

**Name of Form:**

Petition In Lieu of Filing Fee for a Write-in Candidate for the General Election for State and County Officers

**Section Reference:**

Sections 141.063, 146.023, Texas Election Code

**Purpose:**

To provide access to the ballot without paying a filing fee. By collecting the legally required number of signatures, a candidate can submit a Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee for a Write-In Candidate for the General Election for State and County Officers instead of having to pay the legally required fee.

**Number of Copies Required:**

One per candidate

**Completed by:**

Registered voter signing the petition, person circulating petition, and person administering the oath.

**Filing Date:**

A Declaration of Write-In Candidacy must be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. of the 78<sup>th</sup> day before the general election and it may not be filed earlier than the 30<sup>th</sup> day before the filing deadline.

**Filed with:**

Secretary of State for state and district offices and the County Judge for county and precinct offices.

**Comments:**

Persons who sign the petition must be qualified voters of the state or district as appropriate. A voter may only sign one petition for a candidate in the same race.

**Version:**

Current form is date 9/2023\*.

*\*Previous version of the form dated 5/2022 may still be used.*