

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR A FEDERAL INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED AS OPTIONAL¹ Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of application.

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE _____			GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT		
TO: Secretary of State I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.			(date of election) OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.) INDICATE TERM FULL UNEXPIRED		
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)			PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT*		
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: _____ Office: _____ 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)		
<small>*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.</small>					
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 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."					
X _____ SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE					
Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____, by _____ (name of candidate). (day) (month) (year)					
Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath ³			Printed Name of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath		
Notarial or Official Seal					
Title of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath					
TO BE COMPLETED BY SECRETARY OF STATE: THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED NOMINATING PETITION: (See Section 1.007)					
This document and a nominating petition of _____ pages were received.					
_____ / _____ / _____ Date Filed			_____ Signature of Filing Authority or Designee Receiving Filed Application		
_____ / _____ / _____ or _____ / _____ / _____ Date Accepted Date Rejected			_____ Signature of Filing Authority Upon Determination of Application		

INSTRUCTIONS

An independent candidate must submit an application for a place on the ballot in the General Election for State and County Officers. The application must be filed with the Secretary of State for a statewide or district office, or the county judge, for a county or precinct office.

In order for an independent candidate to make an application for a place on the ballot for the General Election for State and County Officers, he or she had to file a Declaration of Intent as set forth in Section 142.002, Texas Election Code.

This candidate application must be accompanied by a petition that satisfies the requirements prescribed by Section 142.007, Texas Election Code.

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-252-8683. 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 DEADLINE

An application for a place on the ballot must be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. of the 30th day after runoff primary election day, except as provided by Section 202.007, 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.