



DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE CLAY LEWIS JENKINS

**Candidate Filing Information for
Elected Appraisal District Board of Directors
in Dallas County for May 4, 2024 Election**

APPLICATION PERIODS

Place on General Election Ballot:

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – Friday, February 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

General office hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

February 16, 2024 office hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Write in Candidates:

January 17, 2024 --- February 20, 2024 (5:00pm)

General office hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

February 20, 2024 office hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

An application for a place on the ballot for the office of elected director of an appraisal board must be filed with the county judge of the county in which the appraisal district is established. The application must be accompanied by a filing fee **or** a petition in lieu of the filing fee that satisfies the requirements prescribed by Section 141.062 of the Election Code and Section 6.032(d) of the Tax Code. A write-in-candidate is not required to submit a filing fee or petition in lieu of filing fee.

[Application for Place on the Ballot for the General Election](#) or [Declaration of Write-In Candidacy](#)

- Must indicate which Place (Place 1, Place 2 or Place 3) in Office Sought box

Filing Fee:

- The filing fee for a place on the ballot is \$400 for a county with a population of 200,000 or more.
- Paying a filing fee with a credit card is not authorized under current law.
- Please bring cash or make a check out to “Dallas County.”

Petition in lieu of filing fee:

- Candidates may submit a petition in lieu of paying a filing fee. If submitting a petition in lieu of the filing fee, candidates may use [Petition 2-51](#).
- Chapter 141, Subchapter C of the Election Code pertains to the validity of a candidate's petition, including prescribing the content of a petition, the validity of a signature, and the method of acquiring a signature. (Sections 141.062, 141.063, 141.064, 141.065, Election Code).
- With regards to the petition in lieu of a filing fee, Section 6.032(d) of the Tax Code provides that the minimum number of signatures that must appear on the petition is **500 signatures**.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to serve as an elected member of the board of directors, an individual must meet certain eligibility requirements. The eligibility requirements include the following:

- General eligibility requirements for public office as defined by Section 141.001 of the Texas Election Code, except for Section 141.001(a)(5).
- The individual must be resident of the district (county) and must have resided in the district (county) for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office (Section 6.0301, Tax Code). This is a longer residency requirement than the general rule outlined in Section 141.001 of the Election Code. Given the more specific residence requirement provided under the Tax Code, candidates for the elected board of director offices will need to have resided in the county longer than the six months required under Section 141.001 of the Election Code as of the filing deadline.
- An individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the board is not ineligible because of membership on the governing body of a taxing unit. An employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the district. (Section 6.0301, Tax Code).
- An individual is not eligible to be a candidate for, to be appointed to, or to serve on the board of directors of an appraisal district if the individual or a business entity in which the individual has a substantial interest is a party to a contract with: 1) the appraisal district; or 2) a taxing unit that participates in the appraisal district, if the contract relates to the performance of an activity governed by Title 1 of the Tax Code. (Section 6.036(a), Tax Code, effective July 1, 2024.)

To make an appointment to file your paperwork or for any questions regarding the process, please email Lauren.Trimble@dallascounty.org. Appointments are not required but preferred if possible.

Additional information:

Texas Secretary of State Election Advisory Regarding Senate Bill 2

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/advisory2023-24.shtml>

Running for Local Office

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/candidates/guide/2022/local.shtml>

Candidate Frequently Asked Questions

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/faq-on-local-candidacy.shtml>