

Name of Form:

Petition In Lieu of Filing Fee for a Write-in Candidate for the General Election for State and County Officers

Section Reference:

Sections 141.063, 146.023, Texas Election Code

Purpose:

To provide access to the ballot without paying a filing fee. By collecting the legally required number of signatures, a candidate can submit a Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee for a Write-In Candidate for the General Election for State and County Officers instead of having to pay the legally required fee.

Number of Copies Required:

One per candidate

Completed by:

Registered voter signing the petition, person circulating petition, and person administering the oath.

Filing Date:

A Declaration of Write-In Candidacy must be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. of the 78th day before the general election and it may not be filed earlier than the 30th day before the filing deadline.

Filed With:

Secretary of State for state and district offices and the County Judge for county and precinct offices.

Comments:

Persons who sign the petition must be qualified voters of the state or district as appropriate. A voter may only sign one petition for a candidate in the same race.

Version:

Current form is dated 8/2025.

*Candidates may use the current version of this petition dated 8/2025 to apply or may use the version of the petition dated 9/2023.