**Name of Form:**
Declaration of Intent to Run as an Independent Candidate

**Section Reference:**
Sections 142.002, 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 Date:**
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 unexpired terms the vacancies in which occurred after the 10th day preceding the regular filing deadline, nor to offices for which the regular filing deadline for candidates in a primary election is extended.

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

**Version:**
Current form is date 9/2023*.

*Previous version of the form dated 9/2021 may still be used.