

Candidate Handbook

of the Libertarian Party of Texas



VOTE

MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

Those who decide to run as a candidate for office make a significant difference and contribution toward liberty in Texas and the United States. The Libertarian Party of Texas (LP Texas) is committed to filling the ballot with liberty-minded individuals like you, to help hold officeholders publicly accountable. In the Libertarian Party there are three different kinds of candidates (see the Candidate Worksheet on page 13 for details).

Take some time and think about what kind of candidate you want to be, and let this handbook be your guide in a wonderful adventure! Regardless of which campaign style you choose to run, you will have a direct effect on public policy in Texas. We know from experience in lobbying the legislature that your simple presence on the ballot will make the difference and help influence your elected incumbent in a Libertarian direction.

Thank you for your commitment to liberty.

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BECOME A CANDIDATE.

To become an official candidate for the Libertarian Party of Texas, complete the following steps:

- Complete and submit the [Run for Office Form](#) on the Libertarian Party website. This is for LP Texas information purposes only, and will allow us to contact you to guide you through the process.
- Complete, notarize, and submit the Texas Secretary of State Application for Nomination. See page 22 for specifics.
- Appoint a Treasurer and report him or her. For details, see page 7 part 4.
- Complete the Candidate Agreement on page 20. For details, see page 5 part 1.

TOP TEN TO-DO.

Serious candidates will carefully study these “top-ten to-dos” for a successful race. The more you follow these rule-of-thumb regulatory and common-sense considerations, the more successful your campaign will be.

1. FILL OUT ALL REQUIRED LEGAL PAPERWORK ON TIME.

Your Application for Nomination (page 22) is due to the state party/county chair by December 14, 2015 or else the Texas Election Code prohibits your participation as a Libertarian candidate in the November 2016 general election. Please note that these requirements apply to candidates with the Libertarian Party of Texas only. We nominate by convention. Unlike the Republican or Democrat Parties, we do not nominate through primaries, our candidates do not incur filing fees, and we do not accept government funding. Complete and submit ALL Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) required forms. If you do not file as required, or if you do not file on time, the TEC may, for example, fine you \$500 – even if you raised no money!

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Candidates for all local offices (county offices; precinct offices; single-county district offices; offices of other political subdivisions such as school districts; and various judicial offices) must contact the local filing authority, through the city clerk’s or county clerk’s office to submit the required TEC forms.

For local elections, complete the
Application for Nomination on page 22.

Notarized and submit to the local Libertarian Party County Chair. County Chair Contact Information: lptexas.org/state-county-affiliates

STATE ELECTIONS

Candidates for all state offices (House, Senate and all statewide races through Governor) must visit the Texas Ethics Commission website to download, complete and submit all required forms.

For state and local elections, visit:

Texas Ethics Commission (TEC)

Forms and Information:

www.ethics.state.tx.us/main/local.htm

For TEC Guides visit

www.ethics.state.tx.us/main/guides.htm

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

Candidates for all federal offices (U.S. House, U.S. Senate and President of the United States) must visit the Federal Election Commission website to complete and submit all required forms.

For federal elections laws, visit:

Federal Election Commission (FEC)

Forms and Information:

www.fec.gov

Additional FEC Resources:

www.fec.gov/ans/answers_candidate.shtml#register

For state and federal elections, complete the Application for Nomination on page 22. Notarized and submit to:

State Chair

Libertarian Party of Texas

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Austin, TX 78705

Chair@LPTexas.org

Fax 512-233-0613

The Application for Nomination is also available for download online at www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-8f.pdf

Notary Public: To find a notary near you, you may also check direct.sos.state.tx.us/notaries/NotarySearch.asp

2. GET AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) FOR YOUR CAMPAIGN FROM THE IRS.

If you run an active campaign, you will need this for your Treasurer. If you are running a “small” campaign you may choose to use your personal Social Security number. To apply for your EIN online, visit: [www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&Self-Employed/Apply-for-an-Employer-Identification-Number-\(EIN\)-Online](http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&Self-Employed/Apply-for-an-Employer-Identification-Number-(EIN)-Online).

3. GET A BUSINESS BANK ACCOUNT.

Try opening one at the bank you currently use for free. It’s important to keep campaign funds completely separate from your personal finances.

4. BUILD YOUR TEAM.

At a minimum, you are required to have a treasurer, someone besides yourself, and complete FORM CTA for the TEC unless you are a judicial candidate filing the FORM JCTA instead.

Complete the form(s) online at

www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/cta.pdf

www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/e_tas.html

Ideally, a second person will serve as your campaign manager.

Support from those around you is critical. Reach out to local Libertarians. Many are willing to help, but you have to ask. If you are not sure who to ask, check with your LP county chair, or State Libertarian Executive Committee representative, or staff member, at lptexas.org/state-county-affiliates, lptexas.org/state-leadership, or lptexas.org/staff. Local Meetup groups (www.meetup.com) and Facebook are also great ways to gather volunteers. Tell folks how they can help you and be sure to stay in touch with them.

5. SET GOALS FOR YOUR CAMPAIGN.

Your goals should be realistic – ones that are appropriate for your expected level of activity. They should be expressed in terms of specific numbers. Good goals for educational campaigns could be to win your home precinct, to increase your vote totals by a certain percentage over previous Libertarian campaigns in your area, to do a certain number of media interviews, to increase LPTX membership in your area by a certain number – or, to get elected!

6. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL AVAILABLE FREE EXPOSURE.

Write Letters to the Editor and prepare a press kit (to include a good “head shot” photo of yourself, your announcement news release, and a list of short quotes from you on the issues you’ll be stressing in your campaign). For your headshot: wear a suit. Don’t wear a hat or sunglasses. Smile! Look friendly and professional. You want to make it easy for the media to publish (print or broadcast) content about you and your candidacy. Know the [Libertarian Party of Texas platform](#). Decide on certain quotes that will resonate with most voters or ones you want to use in your campaign. Be sure to return all media calls promptly AND attend all candidate forums to which you are invited. These are free publicity.

7. CAMPAIGN MATERIALS.

Get stickers, buttons, or door hangers to pass out when you are campaigning and at forums. These materials help prospective voters to remember you when they see your name on the ballot come Election Day. For more details, see our resource sections on pages 11, 15, and 16.

8. WALK THE BLOCK.

"Hi, I'm _____, running for _____, and I'd appreciate your vote on Election Day." Many people will ask you questions. Some may hope the conversation is over as quickly as possible. But, almost all of those you meet will remember you when they get to the ballot box.

9. FUNDRAISE.

Raise at least some money for your campaign. Visit <https://www.lp.org/files/money.pdf> and read "Raising Money Quickly: Raising Your First \$2,500 in Seven Days." It works.

10. HAVE FUN. MEET PEOPLE.

The best way to educate others on Libertarian principles is to live your life that way. Be involved and social. If you are not naturally a social butterfly, that's ok. The more social activities you participate in, the more comfortable you'll become with them, and the larger your social network will become. While having fun, remember to be professional. Keep in mind that you are representing a party – a smaller party – which is looking to become a major party.



CANDIDATE RESOURCES.

STATE PARTY GENERAL ELECTIONS

By request, we provide our Libertarian Party County Chairs a list of Libertarians in their county. The County Chair has the discretion to make this list available to candidates. (If there is no County Chair, the State Libertarian Executive Committee representative for your State Senate District fills that role.)

- LP Texas will send emails to our contacts on behalf of the candidates in their district.
- We have provided candidate training workshops.
- We have provided guidance in completing and filing government forms. However, we cannot do it for you. You and/or your treasurer are solely accountable for what you submit.
- For a fee we will produce audio and visual commercials for candidate campaign use.
- We do everything necessary to provide candidates with FREE ballot access. In 2004 we obtained over 82,000 signatures on petitions to retain ballot access for the Libertarian Party of Texas. In 2010 our gubernatorial candidate received enough votes to assure our ballot access through 2014.

LP Texas is a grassroots organization. We are decentralized with the counties serving truly important roles and acting independently. As the state office, we strive to empower our Libertarian county affiliates and candidates. Bear in mind that we operate very differently from the Republican and Democratic Parties. We cannot and will not create dependency and control from above as is so often the case with them. When these major parties give money to their selected favorites it is a carrot and stick, a form of control.

We, as Libertarians, should not need or want to copy that business model. It's corrupt and ultimately even the most ethical people are corrupted by that approach. We ask candidates to review, sign and submit the Candidate Agreement and Candidate Information forms shown pages 20 and 21 of this handbook. We want you to understand your responsibilities AND we want to be able to contact you immediately to provide you with any time-sensitive information that may be of help to your campaign.

Thank you.

STATE PARTY LOCAL ELECTIONS

The coming November 2015 local elections are nonpartisan. Candidates do not run under a party label, such as Libertarian, Republican, or Democrat. They do not appear on the ballot as Libertarians, and the Libertarian Party of Texas (LP Texas) does not provide the support to candidates that we may make available in a general election. LP Texas does offer referral information for local elections consistent with applicable law. Libertarians have a greater chance of winning local elections. If you have not run for office before, this is a great place to start. For local election deadlines, visit www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/2013dates.shtml

Prospective local candidates should also read the Texas Ethics Commission's Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and officeholders Who File with Local Filing Authorities, at www.ethics.state.tx.us/guides/coh_local_guide.pdf

LP TEXAS INFORMATION:

LP Texas provides County Chairs with information for their respective county:

- Our Libertarian member/donor list, and
- The 2012 Texas database of Registered Voters, including identification of those who also voted during 2012 in either the Republican or Democratic primary. County Chairs decide the candidates with whom they will share this information and under what circumstances.

If there is no County Chair listed for the local election in which you are interested, please contact a representative of the State Libertarian Executive Committee (SLEC) for your Texas Senate District (visit lptexas.org/state-leadership). You can find your Senate District at www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/mnuAddress.aspx

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

You are responsible for your own local campaign, financially and otherwise. There is no “somebody else” who will automatically do it for you; however, in many races your local county LP affiliate will be your best resource. They are your local “boots on the ground” who may volunteer their time, talent, and perhaps some money for your campaign. You should also cultivate your own personal and professional relationships in your community.

CANDIDATE WORKSHEET.

CONSIDER AND CHOOSE YOUR CAMPAIGN.

CHOICE CANDIDATE:

A Choice Candidate is a candidate who agrees to sign the paperwork and add his or her name to the ballot, but does not actively campaign. Choice Candidates play a vital role in our electoral strategy. They add numbers to our vote totals. They give all voters, not just members of our party, an option to vote for a Libertarian on Election Day. (It does not need to cost any money, and takes a small amount of time to run as a Choice Candidate.)

CHANGE CANDIDATE:

A Change Candidate is one step beyond Choice Candidate. We ask Change Candidates to appear at candidate forums and provide Libertarian answers to any questionnaires they may receive. They may also produce a website, brochures, or business cards. A great Change Candidate campaign may be run for as little as \$500.

CHALLENGE CANDIDATE:

A Challenge Candidate runs in a winnable race. A winnable race is determined by mathematical analysis of previous Libertarian votes. Currently there are many winnable races in Texas. If you want to win a political office, please call and we will try to refer you to someone who can help with the calculations.

TIMELINE.

In reverse order, develop a timeline that helps you with filing deadlines and events going on in the community. This will give you plenty of time to apply for the events to get a booth and to file in a timely manner to avoid fines.

TARGET GROUPS.

What groups do you think will resonate with your message? Why are you targeting them? What outcome do you expect with each group? Do you want to form coalitions with any groups?

MEDIA CONTACTS.

You should list contact information for the media in your area. For state or federal elections, the Libertarian Party of Texas maintains a contact list for some 1,800 local, state and national media contacts. If you write a press release for state or federal election races, we can email it to those contacts upon request.

PRESS KIT.

Each active candidate will want a press kit to give to the local media. Likely you'll achieve better results by preparing it ahead of time than to ask media to wait while you put something together. The easier you make it for the media, the more likely they are to use your information. You should email your press kit to the print or broadcast journalists on your contact list, and/or copy the data to a memory stick and deliver it in person. You might want to do both so there is no question that the information has been received.

YOU NEED:

- Head Shot - You will want a good picture of yourself. Wear a suit. Don't wear a hat or sunglasses. Smile! Ask your photographer for a head shot, that is, from your shoulders up.
- Professional Bio - A short bio of who you are and why you are qualified to run for this position.
- Personal Platform - List your platform. Pick the three most important issues you will focus on during your campaign* and list them with a short explanation and example.

* Your three issues may not be the same as, but should be consistent with, the principles represented by the [Libertarian Party of Texas Platform](#).

OTHER RESOURCES.

Other resources are available to help candidates plan their races. Among our favorites are those published by the Libertarian National Committee on behalf of the Libertarian Party. Over the years, many Libertarian candidates have used these time-tested resources successfully. You'll find multiple documents containing campaign advice and also some useful fliers at www.lp.org/campaign-resources. Keep in mind that these were written for a national audience and you will not find Texas specific information here.

For pre-printed Libertarian items and other supplies such as door hangers and pamphlets, visit www.lpstuff.com. They also offer some Texas specific materials at lpstuff.com. We also have some door hangers available to you for free, while supplies last. To request some, contact Desarae at campaign@LPTexas.org. Many pre-printed door hangers have a space for you to place a sticker or stamp in order to personalize the door hanger for your campaign. Take advantage of this. You can purchase a rubber stamp at your local office supply store for about \$25. Self-adhesive stickers are more costly but allow you more options. For example, in addition to your name and campaign's contact information, your sticker could include a headshot of you or a QR code (www.qrstuff.com/) that links to your website or your donations page.

Alternatively, you may print your own door hangers. Visit www.doorhangers.com for more information. You may create your own layout on their website, or provide your own camera-ready art and, for a design charge, they will do it for you.

We also recommend that you fine tune your campaigning skills and take advantage of political training workshops and videos. The Leadership Institute is a conservative non-profit that provides very useful political training. While they are conservative and we are libertarian, most of their methods and tools are universally applicable. You can find free online videos at www.leadershipinstitute.org/ActivismOnDemand/ and webinars at www.leadershipinstitute.org/Training/?Training=Webinars.

There are a number of books which can help you plan your campaign, fine tune your message, and prepare yourself as a Libertarian candidate. These include but are not limited to:

[Introduction to the Libertarian Party: For Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, Independents, and Everyone Else](#) by Wes Benedict, former Libertarian Party of Texas executive director and current Libertarian Party national executive director.

[18 Steps to Win a Local Election Handbook](#) and [18 Steps to Win a Local Election Workbook](#) by Robert Butler, former Libertarian Party of Texas Executive Director.

[Liberty A to Z: 872 Libertarian Soundbites](#) by Harry Browne, former Libertarian Party presidential candidate.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

This handbook was originally written in 2011 by Amie Parsons who was then serving as our North Texas Regional Director. In 2010, she ran for Texas State Board of Education and much of this handbook is based on her experiences as a candidate in that race. In 2013, we revised the handbook and updated it as needed. The handbook was again revised in 2015, to reflect the new state party organization, design, and directives. Many thanks to Amie for her original text, much of which is still part of this handbook in its newest version, and to the many folks who have served as past editors, including Robert Lapham, Robert Butler, John Spivey, Eugene Flynn, Pat Dixon, Lauren Daugherty, and Heather Fazio. Many thanks to Denise Luckey, Kurt Hildebrand and Tyler Lindsey for the evolution of the design and layout.

Thank you.



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Interested in Becoming a Libertarian Candidate?

What kind of candidate do plan to be?

CHOICE

Are you running simply to give voters an alternative choice?

File correct paperwork, No fundraising,
Answer surveys, Redirect volunteers

CHANGE

Are you running to change hearts and minds one
at a time through a moderately active campaign?

File correct paperwork, Some fundraising,
Blockwalking, Candidate Forums

CHALLENGE

Are you running in order to seriously challenge
your opponent and potentially win a seat?

Serious fundraising, Gather volunteers/staff,
Public appearances, Media attention

Filing Deadline: December 14, 2015

For more information visit LPTexas.org/run-for-office

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CANDIDATE AGREEMENT

GENERAL ELECTIONS

(not used for November 2015 non-partisan races)

Office sought: _____

Note: The Libertarian Party of Texas (LP Texas) tries to help candidates as much as possible but does not render legal services or legal advice. The Texas Ethics Commission (www.ethics.state.tx.us) and the Secretary of State Division of Elections (www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml) have attorneys on staff who can convey legal opinions.

As a candidate seeking the nomination of the Libertarian Party of Texas, I understand that I am responsible for my campaign.

I understand I must file, with appropriate authorities, the application and forms identified in the Texas Candidate Handbook.

I understand that the Libertarian Party of Texas will provide informational services, but I am responsible for fundraising and for running my campaign. If I need help, I will contact my County Chair first and my State Libertarian Executive Committee member second. During my campaign, I will hold true to the platform of the Libertarian Party of Texas.* I will not deviate from these principles, as it hurts the Libertarian Party's message and other candidates.

I have read the Libertarian Party of Texas' platform (<http://lptexas.org/state-platform>) and I understand the planks. Unless identified below, I will not deviate from these principles while campaigning. I understand the services provided the Libertarian Party of Texas as identified in the Texas Candidate Handbook, and I will not expect more from the Party.

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

* (Optional) I agree with the planks in the Libertarian Party of Texas platform except for:

Please complete this form and send it to us by mail, email, or fax. If submitting via email, please enter "Candidate Agreement - <+ your name>" in the subject line.

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF TEXAS WEBSITE

Please note that the information you provide on the Application for Nomination, when you apply for a place on the Libertarian Party General Election ballot, will be sent to the Secretary of State as required by law.

Please provide the Libertarian Party of Texas with the following information from your submitted application for use on our website:

Name (as it appears on the ballot): _____

Email: _____

Preferred phone number: _____

Additional information for the LP Texas website:

Candidate's website and/or Facebook/Twitter page: _____

(If you do not have either but later establish one, please notify us at campaign@LPTexas.org.)

Photo

We would like to have photos of all candidates on the website. Please send your photo to campaign@LPTexas.org. A jpg of 480 by 480 pixels or larger is preferred. A square photo "head shot" (shoulders and above) is best.

Facebook

Candidates may request to join the [LP Texas Candidates](#) Facebook group, and will be automatically added to the candidate email list. This allows candidates to exchange ideas and have discussions with other LP Texas candidates.

Candidate's Signature

Date

All information is required to be provided unless indicated as optional.

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION BY _____ CONVENTION OF _____					
TO: State/County Chair					
I request that my name be placed on the above-named convention as a candidate for election to the office indicated below.					
OFFICE SOUGHT Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.				INDICATE FULL OR UNEXPIRED TERM	
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)			PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT		
PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Street address and apartment number. If none, describe location of residence. Do not include P.O. Box or Rural Rt.)			MAILING ADDRESS (If different from residence address)		
CITY	STATE	ZIP	CITY	STATE	ZIP
EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional)		OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)		DATE OF BIRTH / /	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE
TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code) (Optional) OFFICE: HOME:		Length of Continuous Residence as of Date Application Sworn			
		IN STATE ____ yr(s) ____ mos	IN COUNTY ____ yr(s) ____ mos	IN DISTRICT OR PRECINCT ____ yr(s) ____ mos	
If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election.					
<p>Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name) _____, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says: "I, (name) _____, of _____ County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of _____, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the Constitution and laws of this state. I have not been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. I 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. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code.</p> <p>I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">X _____ SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE</div>					
<p>Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, this the _____ day of _____, _____.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">SEAL</div> <p>_____ Signature of Officer administering oath¹</p> <p>_____ Title of Officer administering oath</p>					
<p>TO BE COMPLETED BY CHAIRMAN:</p> <p>This document was received on this date _____.</p> <p>(See Section 1.007)</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">_____ Signature of Chair</div>					

INSTRUCTIONS

The application shall be filed with the state chair for all statewide offices and all district offices. The application shall be filed with the county chair for all county and precinct offices. (Section 181.032, Texas Election Code) The filing deadline is 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday in December of odd-numbered years, with the first day to file is 30 days prior to the deadline. (Section 181.033, Texas Election Code; if finally adopted, proposed rule 1 T.A.C. § 81.420 (36 Tex. Reg. 4749-4862, July 29, 2011) will make the filing period the same as that for candidates nominated by primary election.) If the deadline for filing falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or official state holiday, the filing is extended to the next regular business day. (Section 1.006, Texas Election Code)

NEPOTISM LAW

The candidate **must** sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. The nepotism prohibitions of chapter 573, Government Code, are summarized below:

No officer may appoint, or vote for or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related within the second degree by affinity (marriage) or the third degree by consanguinity (blood) to himself, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which he serves when the compensation of that person is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office. However, nothing in the law prevents the appointment, voting for, or confirmation of anyone who has been continuously employed in the office or employment for the following period prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member related to the employee in the prohibited degree; six months, if the officer or member is elected at the general election for state and county officers.

No candidate may take action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate is seeking election or an employee or officer of the governmental body to which the candidate is seeking election regarding the appointment or employment of a person related to the candidate in a prohibited degree as noted above. This prohibition does not apply to a candidate's actions with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

Examples of relatives within the third degree of consanguinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: parent, child;
- (2) Second degree: brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild;
- (3) Third degree: great-grandparent, great-grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece.

These include relatives by blood, half-blood, and legal adoption.

Examples of relatives within the second degree of affinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: spouse, spouse's parent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law;
- (2) Second degree: brother's spouse, sister's spouse, spouse's brother, spouse's sister, spouse's grandparent.

Persons related by affinity (marriage) include spouses of relatives by consanguinity, and, if married, the spouse and the spouse's relatives by consanguinity. These examples are not all inclusive.

FOOTNOTE

¹All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of peace, city secretary, and the Secretary of State of Texas.

Se requiere toda la información, a menos que haya alguna indicación que no es obligatoria.

(APLICACIÓN PARA NOMBRAMIENTO PARA LA CONVENCIÓN DE _____ DEL PARTIDO _____)					
Al Presidente del Partido del Estado/del Condado Solicito que mi nombre se incluya en la convención nombrada arriba como candidato para la nominación al puesto oficial indicado abajo.					
PUESTO OFICIAL SOLICITADO Incluya cualquier número de lugar u otro número que hace el puesto oficial diferente a otros, si hay alguno.				INDIQUE SI EL TÉRMINO DEL PUESTO OFICIAL ES TÉRMINO COMPLETO O NO COMPLETADO	
NOMBRE COMPLETO (Nombre de Pila, Segundo Nombre, Apellido)			ESCRIBA SU NOMBRE COMO DESEA QUE APAREZCA EN LA BOLETA		
DIRECCION DE RESIDENCIA PERMANENTE: Calle y Número de Departamento: si no tiene, describa la localidad de su residencia. No incluya su caja postal ni ruta rural.			DIRECCION POSTAL (Si es diferente a su dirección de residencia)		
CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL	CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL
CORREO ELECTRÓNICO (Optativo)		EMPLEO (No lo deje en blanco)		FECHA DE NACIMIENTO / /	CONDADO DE RESIDENCIA
NÚMERO DE TELÉFONO – Incluya el código de área (Optativo) DE SU OFICINA: DE SU DOMICILIO:			DURACIÓN DE RESIDENCIA CONTINUA PARA LA FECHA EN QUE PRESTÓ JURAMENTO SOBRE LA SOLICITUD		
			EN EL ESTADO	EN EL CONDADO	EN EL DISTRITO O PRECINTO
			____ (año(s)) ____ (mes(es))	____ (año(s)) ____ (mes(es))	____ (año(s)) ____ (mes(es))
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Para poder incluir un apodo como parte de su nombre completo el la papeleta, Ud. deberá firmar la siguiente constancia: Además, juro que se me ha conocido por este apodo por más de tres años. Además, juro que el apodo no es un lema político ni una indicación de mis creencias ni afiliaciones políticas, económicas, sociales, ni religiosas. </div>					
(Ante mí, la autoridad, suscrita apareció en persona _____, quien habiendo aquí y ahora prestado juramento debido, bajo juramento dice: “Yo, _____, del condado de _____, Texas, siendo candidato para el puesto oficial de _____ solemnemente juro que apoyaré y defenderé la Constitución y las leyes de los Estados Unidos y del Estado de Texas. Soy ciudadano de los Estados Unidos elegible para ocupar tal puesto oficial bajo la Constitución y las leyes de este Estado. No me han determinado por un juicio final de una corte de la legalización de un testamento, ser totalmente incapacitado mentalmente o parcialmente incapacitado sin el derecho de votar, ni he sido probado culpable finalmente de una felonía por la cual no he sido perdonado o por la cual no se me han restituido enteramente mis derechos de ciudadanía por medio de otra acción oficial. Yo tengo conocimiento de la ley sobre el nepotismo según el capítulo 573 de Código Gobierno. Además juro que las anteriores declaraciones que incluyo en mi solicitud son verdaderas y están correctas en todos sentidos.”)					
<div style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">X</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 5px;"></div> FIRMA DEL CANDIDATO					
Jurado y suscrito ante mi en _____, este día _____ de _____, _____.					
Firma del oficial administrando el juramento ¹			Título del oficial administrando el juramento		
TO BE COMPLETED BY CHAIRMAN: This document was received on this date _____.					
(See Section 1.007) <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> _____ Signature of Chair </div>					

INSTRUCCIONES

En el caso de puestos oficiales representando todo el Estado y puestos oficiales de distrito, la aplicación se presentará al presidente del partido del estado. En la caso de puestos oficiales del condado y del precinto, la aplicación se presentará al presidente del condado. (Sec. 181.032, Código Electoral de Texas). La fecha tope de presentación es a las 6 de la tarde el 2º lunes de Diciembre de años impares, donde el primer día de presentación es el día 30 antes de la fecha tope. (Sección 181.033, Código Electoral de Texas; si se adopta finalmente, la regla propuesta 1 T.A.C. §81.420 (36 Reg. Tex. 4749-4862, 29 de Julio de 2011) el periodo de presentación será igual que el periodo para los candidatos nominados por elección primaria). Si el último día para inscribirse cae en un sábado, domingo, o un día feriado estatal o nacional, se extiende la inscripción al siguiente día hábil.

(Sección 1.006 Código de Elecciones)

LEY SOBRE EL NEPOTISMO

El candidato deberá firmar esta declaración indicando que él/ella está enterado(a) de la ley sobre el nepotismo. Lo siguiente es un resumen de las prohibiciones del nepotismo de acuerdo al capítulo 573 de Código Gobierno:

Ningún oficial podrá nombrar, o votar por o confirmar el nombramiento o empleo de alguna persona que está emparentada con él dentro del segundo grado por afinidad (matrimonio) o dentro del tercer grado por consanguinidad (sangre), o que está emparentada con cualesquier otro miembro del cuerpo directivo o corte en que él/ella celebra sesión cuando la compensación de esa persona estará pagada con fondos públicos o los honorarios del puesto oficial. Sin embargo, la ley no prohíbe el nombramiento, el votar por, o la confirmación de alguna persona que de forma continua ha sido empleado de la oficina o ha sido empleado durante el siguiente plazo antes de la elección o el nombramiento del oficial o miembro que está emparentado con el empleado en el grado prohibido: seis meses, si el oficial o miembro está elegido en una elección otra de la elección general para oficiales del estado y del condado.

Ningún candidato podrá obrar para influir a un empleado del puesto oficial al cual el candidato desea estar elegido o un empleado o oficial del cuerpo fiscal al cual el candidato desea estar elegido en cuanto al nombramiento o al empleo de una persona que está emparentada con el candidato en un grado prohibido como notado arriba. Esta restricción no se dirige a las acciones de un candidato respecto a una clase o categoría de buena fe de empleados o empleados anticipados.

Los ejemplos de parientes dentro del tercer grado de consanguinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: padre, madre, hijo(a);
- (2) Segundo grado: hermano(a), abuelo(a), nieto(a) primo(a);
- (3) Tercer grado: bisabuelo(a), bisnieto(a), tío(a), sobrino(a).

Los siguientes incluyen parientes de linaje (sangre), medios hermanos, y adopción legal.

Los ejemplos de parientes dentro del segundo grado de afinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: esposo(a), suegro(a), yerno; nuera;
- (2) Segundo grado: cuñado(a), abuelo(a) del esposo o esposa.

Las personas que están emparentadas por afinidad (matrimonio) incluyen los esposos o esposas de parientes que están emparentados por consanguinidad, y, si casados, el esposo o esposa y los parientes del esposo o esposa por consanguinidad. Éstos no son todos los ejemplos posibles.

NOTA

Todo juramento, testimonio o afirmación hecho dentro de este Estado se podrá administrar y se podrá dar un certificado del hecho por un juez, escribano, o comisionado de alguna corte de registro, un notario público, un juez de paz, secretario de la ciudad, y la Secretaría del Estado de Texas.