

## SEEKING PUBLIC OFFICE?

### Filing for a place on the ballot

If you are running for public office in Texas, the office you are seeking will dictate the jurisdiction (political entity) where you must go to file for a place on the ballot:

- Individuals who want to run for a Federal, State or County office representing one of the two major political parties must file for a place on the ballot at the headquarters of their preferred party:
  - Harris County Republican Party-3311 Richmond, Suite 218, Houston, Texas 77098 - 713-838-7900 - FAX 713-838-7901, <http://www.harriscountygop.com/>
  - Harris County Democratic Party, 1445 North Loop West, Suite 110, Houston, TX 77008  
Phone: 713-802-00851 Fax: 713-802-2082 email: [hcdp@hcdp.org](mailto:hcdp@hcdp.org),  
<http://www.hcdp.org/>
- Individuals who want to run for a Federal or State office as Independent candidates must file for a place with the Secretary of State:

Texas Secretary of State:  
Elections Division  
Secretary of State  
P.O. Box 12060  
Austin, Texas 78711-2060

Phone Numbers  
1.800.252.VOTE (8683)  
512.463.5650  
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/candidates/index.shtml>

- Individuals who want to run for a County office as Independent candidates must file for a place on the ballot with the Harris County Judge:

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett  
1001 Preston, Suite 911 Houston, Texas 77002  
Phone: 713-755-4000  
Fax: 713-755-8379

- Individuals who want to run for a school board, municipal or city position must file for a place on the ballot with the designated authority in those jurisdictions. For example, in the City of Houston, that authority would be the City Secretary.

## **Campaign Finance Filings for Political Subdivisions Other Than Federal, State and County Offices**

Individuals who are seeking public office must file Campaign Treasurer Appointments Forms and Campaign Finance Reports with the designated authority in the jurisdictions where they are seeking office. For example, in the City of Houston, the authority would be the City Secretary.

### For more information

You can contact:

Texas Ethics Commission  
201 East 14th St., 10th Floor  
Austin, TX 78701  
P. O. Box 12070  
Austin, TX 78711-2070  
<http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/>  
512-463-5800 • 1-800-325-8506

By statute, Texas Ethics Commission is the agency responsible for administering and enforcing laws concerning political contributions and expenditures and personal financial disclosure of state officers.

*You can also call the Harris County Clerk's Office at 713-274-9550.*