Article XVI, Section 65, or Article XI, Section 11, of the Texas Constitution;
- (B) the filing of an application for a place on the ballot;

- (C) the filing of an application for nomination by convention;
- (D) the filing of a declaration of intent to become an independent candidate or a declaration of write-in candidacy;
- (E) the making of a public announcement of a definite intent to run for public office in a particular election, regardless of whether the specific office is mentioned in the announcement:
- (F) before a public announcement of intent, the making of a statement of definite intent to run for public office and the soliciting of support by letter or other mode of communication;
- (G) the soliciting or accepting of a campaign contribution or the making of a campaign expenditure; and
- (H) the seeking of the nomination of an executive committee of a political party to fill a vacancy.

Additionally, the law provides that you must file this form before you may accept a campaign contribution or make or authorize a campaign expenditure, including an expenditure from your personal funds. A filing fee paid to a filing authority to qualify for a place on a ballot is a campaign expenditure that may not be made before filing a campaign treasurer appointment form with the proper filing authority.

If you are an officeholder, you may make officeholder expenditures and accept officeholder contributions without having a campaign treasurer appointment on file. If you do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and you wish to accept *campaign* contributions or make *campaign* expenditures in connection with your office or for a different office, you must file this form before doing so. In such a case, a sworn report of contributions, expenditures, and loans will be due no later than the 15th day after filing this form.

WHERE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN TREASURER APPOINTMENT

The appropriate filing authority depends on the office sought or held.

- a. Texas Ethics Commission. The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) is the appropriate filing authority for the Secretary of State and for candidates for or holders of the following offices:
 - Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, Treasurer, Land Commissioner, Agriculture Commissioner, Railroad Commissioner.
 - State Senator or State Representative.
 - Supreme Court Justice, Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, and Court of Appeals Judge.*
 - · State Board of Education.

- A multi-county district judge* or multi-county district attorney.
- A single-county district judge.*
- An office of a political subdivision other than a county if the political subdivision includes areas in more than one county and if the governing body of the political subdivision has not been formed.
- A chair of the state executive committee of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial election.
- A county chair of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial election if the county has a population of 350,000 or more.
- * Judicial candidates use FORM JCTA to appoint a campaign treasurer.
- **b.** County Clerk. The county clerk (or the county elections administrator or tax assessor, as applicable) is the appropriate local filing authority for a candidate for:
 - A county office.
 - · A precinct office.
 - A district office (except for multi-county district offices).
 - An office of a political subdivision other than a county if the political subdivision is within the boundaries of a single county and if the governing body of the political subdivision has not been formed.
- c. Local Filing Authority. If a candidate is seeking an office of a political subdivision other than a county, the appropriate filing authority is the clerk or secretary of the governing body of the political subdivision. If the political subdivision has no clerk or secretary, the appropriate filing authority is the governing body's presiding officer. Basically, any political subdivision that is authorized by the laws of this state to hold an election is considered a local filing authority. Examples are cities, school districts, and municipal utility districts.

FILING WITH A DIFFERENT AUTHORITY

If you have a campaign treasurer appointment on file with one authority, and you wish to accept campaign contributions or make or authorize campaign expenditures in connection with another office that would require filing with a different authority, you must file a new campaign treasurer appointment <u>and</u> a copy of your old campaign treasurer appointment (certified by the old authority) with the new filing authority before beginning your campaign. You should also provide written notice to the original filing authority that your future reports will be filed with another authority; use Form CTA-T for this purpose.

FORMING A POLITICAL COMMITTEE

As a candidate, you must file an APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE (FORM CTA). You may also form a specific-purpose committee to support your candidacy. Remember that filing a campaign treasurer appointment for a political committee does not eliminate the requirement that a candidate file his or her own campaign treasurer appointment (FORM CTA) and the related reports.

NOTE: See the Campaign Finance Guide for Political Committees for further information about specific-purpose committees.

CHANGING A CAMPAIGN TREASURER

If you wish to change your campaign treasurer, simply file an amended campaign treasurer appointment (FORM ACTA). This will automatically terminate the outgoing campaign treasurer appointment.

AMENDING A CAMPAIGN TREASURER APPOINTMENT

If *any* of the information reported on the campaign treasurer appointment (FORM CTA) changes, file an AMENDMENT: APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE (FORM ACTA) to report the change.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN OFFICEHOLDERS

If you are an officeholder who appoints a campaign treasurer after a period of not having one, you must file a report of contributions, expenditures, and loans no later than the 15th day after your appointment is effective. This requirement is not applicable if you are a candidate or an officeholder who is merely changing campaign treasurers.

TERMINATING A CAMPAIGN TREASURER APPOINTMENT

You may terminate your campaign treasurer appointment at any time by:

- 1) filing a campaign treasurer appointment for a successor campaign treasurer, or
- 2) filing a final report.

Remember that you may not accept any campaign contributions or make or authorize any campaign expenditures without a campaign treasurer appointment on file. You may, however, accept officeholder contributions and make or authorize officeholder expenditures.

If your campaign treasurer quits, he or she must give written notice to both you and your filing authority. The termination will be effective on the date you receive the notice or on the date your filing authority receives the notice, whichever is later.

FILING A FINAL REPORT

For filing purposes, you are a "eandidate" as long as you have an appointment of campaign treasurer on file. If you do not expect to accept any further campaign contributions or to make

any further campaign expenditures, you may file a final report of contributions and expenditures. A final report terminates your appointment of campaign treasurer and relieves you of the obligation of filing further reports as a candidate. If you have surplus funds, or if you retain assets purchased with political funds, you will be required to file annual reports. (*See instructions for FORM C/OH - UC.*) If you are an officeholder at the time of filing a final report, you may be required to file semiannual reports of contributions, expenditures, and loans as an officeholder.

If you do not have an appointment of campaign treasurer on file, you may not accept *campaign* contributions or make *campaign* expenditures. A payment on a campaign debt is a campaign expenditure. An officeholder who does not have an appointment of campaign treasurer on file may accept *officeholder* contributions and make *officeholder* expenditures.

To file a final report, you must complete the CANDIDATE/OFFICEHOLDER CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT (FORM C/OH), check the "final" box on Page 1, Section 9, and complete and attach the DESIGNATION OF FINAL REPORT (FORM C/OH-FR).

ELECTRONIC FILING

All persons filing campaign finance reports with the Commission are required to file those reports electronically unless the person is entitled to claim an exemption. Please check the Commission's website at http://www.ethics.state.tx.us for information about exemptions from the electronic filing requirements.

GUIDES

All candidates should review the applicable Commission's campaign finance guide. Guides are available on the Commission's website at http://www.ethics.state.tx.us.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Each numbered item in these instructions corresponds to the same numbered item on the form.

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- 1. TOTAL PAGES FILED: After you have completed the form, enter the total number of pages of this form and any additional pages. A "page" is one side of a two-sided form. If you are not using a two-sided form, a "page" is a single sheet.
- 2. CANDIDATE NAME: Enter your full name, including nicknames and suffixes (e.g., Sr., Jr., III), if applicable. Enter your name in the same way on Page 2, Section 11, of this form.
- 3. CANDIDATE MAILING ADDRESS: Enter your complete mailing address, including zip code. This information will allow your filing authority to correspond with you. If this information changes, please notify your filing authority immediately.
- 4. CANDIDATE PHONE: Enter your phone number, including the area code and extension, if applicable.

- 5. OFFICE HELD: If you are an officeholder, please enter the office you currently hold. Include the district, precinct, or other designation for the office, if applicable.
- **6. OFFICE SOUGHT**: If you are a candidate, please enter the office you seek, if known. Include the district, precinct, or other designation for the office, if applicable.
- 7. CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME: Enter the full name of your campaign treasurer, including nicknames and suffixes (e.g., Sr., Jr., III), if applicable.
- 8. CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS: Enter the complete street address of your campaign treasurer, including the zip code. You may enter either the treasurer's business or residential street address. If you are your own treasurer, you may enter either your business or residential street address.
- 9. CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE: Enter the phone number of your campaign treasurer, including the area code and extension, if applicable.
- 10. CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: Enter your signature after reading the summary. Your signature here indicates that you have read the following summary of the nepotism law; that you are aware of your responsibility to file timely reports; and that you are aware of the restrictions on contributions from corporations and labor organizations.
 - The Texas nepotism law (Government Code, chapter 573) imposes certain restrictions on both officeholders and candidates. You should consult the statute in regard to the restrictions applicable to officeholders.
 - A candidate may not take an affirmative action to influence an employee of the
 office to which the candidate seeks election in regard to the appointment,
 confirmation, employment or employment conditions of an individual who is
 related to the candidate within a prohibited degree.
 - A candidate for a multi-member governmental body may not take an affirmative action to influence an officer or employee of the governmental body to which the candidate seeks election in regard to the appointment, confirmation, or employment of an individual related to the candidate in a prohibited degree.
 - Two people are related within a prohibited degree if they are related within the third degree by consanguinity (blood) or the second degree by affinity (marriage). The degree of consanguinity is determined by the number of generations that separate them. If neither is descended from the other, the degree of consanguinity is determined by adding the number of generations that each is separated from a common ancestor. Examples: (1) first degree parent to child; (2) second degree grandparent to grandchild; or brother to sister; (3) third degree great-grandparent to great-grandchild; or aunt to niece who is child of individual's brother or sister. A husband and wife are related in the first degree by affinity. A wife has the same degree of relationship by affinity to her husband's relatives as her husband has by consanguinity. For example, a wife is related to her husband's grandmother in the second degree by affinity.

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- 11. CANDIDATE NAME: Enter your name as you did on Page 1.
- **12. MODIFIED REPORTING DECLARATION**: Sign this option if you wish to report under the modified reporting schedule.

The modified reporting option is not available for candidates for the office of state chair of a political party and candidates for county chair of a political party.

To the left of your signature, enter the year of the election or election cycle to which your selection of modified reporting applies.

Your selection of modified reporting is valid for an entire election cycle. For example, if you choose modified reporting before a primary election, your selection remains in effect for any runoff and for the general election and any related runoff. You must make this selection at least 30 days before the first election to which your selection applies.

An opposed candidate in an election is eligible to report under the modified reporting schedule if he or she does not intend to accept more than \$940 in political contributions or make more than \$940 in political expenditures in connection with an election. The amount of a filing fee paid to qualify for a place on the ballot does not count against the \$940 expenditure limit. An opposed candidate who reports under the modified schedule is not required to file pre-election reports (due 30 days and 8 days before an election) or runoff reports (due 8 days before a runoff). (Note: An *unopposed* candidate is not required to file pre-election reports in the first place.) The obligations to file semiannual reports, special pre-election reports, or special session reports, if applicable, are not affected by selecting the modified schedule.

The \$940 maximums apply to each election within the cycle. In other words, you are limited to \$940 in contributions and expenditures in connection with the primary, an additional \$940 in contributions and expenditures in connection with the general election, and an additional \$940 in contributions and expenditures in connection with a runoff.

EXCEEDING \$940 IN CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES. If you exceed \$940 in contributions or expenditures in connection with an election, you must file according to the regular filing schedule. In other words, you must file pre-election reports and a runoff report, if you are in a runoff.

If you exceed either of the \$940 limits after the 30th day before the election, you must file a sworn report of contributions and expenditures within 48 hours after exceeding the limit. After that, you must file any pre-election reports or runoff reports that are due under the regular filing schedule.

Your selection is not valid for other elections or election cycles. Use the AMENDMENT (FORM ACTA) to renew your option to file under the modified schedule for a different election year or election cycle.

For more information, see the Commission's campaign finance guide that applies to you.

APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER FORM CTA BY A CANDIDATE PG 1 1 Total pages filed: See CTA Instruction Guide for detailed instructions. MS/MRS/MR FIRST CANDIDATE OFFICE USE ONLY NAME Filer ID# NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX Oate Received ADDRESS / PO BOX; APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE: ZIP CODE CANDIDATE MAILING **ADDRESS** Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked AREA CODE PHONE NUMBER EXTENSION Receipt# Amount\$ CANDIDATE PHONE Date Processed OFFICE Date Imaged HELD (if any) OFFICE SOUGHT (if known) MS/MRS/MR FIRST NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME STREET ADDRESS; APT / SUITE #; CiTY; STATE; Z(P CODE CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET **ADDRESS** (residence or business) AREA CODE PHONE NUMBER EXTENSION CAMPAIGN **TREASURER PHONE** 10 CANDIDATE **SIGNATURE** I am aware of the Nepotism Law, Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code. I am aware of my responsibility to file timely reports as required by title 15 of the Election Code. I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations. Signature of Candidate Date Signed

CANDIDATE MODIFIED REPORTING DECLARATION

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This appointment is effective on the date it is filed with the appropriate filing authority.

TEC Filers may send this form to the TEC electronically at treasappoint@ethics.state.tx.us
or mail to

Texas Ethics Commission

P.O. Box 12070

Austin, TX 78711-2070

Non-TEC Filers must file this form with the local filing authority DO NOT SEND TO TEC

For more information about where to file go to: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/QuickFileAReport.php

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION CHAPTER 258, ELECTION CODE FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES



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CHAPTER 258, ELECTION CODE

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

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TITLE 15. REGULATING POLITICAL FUNDS AND CAMPAIGNS

CHAPTER 258. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

Sec. 258.001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the Fair Campaign Practices Act.

Sec. 258.002. PURPOSE.

- (a) The purpose of this chapter is to encourage every candidate and political committee to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.
- (b) It is the intent of the legislature that every candidate and political committee that subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play to encourage healthy competition and open discussion of issues and candidate qualifications and to discourage practices that cloud the issues or unfairly attack opponents.

Sec. 258,003. DELIVERY OF COPY OF CODE.

- (a) When a candidate or political committee files its campaign treasurer appointment, the authority with whom the appointment is filed shall give the candidate or political committee a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy of this chapter.
- (b) The authority shall inform each candidate or political committee that the candidate or committee may subscribe to and file the code with the authority and that subscription to the code is voluntary.
- Sec. 258.004. TEXT OF CODE. The Code of Fair Campaign Practices reads as follows:

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate and political committee in this state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional rights to a free and untrammeled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct the campaign openly and publicly and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to my opponent's record and stated positions on issues.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at

creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opponent.

- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters, including any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process, and will not engage in any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.
- I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Texas or campaign treasurer of a political committee, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct the campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

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Date Signature

Sec. 258.005. FORMS. The commission shall print copies of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and shall supply the forms to the authorities with whom copies of the code may be filed in quantities and at times requested by the authorities.

Sec. 258.006. ACCEPTANCE AND PRESERVATION OF COPIES.

- (a) An authority with whom a campaign treasurer appointment is filed shall accept each completed copy of the code submitted to the authority that is properly subscribed to by a candidate or the campaign treasurer of a political committee.
- (b) Each copy of the code accepted under this section shall be preserved by the authority with whom it is filed for the period prescribed for the filer's campaign treasurer appointment.
- **Sec. 258.007. SUBSCRIPTION TO CODE VOLUNTARY.** The subscription to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices by a candidate or a political committee is voluntary.
- See. 258.008. INDICATION ON POLITICAL ADVERTISING. A candidate or a political committee that has filed a copy of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices may so indicate on political advertising in a form to be determined by the commission.
- Sec. 258.009. CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION. This chapter does not create a civil cause of action for recovery of damages or for enforcement of this chapter.

¹ This document is a copy of chapter 258, Election Code. To subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices, a candidate or campaign treasurer of a political committee must submit Texas Ethics Commission FORM CFCP, not a signed copy of this document.

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

FORM CFCP COVER SHEET

Pursuant to chapter 258 of the Election Code, every candidate and political committee is encouraged to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. The Code may be filed with the proper filing authority upon submission of a campaign treasurer appointment form. Candidates or political committees that already have a current campaign treasurer appointment on file as of September 1, 1997, may subscribe to the code at any time.

Subscription to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary.

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- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

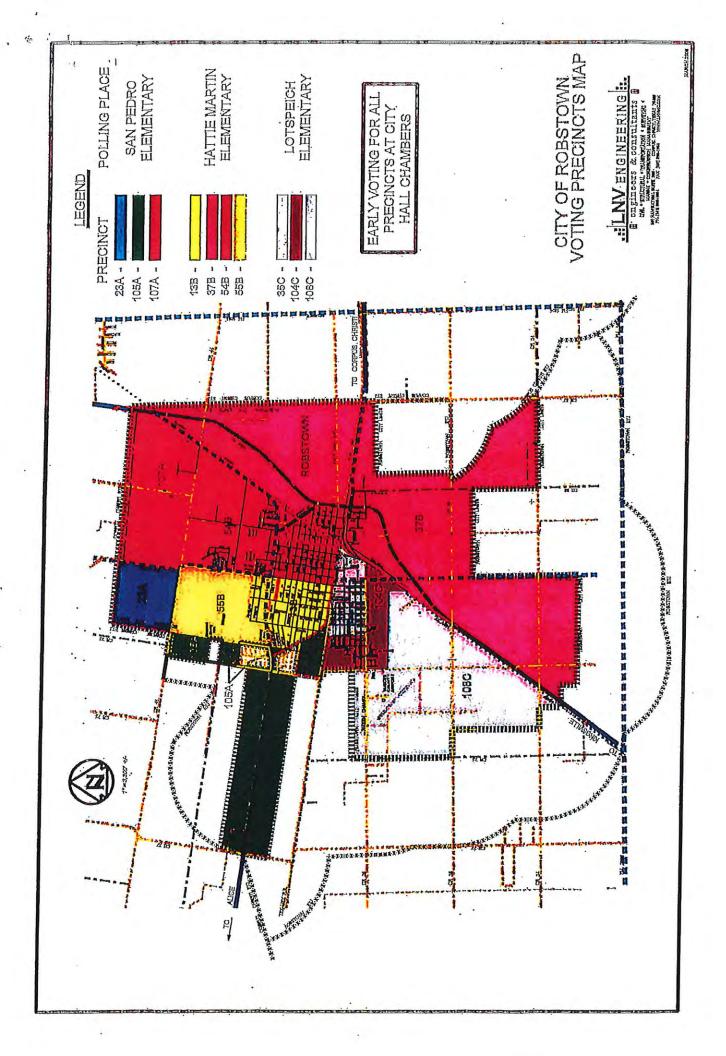
I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Texas or campaign treasurer of a political
committee, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct the campaign in accordance
with the above principles and practices.

Signature	Date

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 - Uniform Election Date

Deadline to post candidate requirements ¹ Form 1-15 (PDF)	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!
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.
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) ²	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
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not 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 not postmarked, OR 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) ⁴



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- Secretary of State
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