

All fields MUST be completed UNLESS MARKED OPTIONAL.¹ Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of application.

DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY FOR COUNTY AND PRECINCT CHAIR ON THE _____ PARTY GENERAL PRIMARY BALLOT (Democratic or Republican)					
TO: County Chair					
I declare that I am a write-in candidate for the office indicated below.					
OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.)					
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)			PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE LIST OF DECLARED WRITE-IN CANDIDATES*		
PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe location of residence.)			PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Address for which you receive campaign related correspondence, if available.)		
CITY	STATE	ZIP	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (If available)		OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)	DATE OF BIRTH	VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER² (Optional)	
TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)		LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE APPLICATION SWORN		IN COUNTY/PRECINCT FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED	
Home:		IN STATE			
Work:		_____ year(s)		_____ year(s)	
Cell:		_____ month(s)		_____ month(s)	
*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.					
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) _____, of _____ County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of _____, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and 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 finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. 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 further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."					
X			_____		
			SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE		
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the ____ day of _____, _____, by _____.					
		Month	Year	Name of Candidate	SEAL
Signature of Officer Administering Oath ³			Title of Officer Administering Oath		
TO BE COMPLETED BY CHAIR OR DESIGNEE: (See Section 1.007)					
Voter Registration Status Verified <input type="checkbox"/>		Date Received	Date Accepted	Signature of Chair or Designee	

INSTRUCTIONS

Write-in candidates are not permitted for county chair or precinct chair unless a county executive committee authorizes write-in candidates. (Section 171.0231, Texas Election Code) Please ensure that your particular county executive committee authorizes write-in candidates for the office of county chair or precinct chair before filing this application. An application, other than an application for the office of precinct chair, may not be filed earlier than the 30th day before the date of the regular filing deadline. (Section 172.023, Texas Election Code) An application for the office of precinct chair may not be filed earlier than the 90th day before the date of the regular filing deadline. (Section 172.023, Texas Election Code) A declaration of write-in candidacy must be filed not later than 6:00 p.m. of the fifth day after the date of the filing deadline for the general primary election. (Section 171.0231, Texas Election Code)

The application shall be filed with the county chair or the secretary of the county executive committee, if there is one. (Section 172.022, Texas Election Code).

NEPOTISM LAW

The candidate must sign this statement indicating his awareness 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 himself, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which he 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.

Examples of relatives within the third degree of consanguinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: parent, child;
- (2) Second degree: brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild;
- (3) Third degree: great-grandparent, great-grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece.

These include relatives by blood, half-blood, and legal adoption. Examples of relatives within the second degree of affinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: spouse, spouse's parent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law;
- (2) Second degree: brother's spouse, sister's spouse, spouse's brother, spouse's sister, spouse's grandparent.

Persons related by affinity (marriage) include spouses of relatives by consanguinity, and, if married, the spouse and the spouse's relatives by consanguinity. These examples are not all inclusive.

FOOTNOTE

¹ An application for a place on the ballot, including any accompanying petition, is public information immediately on its filing. (Section 141.035, Texas Election Code)

² Inclusion 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.

³ All 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.