

Form Notes

Name of Form: Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee

Form Number: 2-8a1

Section Reference: Sections 141.041, 141.062, 141.063, 141.065, 172.025, Texas Election Code

Purpose: To allow filing for office without a filing fee for minor parties.

Number of Copies Required: One.

Completed By: Registered voters, person circulation petition, and person administering oath.

Filing Deadline: 6:00 p.m. of the second Monday in December of odd-numbered years.

Filed With: The Secretary of State for a statewide or district office. The county judge for a county or precinct office.

Candidates seeking nomination shall also submit a copy of their application for nomination, along with the Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee, to the Secretary of State's office or the county judge. If a candidate does not complete the Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee or pay the filing fee, they will not be eligible for nomination by the party convention process, even if they have completed and submitted their application for nomination.

Comments: Only one oath is necessary for each person who circulates petitions.

A political party that nominates by convention, by rule may extend the filing deadline for applications for nomination for an office for which a candidate who has made an application withdraws, dies, or is declared ineligible.

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