

Name of Form:

Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee and/or Petition for Judicial Office for a Primary Election

Section Reference:

Sections 141.061, 141.062, 141.063, 141.064, 141.065, 141.066, 172.021, 172.022, 172.0222, 172.0223, 172.025, 172.027, Texas Election Code

Purpose:

Primary Candidates: To obtain the legally required number of signatures for a candidate who seeks a place on the General Primary Ballot and wishes to submit a petition in lieu of a filing fee.

Judicial Candidates: To obtain the legally required number of signatures for a judicial candidate who seeks a place on the General Primary Ballot and wishes to submit a Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee. Certain judicial candidates are also required to collect a requisite number of signatures from voters registered in the territory in which they are seeking election. See Section 172.021, Texas Election Code.

Number of Copies Required:

One

Completed By:

The petition circulator, registered voters within the territory, 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). The person accepting the candidate's application and petition does not complete any part of the petition form, but does conduct a review of the number and validity of the signatures.

Filing Deadline:

No later than 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday in December of the odd-numbered year preceding the General Primary Election.

Filed With:

An application for a place on the general primary election ballot must be filed with the state party chair, for a statewide or 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)

A candidate's application must be accompanied by either a filing fee or a completed Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee. Please see Sections 172.021(e), 172.025(a), Texas Election Code, for the required number of signatures on a submitted Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee.

Version:

Candidates may use the current version of this petition dated 08/2025 to apply or may use the version of the petition dated 09/2023