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# CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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Election Year: 2024

OCTOBER 6, 2023  
ERATH COUNTY  
County Clerk's Office

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\* Specific-Purpose Committee forms are not included in this Guide, please contact the Texas Ethics Commission or the local Filing Authority

### Local Offices on the Ballot

Office	Term	File With
District Attorney	4-year	Texas Ethics Commission
Sheriff	4-year	County Clerk's Office
County Attorney	4-year	County Clerk's Office
Tax Assessor	4-year	County Clerk's Office
County Commissioner, Pct. 1	4-year	County Clerk's Office
County Commissioner, Pct. 3	4-year	County Clerk's Office
Constable, Pct. 1 (Pct. 1,3,4)	4-year	County Clerk's Office
Constable, Pct. 2	4-year	County Clerk's Office

### Qualifications for Office—Verify with your Party Chair or Filing Authority

#### Non-Judicial Office

- US Citizenship
- Texas Resident—minimum of 12 months
- Resident of the Territory – minimum of 6 months
- Registered voter in the district you are running for—minimum of 6 months
- At least 18-years old
- No final judgment indicating:
  - Totally mentally incapacitated
  - Partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote
- No final felony conviction:
  - Unless pardoned or released from the resulting disabilities
  - **NOTE: If pardoned or released from the resulting disabilities, then must provide proof of the pardon or release.**

#### Secretary of State Qualifications for Office

Link: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/candidates/guide/2024/index.shtml>

\*If running as an Independent, please contact the Texas Ethics Commission or the local Filing Authority for more information.

**Filing Dates**

REGULAR FILING PERIOD:

November 11-December 11, 2023

PRECINCT CHAIRS ONLY – First day for to file application for a place on the ballot **Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

First day to file application for a place on the primary ballot with your Party Chair **Monday, November 11, 2023**

not later than 6 PM – Deadline to file application **Monday, December 11, 2023**

## **Filing Procedures**

Step 1: Visit the Texas Ethics Commission website or contact them for information on the reports that are required.

Step 2: File Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate. (Sec. 252.001)  
(FORM CTA)

Candidates for county & precinct offices file with the County Clerk. (Sec. 252.005(2)) Candidates for Statewide office file with the Texas Ethics Commission as do some district offices. (Sec. 252.005(1))

Judicial Candidates file Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by a Judicial Candidate and Judicial Declaration of Intent Regarding Expenditure Limits (FORM JCTA)

Candidates for District Judge file with the Texas Ethics Commission. (Sec. 252.005(1)(C))

Candidates for County Court at Law No. file with the County Clerk. (Sec. 252.005(2))

Step 3: Optional - File Code of Fair Campaign Practices. (Chapter 258)  
(FORM CFCP)

Candidates for county & precinct offices file with the County Clerk. (Sec. 258.003(a)) Candidates for Statewide Offices and District Judge file with Texas Ethics Commission. (Sec. 258.003(a))

Step 4: File Application for a Place on the Primary Ballot and pay a filing fee or submit a petition in lieu of filing fee to the party chair. (Sec. 141.031, 172.021, 172.025)

Step 5: Follow the Texas Ethics Commission's filing schedule to turn in Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Reports. (Title 15, Chapters 251-254, 254.037, 254.061, 254.063, 254.064, 254.065, 254.093, 254.094)

## Filing Fees and Petition in Lieu of Filing Fee

Link: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/candidates/guide/2024/demorrep2024.shtml#c>

In order to become the Republican or Democratic Party nominee for a particular office, you must file an application for a place on the ballot with the county or state party chair, as appropriate (Section 172.022, Texas Election Code).

The application for a place on the primary ballot must be accompanied by either a filing fee or a petition in lieu of filing fee signed by a certain number of qualified voters.

See Section 162.015, Texas Election Code for more details about how primary voting or candidacy affects (or does not affect) candidacy in the general election.

Section 172.025 of the Texas Election Code states the local offices have to have 2% of the total number of votes cast in the applicable territory from the 2022 gubernatorial general election or 500 signatures, whichever is less. If the number is less than 50, the required number of signatures is the lesser of (1) 50 or (2) 20% of all votes for all gubernatorial candidates cast in the applicable territory in the 2022 general election.

Please see the chart for the total number of signatures required on the petition in lieu of a filing fee for each local office on the ballot in 2024.

Office	Filing Fee	Votes within the District	Number of Signatures
District Attorney	\$1,250.00	13,159	263
Sheriff	\$750.00	13,159	263
County Attorney	\$750.00	13,159	263
Tax Assessor	\$750.00	13,159	263
County Commissioner, Pct. 1	\$750.00	3,369	67
County Commissioner, Pct. 3	\$750.00	3,522	76
Constable, Pct. 1 (Pct. 1,3,4)	\$375.00	10,637	213
Constable, Pct. 2	\$375.00	2,951	51

\*If running as an Independent, please contact the Texas Ethics Commission or the local Filing Authority for more information.

## Application for a Place on the Ballot

Link: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-2f.pdf>

## Petition in Lieu of Filing Fee

Link: <https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-7f.pdf>

## **Erath County Political Parities**

Erath County Democrat Chair

Moumin Quazi

254-592-3259

Email: [mouminquazi@hotmail.com](mailto:mouminquazi@hotmail.com)

Erath County Republican Chair

Dave Washam

281-682-8654

[https://www.texasgop.org/county\\_chairs](https://www.texasgop.org/county_chairs)

## **Filing Authority Contact Information**

Texas Ethics Commission

PO BOX 12070, Austin, TX 78711-2070

512-463-5800

[www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us)

County Clerk's Office

Sharlene Talamantes, Elections Coordinator

100 W. Washington, Stephenville, TX 76401

254-459-5002

[vote@co.erath.tx.us](mailto:vote@co.erath.tx.us)

\*If running as an Independent, please contact the Texas Ethics Commission or the local filing Authority for more information.

## **Texas Ethics Commission Filing Schedule**

Link: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/filinginfo/schedules/s24uniform.pdf>

## **Texas Ethics Commission Campaign Finance Guide**

Link: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/coh\\_local\\_guide.pdf](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/coh_local_guide.pdf)

## **Texas Ethics Commission Campaign Finance Guide—Judicial**

Link: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/judicial/jcoh\\_guide.pdf](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/judicial/jcoh_guide.pdf)

**Fair Campaign Practices Act**

Link: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/statutes/ch258.pdf>

**Code of Fair Campaign Practices (Form CFCP)**

Link: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/cfcp.pdf>

**Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer Instruction Guide**

Link: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/CTA\\_ins.pdf](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/CTA_ins.pdf)

**Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer (Form CTA)**

Link: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/cta.pdf>

**Amended Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer (Form ACTA)**

Link: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/acta.pdf>

**Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report Instruction Guide**

Link: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/COH\\_ins.pdf](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/COH_ins.pdf)

**Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report (Form C/OH)**

Link: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/coh.pdf>

**Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer—Judicial Instruction Guide**

Link: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/JCTA\\_ins.pdf](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/JCTA_ins.pdf)

**Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer—Judicial (Form JC/OH)**

Link: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/jcta.pdf>

**Amended Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer—Judicial (Form AJCTA)**

Link: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/ajcta.pdf>

**Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report—Judicial Instruction Guide**

Link: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/JCOH\\_ins.pdf](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/JCOH_ins.pdf)

**Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report—Judicial (Form JC/OH)**

Link: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/jcoh.pdf>

**Texas Ethics Commission Political Advertising**

Link: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/resources/advertising/>

For comprehensive review of political advertising requirements, please refer to the *Political Advertising Guide: What You Need to Know* or to the *Frequently Asked Questions*.

For questions about the use of public funds for political advertising, please refer to the Political Subdivision guide and/or the School District guide.



For examples of sentences/phrases that the Texas Ethics Commission has determined advocate passage or defeat of a measure then see *Phrases Advocating Passage or Defeat of a Measure*.

For questions about communications that support, oppose, or propose legislation, please refer to the Legislative Advertising guide.

### **Texas Department of Transportation-Campaign Signs**

Link: <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/right-of-way/campaign-signs.html>

During campaign season, the landscape blooms with a special kind of flower - the political sign. Unlike wildflowers that are welcome anywhere, putting campaign signs on public lands is illegal. So, before you plant that sign, learn the law and keep Texas beautiful. TxDOT only regulates campaign signs under chapter 394 of the Texas Transportation Code.

#### **You Need to Know**

- It is illegal to place any signs on or within the right of way. This includes posting signs on trees, telephone poles, traffic signs and other objects on the right of way.
- Campaign signs along Texas roads can be placed on private property with the owner's permission.
- Before placing a sign inside of incorporated city limits, check with the city for applicable ordinances.

More information can be found in the [Political and Campaign Signs pamphlet](#).

#### **Sign Removal**

If you've placed your sign in the right of way or it's posing a traffic hazard, we will remove it without prior notice. All costs associated with sign removal will be paid by the sign owner.

#### **More Information**

TxDOT only controls the placement of signs in relation to the highway. For other questions concerning campaign signs or political advertising, you may wish to visit the [Texas Ethics Commission](#).

#### **Contact Us**

(512) 416-3030

### **Texas Ethics Commission Fundraising**

Link: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/Gpolfund.pdf>

### **Texas Election Code: Name of Candidate on the Ballot**

SUBCHAPTER B.  
NAME ON BALLOT

§ 52.031. FORM OF NAME ON BALLOT. (a) A candidate's name shall be printed

on the ballot with the given name or initials first, followed by a nickname, if any, followed by the surname, in accordance with this section.

(a-1) A person may use any surname acquired by law or marriage.

(b) In combination with the surname, a candidate may use one or more of the following:

(1) a given name;

(2) a contraction or familiar form of a given name by which the candidate is known; or

(3) an initial of a given name.

(c) A nickname of one unhyphenated word of not more than 10 letters by which the candidate has been commonly known for at least three years preceding the election may be used in combination with a candidate's name. A nickname that constitutes a slogan or otherwise indicates a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation may not be used. A nickname may not be used

unless the candidate executes and files with the application for a place on the ballot an affidavit indicating that the nickname complies with this subsection.

(d) A suffix such as "Sr.," "Jr.," or "2nd" may be used in combination with a candidate's name.

(e) A married woman or widow may use in combination with her surname, if the same as her husband's surname, the given name or initials of her husband with the prefix "Mrs."

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., Ch. 211, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986. Amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., Ch. 1349, § 22, eff. Sept. 1, 1997.

#### § 52.032. CANDIDATES WITH SAME OR SIMILAR

SURNAMES. (a) If two or more candidates for the same office have the same or similar surnames, each of those candidates may have printed on the ballot a brief distinguishing description or title, not to exceed four words, following the candidate's name.

(b) The description or title may only refer to the candidate's place of residence or present or former profession, occupation, or position. However, the description or title may not refer to a public office.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., Ch. 211, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986. Amended by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., Ch. 472, § 12, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.

§ 52.033. TITLES PROHIBITED. Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter, a title or designation of office, status, or position may not be used in conjunction with a candidate's name on the ballot.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., Ch. 211, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986.

§ 52.034. NAME ON BALLOT MORE THAN ONCE. A candidate's name may not appear more than once on the ballot except as a candidate for:

(1) two or more offices that are permitted by law to be held by the same

- person; or
- (2) the office of president or vice-president of the United States and another office.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 211, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986.