Oath of Office (General Information)

The attached form is designed to meet minimal constitutional filing requirements pursuant to the relevant provisions. *This form and the information provided are not substitutes for the advice and services of an attorney.*

Execution and Delivery Instructions

The Oath is considered filed once it has been received by the custodian of records for the election.

NOTE: Do not have the Oath of Office administered to you before executing and filing the Statement of Officer (Commonly referred to as the "Anti-Bribery Statement") with the custodian of records for the election.

Commentary

All election judges, alternate election judges and early voting clerks must take the constitutional oath of office. Op. Tex. Att'y Gen. No. KP-140 (2017). Pursuant to art. XVI, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution, the Oath of Office *may not* be taken until a Statement of Officer has been subscribed to and filed with the custodian of records for the election. A Statement of Officer form required to be filed, is filed upon receipt by the custodian of records for the election. The Oath of Office may be administered by anyone authorized under the provisions of Chapter 602 of the Texas Government Code. Commonly used officials include notaries public and judges.

Election judges, alternate election judges, and early voting clerks are required to complete and file the constitutional oath of office with the custodian of the election records. Op. Tex. Att'y Gen. No. KP-140 (2017).

Questions about whether a particular election worker is required to complete the form may be resolved by consulting the Secretary of State, Elections Division at (800)252-2216, as well as relevant statutes, constitutional provisions, judicial decisions, and attorney general opinions.

Questions about this form should be directed to the Elections Division at (512) 463-5650 or elections@sos.texas.gov.

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Submit to: Custodian of election records

Filing Fee: None



OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

I, ______, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _______ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

Signature of Officer

State of) County of)		
Sworn to and subscribed before me	day of	, 20
(seal)	Signature of Notary Public or Other Officer	
	Administering Oath	

Printed or Typed Name

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