

Name of Form:

Declaration of Intent to Run as an Independent Candidate

Section Reference:

Sections 142.002, 142.005, 142.0021, and 172.023, Texas Election Code

Purpose:

To collect the legally required information from a candidate who executes a Declaration of Intent to Run as an Independent Candidate on the ballot for the General Election for State and County Officers (GESCO).

Number of Copies Required:

One

Completed by:

Candidate, the person authorized to administer oaths and the Secretary of State for a statewide or district office or a County Judge for a county or precinct office.

Filing Deadline:

6:00 p.m. on the second Monday in December of the odd-numbered year preceding the general primary election.

Filed With:

Secretary of State for statewide and district offices; County Judge for county and precinct offices.

Comments:

This declaration is not required of independent candidates for an unexpired term if the vacancy occurs after the 10th day before the regular filing deadline for a place on a general primary election ballot or a candidate for an office for which the regular application filing deadline for candidates in a primary election is extended. (Section 142.002, Texas Election Code)

The County Judge shall preserve the Declaration of Intent until the day after the General Election for State and County Officers (GESCO). (Section 142.003, Texas Election Code)

Version:

Current form is dated 8/2025.

**Candidates may use the current version or this declaration or the declaration dated 9/2023.*