

Name of Form:

Judicial Candidate Application for a Place on the General Primary Ballot

Section Reference:

Sections 141.031, 141.0311, 141.039, 172.021, 172.022, 172.023, 172.024, Texas Election Code

Purpose:

To obtain the legally required information from a judicial candidate who seeks a place on the General Primary Ballot for one of the following offices: (1) chief justice or justice of the supreme court; (2) presiding judge or judge of the court of criminal appeals; (3) chief justice or justice of a court of appeals; (4) district judge, including a criminal district judge; and (5) judge of a statutory county court.

Number of Copies Required:

One

Completed by:

The candidate who is filing for office, the person authorized to administer oaths and the State Party Chair (statewide and district offices in more than one county) or the County Party Chair or the Secretary of the Executive Committee, if any (for offices wholly in one county).

Filing Date:

No later than 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday in December of the odd-numbered year preceding the General Primary Election. The Application may not be filed earlier than 30 days before the filing deadline.

Filed with:

An application for a place on the general primary election ballot must be filed with the State Party Chair, for a statewide office or a district office filled by voters of more than one county. An application for an office filled by voters of a single county must be filed with the County Party Chair or the Secretary of the County Executive Committee, if any. (Section 172.022, Texas Election Code)

This candidate application must be accompanied by either a filing fee or a completed Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee. Please see Sections 172.021, 172.025, Texas Election Code, for the required number of signatures on a submitted Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee. The filing deadline is 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday in December of the odd-numbered year preceding the General Primary Election. The Application may not be filed earlier than 30 days before the filing deadline.

For candidates running for Courts of Appeals in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 14th, and 15th Districts and all candidates running for judicial offices, including justice of the peace, in Bexar, Dallas, Harris and Tarrant Counties, a 250-signature judicial petition is required in addition to the filing fee, or 750 signatures must be collected on the petition in lieu of a filing fee.

For candidates running for a statewide judicial office, the candidate's application must be accompanied by a petition containing the signature of at least 50 registered voters in each Court of Appeals District. There are currently 15 Court of Appeals districts. (Section 172.021(g), Texas Election Code)

Special Judicial Candidate Requirements:

Judicial candidates MUST complete specific requirements that are outlined in Section 141.0311, Texas Election Code. Please read all sections of the Judicial Candidate Application for a Place on the General Primary Ballot.

Comments:

A candidate may not amend an application after it has been filed and the authority with whom the application is filed may not accept an amendment to an application after it has been filed. [Section 141.032, Texas Election Code]

Version:

Candidates may use the current version of this application dated 08/2025 to apply or may use the version of the candidate application dated 11/2023.