

The Office of the Secretary of State is in the process of updating its websites to reflect a court order issued on August 10, 2016, relating to identification requirements for voting

More about [Identification Requirements for Voting](#)

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## Republican or Democratic Party Nominees

In order to become the Republican or Democratic Party nominee for a particular office, you must file an [application \(PDF\)](#) for a place on the ballot with the county or state party chair, as appropriate (see chart). Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.022. Candidates for federal office must file a [federal application \(PDF\)](#). The application must be filed between November 14, 2015 and by 6:00p.m. on December 14, 2015. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.023. 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 \(PDF\)](#) signed by a certain number of qualified voters.

See Tex. Elec. Code Ann. **§ 162.015** for more details about how primary voting or candidacy affects (or does not affect) candidacy in the general election.

### Democratic or Republican Party Nominee

Public Office Sought in 2016	File App. with Party Chair		Filing Fee	Nominating Petition in Lieu of Filing Fee	
	State	County		%Signatures <sup>b</sup>	Number of Signatures <sup>a</sup>
United States Representative	x <sup>a</sup>	-	\$3,125	2%	500
Railroad Commissioner	x	-	\$3,750	-	5000
Chief Justice & Justice, Supreme Court	x	-	\$3,750	-	5000
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals	x	-	\$3,750	-	5000
State Senator	x <sup>a</sup>	-	\$1,250	2%	500
State Representative	x <sup>a</sup>	-	\$750	2%	500
Member, State Board of Education	x <sup>a</sup>	-	\$300	2%	500
Chief Justice and Justice, Court of Appeals <sup>b</sup>	x <sup>a</sup>	-	\$2,500 / \$1,875 <sup>d</sup>	2%	500
District Judge	x <sup>a</sup>	-	\$2,500 / \$1,500 <sup>e</sup>	2%	500
Criminal District Judge	x <sup>a</sup>	-	\$2,500 / \$1,500 <sup>e</sup>	2%	500

Family District Judge	x <sup>a</sup>	-	\$2,500 / \$1,500 <sup>e</sup>	2%	500
District Attorney	x <sup>a</sup>	-	\$1,250	2%	500
Judge, County Court-at-Law	-	x	\$2,500 / \$1,500 <sup>e</sup>	2%	500
Judge, County Criminal Court	-	x	\$2,500 / \$1,500 <sup>e</sup>	2%	500
Judge, County Probate Court	-	x	\$2,500 / \$1,500 <sup>e</sup>	2%	500
County Attorney	-	x	\$1,250 / \$750 <sup>f</sup>	2%	500
County Tax Assessor-Collector	-	x	\$1,250 / \$750 <sup>c</sup>	2%	500
County Commissioner	-	x	\$1,250 / \$750 <sup>c</sup>	2%	500
County Sherriff	-	x	\$1,250 / \$750 <sup>c</sup>	2%	500
Justice of the Peace (Place 1 designation only)	-	x	\$1,000 / \$375 <sup>c</sup>	2%	500
Constable	-	x	\$1,000 / \$375 <sup>c</sup>	2%	500
Source: Texas Election Code Section		§172.022	§172.024		§172.025

- a. File with county chair if district is composed of only one county.
- b. Percentage of all votes for all gubernatorial candidates cast in the applicable territory in the 2014 general election. If number is less than 50, a larger percentage may be required. Consult Secretary of State for further information.
- c. Pay higher fee if county has at least 200,000 inhabitants according to 2010 Census.
- d. Pay higher fee in Courts of Appeals Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 14. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.024(7), (8).
- e. Pay higher fee in Bexar, Dallas, Harris, and Tarrant Counties. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.024(10), (12).
- f. Pay higher fee if county attorney performs the duties of a district attorney.
- g. The minimum number of signatures that must appear on candidate's petition for statewide office is 5000. The minimum number of signatures that must appear on candidate's petition for district, county, or precinct office is the lesser of (1) 500, or (2) 2% of the total vote received in the district, county, or precinct, as applicable, by all gubernatorial candidates in the 2014 general election, subject to (b) above. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 172.025.