

Local Non-Judicial Candidate/Officeholder Packet

This packet is being provided by the County Elections Administrator to supply you with the basic information that any candidate would need to know.

Before becoming a candidate, we urge you to contact the Texas Ethics Commission for information on campaign contribution reports, the appointment of a campaign treasurer, and personal financial statements that you may be required to file.

The Texas Ethics Commission will serve as your authority on how to run your campaign.

“Local” Filers do not file with the Texas Ethics Commission.

If running for a County office you would file for a place on the ballot with the Party Chair of your choice. All other forms would be filed with the County Elections Administrator.

If running for a Local Political Subdivisions you would file all forms with the Subdivision Authority.

Please file forms with your local filing authority accordingly.

For Major Party Candidates:

In order to run with a major political party, a candidate must file an application with the county or state party chair and pay a filing fee. A candidate also has the option of filing a petition in lieu of the filing fee. Application and petition forms are available through local party officials or the Texas Secretary of State. The regular filing period for the primary election begins on the 30th day before the date of the regular filing deadline, which is 6 p.m. on the second Monday in December of an odd-numbered year.

For Qualifications for Office - Check with your Party Chair or Authority

- [Voter Registration Requirements for Candidates](#)

Minimum for County offices (Non-Judicial):

- a) US Citizen
- b) Texas Resident – min. 12 months
- c) Registered in the district running for – min. 6 months
- d) Be at least 18 years old.

Local Non-Judicial Candidate/Officeholder Important Contact Information

The Commission may be reached at the following address:

Texas Ethics Commission

P.O. Box 12070

Austin, TX 78711-2070

Tel: (512) 463-5800

www.ethics.state.tx.us

The Local Party Chairs may be reached at the following addresses:

Houston County Democratic Party

Tami Barugh – Party Chair

PO Box 166

Crockett, TX 75835

Tel: (713) 504-6016

tami@pantegfarm.com

Houston County Republican Party

Joni Clontz – Party Chair

412 E. Houston Avenue

Crockett, TX 75835

Tel: (936) 222-6706

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***Independent Candidates for county offices will file with the County Judge**

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We have compiled the following list of links that you should review which will provide you with all necessary forms and better understanding of how to run your campaign.

Please visit Texas Ethics Commission @ www.ethics.state.tx.us to review these links.

➤ **FAQs**

➤ **Required Forms: *(you will need to print)***

1. Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate. ([Form CTA](#))
 - Amended Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate ([Form ACTA](#))
2. Code of Fair Campaign Practices ([Form CFCP](#))
3. Filing for a Place on the Ballot – File with your Party Chair ([Form 2-2](#))
4. Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report ([Form C/OH](#))
 - Correction Affidavit for Candidate/Officeholder ([Form COR-C/OH](#))
5. Candidate/Officeholder Report of Unexpended Contributions ([Form C/OH-UC](#))
 - For Corrected C/OH-UC use [Form COR-C/OH](#)
6. Certificate of Withdrawal

➤ **Guides:**

- a) Treasurer Instructions
 - Duties Under the Campaign Finance Law
- b) Local Filers Campaign Finance Guide
- c) [Political Advertising](#) - What you Need to Know
 - Political Advertising for Local Filers
 - Political Subdivision Advertising
 - School District Advertising
- d) [Title 15 Election Code](#)

➤ **Filing Schedule**