

Democratic or Republican Party Nominees

In order to become the Democratic or Republican 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 (see chart). The application must be filed between December 3, 2007 and January 2, 2008. Your application must be accompanied by either a filing fee or a nominating petition signed by a certain number of qualified voters. If you receive a majority of the votes cast in the primary election or receive the most votes in a primary runoff election, if applicable, your name will appear on the general election ballot in November 4, 2008.

Public Office Sought in 2008	Qualifications for Office					File App. with Party		Term of Office	Filing Fee	Petitions in Lieu of Fee
	U.S. Citizen	Texas Resident	District Resident	Age	Practicing Lawyer or Judge	State	County			
United States Senator	9 yrs.	Yes (a)		30		x	-	6 yrs.	\$5,000	5,000
United States Representative #16	7 Yrs.	Yes (a)	Not req'd	25 (b)		-	x	2 yrs.	\$3,125	500
United States Representative #23	7 Yrs.	Yes (a)	Not req'd	25		-	x	2 yrs.	\$3,125	500
Railroad Commissioner	Yes	Yes (a)		25		x	-	6 yrs.	\$3,750	5,000
Justice, Supreme Court	Yes	Yes (a)		35	10 yrs. (b)	x	-	6 yrs.	\$3,750	5,000
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals	Yes	Yes (a)		35	10 yrs. (b)	x	-	6 yrs.	\$3,750	5,000
State Representative #75	Yes	2 yrs. (b)	12 mo. (b)	21 (b)		-	x	2 yrs.	\$750	322
State Representative #76	Yes	2 yrs. (b)	12 mo. (b)	21 (b)		-	x	2 yrs.	\$750	311
State Representative #77	Yes	2 yrs. (b)	12 mo. (b)	21 (b)		-	x	2 yrs.	\$750	297
State Representative #78	Yes	2 yrs. (b)	12 mo. (b)	21 (b)		-	x	2 yrs.	\$750	500
State Representative #79	Yes	2 yrs. (b)	12 mo. (b)	21 (b)		-	x	2 yrs.	\$750	324
Chief Justice and Justice, Court of Appeals	Yes	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	35 (b)	10 yrs. (b)	x	-	6 yrs.	\$1,875	500
District Judge #34,#41,#346,#383,#384,#388,#409,#448,	Yes	2 yrs. (b)	2 yrs. (b)	25	4 yrs. (b)	-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,500	500
Family District Judge #65	Yes	2 yrs. (b)	2 yrs. (b)	25	4 yrs. (b)	-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,500	500
Criminal District Judge #1	Yes	2 yrs. (b)	2 yrs. (b)	25	4 yrs. (b)	-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,500	500
District Attorney	Yes	12 mo. (c)	6 mo. (c)	18	yes	x	-	4 yrs.	\$1,250	500
County Criminal Court At Law #3, #4	Yes	Yes (e)	Yes (e)	18	yes (e)			4 yrs.	\$1,250	500
County Attorney	Yes	12 mo. (c)	6 mo. (c)	18	yes	-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,250	500
County Sheriff	Yes	12 mo. (c)	6 mo. (c)	18		-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,250	500
County Tax Assessor-Collector	Yes	12 mo. (c)	6 mo. (c)	18		-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,250	500
County Commissioner #1	Yes	12 mo. (c)	6 mo. (c)	18		-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,250	500
County Commissioner #3	Yes	12 mo. (c)	6 mo. (c)	18		-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,250	290
Constable #1	Yes	12 mo. (c)	6 mo. (c)	18		-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,000	231
Constable #2	Yes	12 mo. (c)	6 mo. (c)	18		-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,000	262
Constable #3	Yes	12 mo. (c)	6 mo. (c)	18		-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,000	242
Constable #4	Yes	12 mo. (c)	6 mo. (c)	18		-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,000	390
Constable #5	Yes	12 mo. (c)	6 mo. (c)	18		-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,000	259
Constable #6	Yes	12 mo. (c)	6 mo. (c)	18		-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,000	133
Constable #7	Yes	12 mo. (c)	6 mo. (c)	18		-	x	4 yrs.	\$1,000	299

a. No duration specified.

b. Before date of general election.

c. Before January 2, 2008, if candidate for Democratic or Republican Party Nomination. Before March 18, 2008, if other party nominee for precinct, county, or single-county district office. Before March 28, 2008, if other party nominee for multi-county district office. Before June 10, 2008, if other party nominee for statewide office. Before May 11, 2008, if independent candidate. Before November 4, 2008, if declared write-in candidate.

d. Citations refer to article and section number of the U.S. Const. for U.S. Rep.; section number of the Tex. Educ. Code for Member, State Board of Education; section number of the civil statutes for Railroad Commissioner; section number of the Tex. Government Code for district and county attorney; section number of the Texas Local Government Code for constable; and article and section number of the Tex. Const. for all others. Also see §141.001 of the Tex. Elec. Code.

e. Statutory qualifications may vary; contact your local party chair or the Secretary of State.

f. Additional qualifications for sheriff: must have a high school diploma or high school equivalency degree and be eligible to be licensed under sections 1701.309, 1701.312, and 1701.502 of the Texas Occupations Code.

g. Additional qualifications for constable: must be either (1) eligible to be licensed under sections 1701.309, 1701.312, and 1701.502 of the Texas Occupations Code and (a) has at least an associate's degree, (b) is a special investigator under Article 2.122(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, or (c) is an honorably retired peace officer or honorably retired federal criminal investigator who holds a certificate of proficiency issued under Section 1701.357, Texas Occupations Code or (2) an active or inactive licensed peace officer under Chapter 1701 of the Texas Occupations Code.