Requirements, Eligibility and Deadline for Filing for Candidacy

Requirements

A candidate application for a place on the ballot must:

1. Be in writing.

2. Be signed and sworn to before a person authorized to administer an oath in this state by the candidate and indicate the date that the candidate swears to the application.

3. Be timely filed with the appropriate authority; and

4. Include all statutorily required information. Election Code 31.0021, 141.031, .039

Eligibility

To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, the office of school board member, a person must:

1. Be a United States citizen.
2. Be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable.
3. Have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.
4. Have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities [but see Ineligibility below].
5. Have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for six months immediately preceding the following date:
    a. For an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot.
    b. For a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in.
    c. For an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made.
6. Be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected on the date described at item 5, above.

Election Code 1.020, 141.001(a); Education Code 11.066; Gov't Code 601.009; Tex. Const. Art. XVI, Sec. 14

Filing Deadline

FOR THE MAY 1, 2027, GENERAL ELECTION: The first day to file an application for a place on the ballot in a school district's general/special election is **January 13, 2027** (the 30th day before the filing deadline). The filing deadline for the general/special election is 5 p.m. on **February 12, 2027** (the 78th day before Election Day).