

Candidate Steps For the 2024 Primary Election

Are you considering running for political office in 2024?

You will find the answers to some of your questions here, however if you would like more detailed information you will need to visit the [Secretary of State](#) website and the [Texas Ethics Commission](#) website.

The FIRST thing you must know is, are you qualified? [Qualifications for all public offices](#)

NOTE: Please be aware that all information a candidate files becomes public record and IS subject to the Public Information Act. Interested citizens, other candidates and members of the news media may ask to see the information that you file as a candidate.

The Primary Election will be held, **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

[Franklin County Candidate Contact Sheet](#)

[Franklin County Signatures Required for Petition In Lieu of Filing Fee](#)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR CANDIDATES: Subject to change based on 2023

Legislative updates.

Tuesday, **September 12, 2023** - First day to file for a place on the Primary ballot for precinct chair candidates

Saturday, **November 11, 2023** - First day to file for all other candidates for offices that are regularly scheduled to be on the Primary ballot; first day for independent candidates to file declaration of intent.

Monday, **December 11, 2023** at 6:00 PM - Filing deadline for primary candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent.

FILING AUTHORITY - COUNTY CHAIR: All Candidates and/or Officeholders for countywide offices, precinct specific offices within the county, single-county district judge and single-county criminal district attorney must file the following with the local county chair of their political party.

[Application for a Place on the Primary Ballot](#)

Filing Fee or [Petition in Lieu of the Filing Fee](#)

The FIRST thing you must do before announcing candidacy for ANY office is file a [Campaign Treasurer Appointment](#) form with our office.

FILING AUTHORITY - COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR: All Candidates and/or Officeholders for countywide offices, precinct specific offices within the county and single-county criminal district attorney must file the following forms with the local county elections administrator:

[Appointment of Campaign Treasurer By a Candidate \(Form CTA\)](#)

[Code of Fair Campaign Practices \(Form CFCP\)](#)

[Campaign Finance Report \(Form C/OH\)](#)

Amendments to any of the forms listed above

Texas Ethics Commission - [Campaign Finance Schedule](#)

NOTE: Single-County Criminal District Attorney candidates/officeholders must file their Personal Financial Statements (Form PFS) directly with the Texas Ethics Commission. For more information about this report please contact the Texas Ethics Commission at (512) 463-5800.

FILING AUTHORITY - TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION: All Candidates and/or Officeholders for single-county district judge must file directly with the Texas Ethics Commission. For more information about your filing requirements please contact the Texas Ethics Commission at (512) 463-5800.

FORMS

[Texas Secretary of State Candidate Forms](#) - Here you will find Application, Declaration, & Nomination forms; Write-In Candidate Forms; Minor Party Forms; Petition in Lieu of Filing Fee for Candidate Filings forms; Creating a New Political Party Forms; Independent Candidate Forms, etc.

Note: A list of filing fees is included on each application and each form is in both English and Spanish

Electioneering and Campaigning

[Political Fundraisers, What you need to know](#)

[Political Advertising, What you need to know](#)

[TXDOT Rules on Political Signs](#)

PLEASE NOTE: The Elections Department will not answer questions pertaining to Texas Ethics Commission Forms. These forms are legal documents which warrant legal advice from an attorney. The Commission has attorneys on staff available to assist you.

Office's on the Ballot for 2024 are listed under the March 5, 2024 Primary Elections tab below this notice and are the offices ending on 12/31/2024.