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Procedures for Write-In Candidates in 2024

In Texas, a candidate may run for office as a declared write-in in the general election for state and county officers. A declared write-in candidate must submit a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy and submit a filing fee or petition in lieu of a filing fee in order for votes cast for that candidate to be counted in the election.

- **Filing Period**
 - The Declaration of Write-in Candidacy along with the filing fee or petition in lieu of a filing fee must be submitted no earlier than **July 20, 2024**, and no later than **5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2024**. (Section 146.025, Texas Election Code).
- **Candidate Application:**
 - In order to become a write-in candidate in the general election, a candidate must file a [Declaration of Write-in Candidacy \(PDF\)](#) with the Secretary of State or your county judge, as appropriate (see chart). (Section 146.023, Texas Election Code).
- **Filing Fee or Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee:**
 - The declaration must be accompanied by either a filing fee or a [Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee \(PDF\)](#) signed by a certain number of qualified voters. For details on the filing fee amount or number of petition signatures needed, see chart below. (Sections 146.023(b), 146.0231, 146.0232, Texas Election Code).
- **Judicial Candidates**
 - **NEW LAW:** Pursuant to HB 2384 (88th Leg., R.S.), effective September 1, 2023, candidates for judicial offices must provide additional information with their [judicial declaration of write-in candidacy](#).