

DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY FOR A FEDERAL OFFICE FOR GENERAL ELECTION FOR STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS

All fields **MUST** be completed unless marked optional¹. Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of application.

DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY FOR A FEDERAL OFFICE FOR _____		GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT			
(date of election)					
TO: Secretary of State					
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.)		INDICATE TERM	INCUMBENT DECLARATION: (Check this box if you are the incumbent.)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED	<input type="checkbox"/> INCUMBENT		
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 (Optional) (Address at which you receive campaign related correspondence, if available.)			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional) (Address at which you receive campaign related emails, if available.)	OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)		DATE OF BIRTH	VOTER REGISTRATION VUID NUMBER² (Optional)	
TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)					
Home:	Work:	Cell:			
LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE THIS APPLICATION WAS SWORN					
IN THE STATE OF TEXAS (Optional) ____ year(s) ____ month(s)		IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED (Optional) ____ year(s) ____ month(s)			
<p>*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.</p>					
<p>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:</p> <p>"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 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 further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."</p>					
<p>X _____ SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE</p>					
<p>Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____, by _____. (day) (month) (year) (name of candidate)</p>					
Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath ³		Printed Name of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath			
Notarial or Official Seal					
<p>Title of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath</p> <p>TO BE COMPLETED BY SECRETARY OF STATE: THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED FILING FEE PAID BY:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> CASHIERS CHECK OR <input type="checkbox"/> PETITION IN LIEU OF A FILING FEE. (See Section 1.007)</p> <p>This document and \$ _____ filing fee or petition of _____ pages received. <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration Status Verified</p> <p>____ / ____ / ____ Date Filed</p> <p>____ / ____ / ____ Date Accepted</p> <p>____ / ____ / ____ Date Received</p> <p>Signature of Filing Authority or Designee Receiving Filed Application</p> <p>____ / ____ / ____ Signature of Filing Officer or Designee</p>					

INSTRUCTIONS

The Declaration of Write-In Candidacy shall be filed with the Secretary of State for statewide and district offices or with the county judge for county and precinct offices. Section 146.024, Texas Election Code.

This candidate application must be accompanied by either a filing fee or a completed Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee. The filing fee or the Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee must be presented at the time the application is filed. Sections 146.0232, 172.025, Texas Election Code. For additional information, please see the Candidate's Guide on the Secretary of State's website, including the page on Frequently Asked Questions on Party Affiliation and Candidacy.

FILING PERIOD

The Declaration of Write-In Candidacy must be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. of the 78th day before general election day and not earlier than 30 days before the filing deadline. Section 146.025(a), Texas Election Code.

The filing deadline is extended if a candidate whose name is printed on the ballot dies or is declared ineligible after the third day preceding the filing deadline. The extended filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. of the 75th day preceding Election Day. Section 146.025(b), Texas Election Code.

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.

³All 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.

FILING FEE SCHEDULE (172.024 Texas Election Code)

United States Senator	\$5,000
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United States Representative	\$3,125
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