

**DECLARATION OF INTENT TO RUN AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE  
FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS**  
ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED AS OPTIONAL<sup>1</sup>  
Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of application.

<b>DECLARATION OF INTENT TO RUN AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE</b>			
TO: _____ (Secretary of State (for a statewide or district office) or County Judge (for a county or precinct office)) I hereby declare my intent to run as an independent candidate for the below-named office.			
<b>OFFICE SOUGHT</b> (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.)		<b>INDICATE TERM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED	
<b>FULL NAME</b> (First, Middle, Last)			
<b>PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS</b> (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe location of residence.)		<b>PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Optional)</b> (Address at which you receive campaign related correspondence, if available.)	
<b>CITY</b>		<b>STATE</b>	<b>ZIP</b>
<b>PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional)</b> (Address at which you receive campaign related emails, if available.)	<b>OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)</b>	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> /     /	<b>VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER<sup>2</sup> (Optional)</b>
<b>LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE THIS APPLICATION WAS SWORN</b>			
<b>TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)</b> Home: Office: Cell:	<b>IN THE STATE OF TEXAS</b>	<b>IN THE COUNTY</b>	<b>IN TERRITORY/DISTRICT/PRECINCT FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED</b>
	_____ month(s)	_____ month(s)	_____ year(s)
	_____ year(s)	_____ year(s)	_____ month(s)
<b>X</b> _____ <b>SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE</b>			
State of Texas, County of _____			
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____ (name of person declaring intent to run as an independent candidate) known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument in writing, and acknowledged to me that he or she executed the same for the purpose therein stated.			
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the _____ day of _____, _____, by _____. (day) (month) (year) (name of candidate)			
Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath <sup>3</sup>		Printed Name of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath	
Title of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath		Notarial or Official Seal	
<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY SECRETARY OF STATE OR COUNTY JUDGE:</b>			
Date Received ____/____/____		<b>X</b> _____ Signature of Secretary of State or County Judge or Designee	
Date Approved ____/____/____		<b>X</b> _____ Signature of Secretary of State or County Judge or Designee	

## INSTRUCTIONS

An independent candidate may not file declarations of intent for two or more offices that are not permitted by law to be held by the same person or are to be voted on at one or more elections held on the same day. Section 142.0021, Texas Election Code.

If a person files more than one declaration of intent in violation of Section 142.0021(b), each declaration filed subsequent to the first one filed is invalid.

The declaration must be filed with the Secretary of State for a statewide or district office or the County Judge for a county or precinct office, as applicable. The Declaration of Intent must be filed no later than 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday in December of the odd-numbered year preceding the General Election for State and County Officers. Sections 142.002(b)(2), 172.023(a) Texas Election Code.

The Declaration of Intent to Run as an Independent Candidate is not the only filing requirement. An application and a nominating petition must also be subsequently submitted at the time prescribed in Section 142.006, Texas Election Code.

## NEPOTISM LAW

The candidate must sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. When a candidate signs the application, it is an acknowledgment that the candidate is aware 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 the officer, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which the officer 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.

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>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)

<sup>2</sup>Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, independent candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected no later than election day.

<sup>4</sup>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 of persons authorized to administer oaths.