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County Appraisal District Elections

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Candidate Filing Requirements



Candidate Application

- **NEW LAW:** Candidate must file their application for a place on the ballot with the county clerk/elections administrator
 - Candidates can no longer file their application with the county judge
- The application must be filed between **Saturday, July 18, 2026** and **5 p.m. Monday, August 17, 2026**
- **Forms:**
 - [Application for a Place on the General Election Ballot](#) (Form 2-49)
 - [Declaration of Write-in Candidacy](#) (Form 2-55)



Candidate Application

- Candidates must be elected at-large by place
 - At-large by place 1, at-large by place 2, and at-large by place 3 position.
- This means candidates **must** indicate on their application the at-large position for which they are running.
 - If candidate fails to provide this information, the application should be rejected due to form, content, and procedure issues.



Candidate Filing Fee

- The application for a place on the ballot must be accompanied by either a filing fee or a [Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee for a Local Political Subdivision](#) (Form 2-51) signed by a certain number of qualified voters.
- The **filing fee** for a place on the ballot is:

\$400 for a county
with a population of
200,000 or more

\$200 for a county
with a population of
less than 200,000



Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee

Candidates may submit a petition in lieu of paying a filing fee.

The minimum number of signatures that must appear on the petition is the lesser of:

- 500; or
- Two percent of the total vote received in the county by all the candidates for governor in the most recent gubernatorial general election, unless that number is less than 50, in which case the required number of signatures is the lesser of:
 - 50; or
 - 20 percent of that total vote.



Acknowledgement of Director Duties

- **NEW LAW:** an individual may not file an application for a place on the ballot for an elected position on the board of directors of an appraisal district unless the individual has signed the Acknowledgement of Director's Duties of Member of Appraisal District Board of Directors.
- **The signed acknowledgement must be submitted to the chief appraiser of the appraisal district.**
 - *Note:* This means that candidates will submit their acknowledgment form to a different officer than they will submit their application for a place on the ballot!



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Amending a Candidate Application



Amending an Application

- In general, an application cannot be amended once it has been filed
 - A candidate may make changes to their application before it is signed, notarized, and filed, but may not make any changes after it is has been signed, notarized, or filed
- If a candidate wishes to amend the information on their application, they will need to withdraw their original application (if it was not already rejected) and submit a new application before the filing deadline
 - Once the filing deadline has passed, they can no longer submit a new application



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Candidate Eligibility



Eligibility to Serve

- To be eligible to serve, an elected member must:
 - Meet general eligibility requirements for public office per Section 141.001 of the Election Code (except for Section 141.001(a)(5))
 - Be a resident of the county and have resided in the county for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office
 - Note that this is a longer residency requirement than that provided in Section 141.001 of the Election Code



Eligibility to Serve

- An individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the board is not ineligible because of membership on the governing body of a taxing unit.
- Employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board unless:
 - The individual is also a member of the governing body; or
 - An elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the district.



Eligibility to Serve

- An individual is not eligible to be a candidate for, to be appointed to, or to serve on the board if:
 - The individual or a business entity in which the individual has a substantial interest is a party to a contract with:
 - The appraisal district; or
 - A taxing unit that participates in the appraisal district, if the contract relates to the performance of an activity governed by Title 1 of the Tax Code.



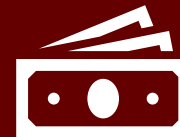
Restrictions on Eligibility to Serve

- Broadly, there are four reasons that a candidate might be ineligible to run for county appraisal district (CAD) board director:

Nepotism



Late Tax Payments



Term Limits



Conflict of Interest





Restrictions on Eligibility to Serve

Ineligibility Because of Nepotism

- Individual is ineligible if they are related within the second degree by consanguinity (blood) or affinity (marriage), as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to an individual who is engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under this title; or
- They represent property owners for compensation property-tax related proceedings in the appraisal district.

Nepotism



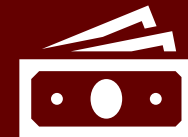


Restrictions on Eligibility to Serve

Ineligibility Because of Late Tax Payments

- Individual is ineligible to serve if owns property on which delinquent taxes have been owed to a taxing unit for more than 60 days after the date the individual knew or should have known of the delinquency unless:
 - The delinquent taxes and any penalties and interest are being paid under an installment payment agreement under Section 33.02 of the Tax Code; or
 - A suit to collect the delinquent taxes is deferred or abated under Sections 33.06 or 33.065 of the Tax Code.

Late Tax Payments





Restrictions on Eligibility to Serve

Ineligibility Because of Term Limits

- Individuals are ineligible to serve on a CAD board if they served as a member of the board of directors for all or part of five terms, unless:
 - The individual was the county assessor-collector when the individual served as a board member; or
 - The appraisal district is established in a county with a population of less than 120,000.

Term Limits





Restrictions on Eligibility to Serve

Ineligibility Because of Potential Conflict of Interest

- Individuals are ineligible to serve if they:
 - Appraised property for compensation for use in proceedings during the preceding three years; or
 - Represented property owners for compensation in proceedings in the appraisal district during the preceding three years; or
 - Have been an employee of the appraisal district during the preceding three years.

Conflict of Interest





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Form, Content, and Procedure vs Eligibility Review



Review of Application

- **Form, Content and Procedure**
 - Was the candidate application submitted timely?
 - Was it filled out properly?
 - Did they include all the relevant paperwork, if applicable?
- **Eligibility**
 - Does the candidate meet the eligibility requirements associated with that office?



Form, Content, and Procedure

Things to Look For

- Are all the boxes filled in?
- Did they include a filing fee/petition (if required)?
- Was the filing fee correct (if required)?
- Was the petition properly filled out (if required)?
- Was the petition properly signed/notarized by the circulators?
- Did they include the correct felony information, if applicable?
- Was the application signed/notarized?



Form, Content, and Procedure – Filing Fee

- If filing fee is returned for insufficient funds **before** the filing deadline, then the filing authority must reject the candidate's application and notify the candidate of the rejection.
 - Candidate may submit a new application and filing fee before the end of the filing period.
- If the filing fee is returned for insufficient funds **after** the filing deadline, then the filing authority must reject the candidate's application.
- Either way, filing authority should keep the original candidate application.
- Once an application has been filed with the filing authority, the application becomes an official record subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act.



Refunding a Filing Fee

A filing fee must be refunded to the candidate, or to the candidate's estate, if the candidate:

- Dies;
 - Is declared ineligible; or
 - Candidate's application is determined not to comply with the required form, content, and procedure before the date of the election for which the application was made.
- A claim for a refund of a filing fee must be submitted to the same filing authority with whom the application was filed.
 - May not be refunded for reasons other than those authorized by law.

Sec. 141.038



Form, Content, and Procedure - Petition

- All candidates that are required to pay a filing fee can submit a Petition in Lieu of a Filing Fee.
- Deficiency in the petition cannot be cured with information provided in the application.
- **Unless the petition is challenged, the authority is only required to review the petition for facial compliance with the applicable requirements as to form, content, and procedure.**



Candidate Eligibility

Eligibility for Public Office (141.001, TEC)

- US Citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- No final judgment indicating:
 - Totally mentally incapacitated or
 - Partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote
- No final felony conviction
 - Unless pardoned or released from resulting disabilities
 - **Note: If pardoned or released from the resulting disabilities, then must provide proof of the pardon or release.**
- Resided continuously in the state for 12 months
- **Resided in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the date the candidate takes office.**
- Registered voter of the territory



Declaration of Ineligibility

- If the candidate is not eligible for the office they are seeking, then the rejection would require an administrative declaration of ineligibility
- Can only declare a candidate ineligible if you have one of the following:
 - Information on the candidate application that indicates that the candidate is ineligible for office, OR
 - A public record that conclusively establishes that the candidate is ineligible.

NOTE: There is NO public record that conclusively establishes residency.

Sec. 145.003



Administrative Declaration of Ineligibility

Examples:

- Length of continuous residence stated on the candidate's application is less than the required duration for the office
- Residence address stated on the candidate's application is outside the territory from which the office is elected
- Conclusive public record shows that the candidate is not a registered voter by the filing deadline

Sec. 145.003



Administrative Declaration of Ineligibility

- Residency Issues
 - There is no conclusive public record that establishes a candidate's residence (or the continuous duration of their residence) as a matter of law
 - The only time a candidate may be **administratively** declared ineligible on the basis of residence is if their application shows that they do not meet the residency requirements
 - e.g. address on the application is outside the territory or length of continuous residence is less than the required duration for the office
 - Any other challenge to a candidate's eligibility based on residence must be raised in court



Administrative Declaration of Ineligibility

- If you are provided with a conclusive public record that may impact a candidate's eligibility, you must promptly review the record.
 - e.g. if a voter or opposing candidate provides you with a conclusive public record showing that a candidate has been finally convicted of a felony
- If the record conclusively demonstrates that the candidate is ineligible, then you must declare the candidate ineligible.

Sec. 145.003(g)



Administrative Declaration of Ineligibility

- Candidate MAY be declared ineligible:
 - **By filing authority before early voting in person begins**, OR
 - By the presiding officer of final canvassing authority after the polls close and before certificate of election is issued.
- Candidate must be given **written notice** of the declaration of ineligibility.

Secs. 145.003, 145.097



Administrative Declaration of Ineligibility

- Deadline to remove an ineligible candidate from a general election ballot is the 71st day before election day
 - For the November 3, 2026 Election the deadline is **Monday, August 24, 2026**



Administrative Declaration of Ineligibility

- If a candidate is declared ineligible after the deadline to remove their name from the ballot, then they will stay on the ballot even though they are ineligible
 - If an ineligible candidate wins the vote required to be elected to the office, you will have a vacancy in that office when your election is canvassed
 - Declaration of ineligibility should be provided to the candidate and to the canvassing authority



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Reviewing Candidate Applications



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APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR A GENERAL ELECTION FOR A CITY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED AS OPTIONAL¹ Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of application.

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE		Box 1:	GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
TO: City Secretary/Secretary of Board		(name of election)	
I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.			
OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.)		INDICATE TERM	
Box 2:		☐ FULL	Box 3: ☐ UNEXPIRED

Box 1: Name of Election

If left blank, not necessarily fatal.

Box 2: Office Sought

Should include distinguishing number, if applicable. Does not have to be stylized any certain way, as long as you can determine which office the candidate is applying for.

Box 3: Indicate Term

Must be completed if there is another office that has the same title but does not have place numbers. If it is blank, but you understand which office the application is for, you can accept.



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FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)

Box 4

PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT*

Box 5

Box 4: Full Name

Legal name, but does not have to exactly match legal documents.

- EX: John Michael Smith, John M. Smith, John Smith

Box 5: Name as You Want it to Appear on Ballot

- Nickname rules apply.
- Candidate may use any surname acquired by law or marriage.
- Titles are prohibited but are not grounds for rejection.
- Examples of prohibited titles include officer ranks (including Lieutenant, Commander, and Captain), Doctor, Pastor, and Coach.
- Sec. 52.033, Texas Election Code



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PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe location of residence.)			PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Optional) (Address for which you receive campaign related correspondence, if available.)		
Box 6			Box 7		
CITY	STATE	ZIP	CITY	STATE	ZIP

Box 6: Permanent Residence Address

MUST be completed by all candidates

Even candidates subject to confidentiality (judges and peace officers) must complete this box.



Box 7: Public Mailing Address, if Available

Candidates entitled to confidentiality under Government Code Section 552.1175 must separately request confidentiality from the filing authority for information on a candidate application. (Form 2-67)



Eligibility Issues Involving Residence

Residency

- Is the candidate a resident of the territory they would be elected from? (If applicable)
- Is the address on their application located within the territory?
- Have they resided in the territory the proper amount of time? (If there is a durational residence requirement)

NOTE: Eligibility verification by the filing authority does NOT include whether the candidates actually live at the address provided. This is left up to the courts.

NOTE: Texas law does not allow a filing authority to make a conclusive determination about the location of a person's residence. Only a court of law may make such a determination.



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PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional) (Address for which you receive campaign related emails, if available.) Box 8	OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank) Box 9	DATE OF BIRTH Box 10 /	VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER² (Optional) Box 11
TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional)			
Home:		Office: Box 12	Cell:

Box 8: Public Email Address, if available

- This is what a candidate should use to receive campaign email. Public address does NOT mean the candidate's county or government email address as a public official.

Box 9: Occupation

- Required per Section 141.031, Texas Election Code. Please review [In re Anthony](#), 642 S.W.3d 588 (Tex. 2022). **Strongly recommend** that a candidate include something in the occupation box, even if it is "retired," "unemployed," or "N/A."

Box 10: Date of Birth

- Used to validate that the candidate meets minimum age requirements.

Box 11: VR Number (VOID)

- Not required, but very helpful as it can help you to validate their voter registration status, if applicable.
- Also puts the candidate on notice that they need to think about their current VR status.

Box 12: Contact information

- Optional, but helpful to filing authority if they need to contact a candidate.



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FELONY CONVICTION STATUS (You MUST check one)

☐

I have not been finally convicted of a felony.

Box 13

☐

I have been finally convicted of a felony, but I have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of that felony conviction and I have provided proof of this fact with the submission of this application.³

Box 13: Felony Conviction Status

- Must be completed.
- If they mark the second box, the candidate must provide documentation to provide proof that they have been pardoned or released from the resulting disabilities.
- See back of application for list of acceptable documents. Call SOS with questions!
- OAG Opinion – [KP-0251](#) – Felony Convictions and Candidacy



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This Box Must ONLY be Completed by Candidates for School District Board of Trustees

Check the Box Below:

Box 14

☐ I am aware that I am not eligible to serve as a trustee of an independent school district if I am required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure.

Box 14: HB 3629 - Acknowledgement for Candidates for Independent School Districts



- Only required to be completed by candidates for independent school district trustee.



LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE THIS APPLICATION WAS SWORN	
IN THE STATE OF TEXAS	IN TERRITORY/DISTRICT/PRECINCT FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED
year(s)	year(s)
month(s)	Box 15 month(s)

Box 15: Length of Continuous Residence

- Must be completed.
- Must indicate how long they have lived in the territory for which they are seeking office.



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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name of candidate) _____, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:
"I, (name of candidate) _____, 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 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. I am aware that I must disclose any prior felony conviction, and if so convicted, must provide proof that I have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of any such final felony conviction. I am aware that knowingly providing false information on the application regarding my possible felony conviction status constitutes a Class B misdemeanor. I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."

Box 16

X

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the _____ day of _____, by _____,
(day) (month) (year) (name of candidate)

Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath⁴

Printed Name of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath

Title of Officer Authorized to Administer Oath

Notarial or Official Seal

Box 16: Oath and Notary

- Must be completed and signed and sworn to by candidate.
- If they leave blanks in statement of oath, it is not fatal if the application (Not Petition) contains the applicable information.
- Oath must be administered by someone authorized to administer oaths under Chapter 602 – list on back of form.
- Mistakes by the notary are not always fatal!



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TO BE COMPLETED BY FILING OFFICER: THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED FILING FEE (If Applicable) PAID BY:		
☐ CASH	☐ CHECK	☐ MONEY ORDER
☐ CASHIERS CHECK OR	☐ PETITION IN LIEU OF A FILING FEE.	
This document and \$_____ filing fee or a nominating petition of _____ pages received.		☐ Voter Registration Status Verified
_____/_____/_____ Date Received	_____/_____/_____ Date Accepted	(See Section 1.007) Box 17 _____ Signature of Filing Officer or Designee

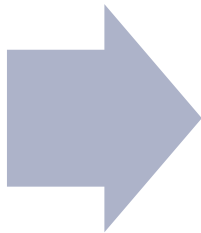
Box 17: Completed by filing authority or employee who received application

- Failure to complete this box is not fatal to an application!
- Part of this box should be completed at the time the application has been received by the person who takes the application.
- Remainder should be filled in after it has been reviewed and a disposition has been made on the application.
- Contains information to help you know what actions have been taken and when on an application.
- Section 1.007 provides that any employee at the usual place of business can receive the filing.



Acceptance of Application

Review promptly, within 5 days of receiving an application. If petition is submitted, review “as soon as practicable.”



Provide written notice of acceptance

- Not required, but recommended
- Email permissible if candidate provided email
- Can be combined with Ballot Drawing Notice



Rejection of an Application

Review promptly within 5 days of receiving the application.

Petition must be reviewed as soon as practicable, if one is submitted.

Two Types of Rejection:

- Form, Content, and Procedure
- Administrative Declaration of Ineligibility

Written rejection is required!

- Email is permissible if the candidate provided their email
- Must include the reason for the rejection



Public Information and Candidate Filings

An application for a place on the ballot, including an accompanying petition, is public information immediately on its filing. (Sec. 141.035)

Eligible candidates may request that certain information be kept confidential (Sec. 552.1175, Government Code)

May submit a [Request for Confidentiality for Candidates under Texas Government Code](#) (Form 2-67) to the county judge

See the Public Information Outline provided by the SOS for more information



Required Ballot Drawing

Authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared must conduct the ballot drawing.

- This means the secretary or the presiding officer of the appraisal district's board of directors is responsible for conducting the ballot drawing.

The county clerk or elections administrator may agree with the CAD Board to provide notice to the candidates of the ballot drawing and to conduct the ballot drawing on behalf of the board.

- Our office recommends that this agreement be in writing.



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Conducting the Election



Candidate Notice Requirements

- The county clerk or elections administrator is responsible for posting the [Notice of Deadline to File an Application for a Place on the Ballot](#) (Form 2-1).
 - Posted in a building in which the county clerk/elections administrator maintains an office.
 - Posted 30 days before the first day of the filing period.
 - **Should have been posted starting June 18, 2026.**
 - Should also be posted on the county's website.



Ordering the Election

Governing body of a political subdivision, other than a county or city, that has elective officers must order the general election for those officers.

Means the appraisal district board of directors must order the election

See [Form 1-3](#) below for sample Order of Election

Must order the election by the 78th day before election day

This deadline is **Monday, August 17, 2026** for the November 3, 2026 uniform election date

1-3
Prescribed by Secretary of State
Sections 3.004, 3.005, 3.006, 4.008, 83.010, 85.004, 85.007 Texas Election Code
9/2023

ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLÍTICAS

An election is hereby ordered to be held on ____/____/____ for the purpose of voting on:
(date)

(Por la presente se ordena celebrar una elección el ____/____/____ con el propósito de votar sobre.)
(fecha)

List Offices/Propositions/Measures on the ballot (Enumere los puestos/proposiciones/medidas oficiales en la boleta)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

The Main Early Voting Location (sitio principal de votación adelantada)

Location (sitio)	Hours (horas)



Authority Responsible for Conducting the Election

- Appraisal district board of directors is responsible for conducting the election.
 - County may agree to contract for election services under Chapter 31 of the Election Code; and
 - May also agree to conduct a joint election pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Election Code.



Cost of the Election

- County appraisal district is responsible for the costs of the election.
 - Section 1.014 of the Election Code provides that the expenses incurred in the conduct of a general or special election must be paid by the political subdivision served by the authority ordering the election.



Canvassing the Election

- County appraisal district board of directors is responsible for canvassing the election for the elected appraisal board members.
 - Section 67.002 of the Election Code provides that the precinct election returns for an election ordered by a political subdivision other than a county will be canvassed by the political subdivision's governing body.



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Resources



Local Candidate's Guide

Candidate's Guide for Local Political Subdivisions

Requirements for local offices (municipalities, school districts, other districts) in Texas vary according to the political subdivision. Therefore, you must contact the political subdivision where you are interested in running for office for qualification requirements, filing periods and other relevant information. At a minimum, you will be required to file an application for place on the ballot with your political subdivision.

For general information regarding local elections, please see our outlines for:

- [Qualifications for Local Political Subdivisions](#)
- [Filing as a Candidate in a Local General Election](#)
- [Procedures for Write-in Candidate in a Local Election](#)
- [Local Election to fill a Vacancy - Running for an Unexpired Term](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions on Candidacy](#)
- [Candidacy for Local Political Subdivisions](#)
- [Terms, Qualifications and Vacancies](#)
- [Voter Registration for Candidates FAQ](#)
- [Changing Election Dates for Local Political Subdivisions](#)
- [Running for County Appraisal Districts in 2026](#)

Running for County Appraisal Districts in 2026

NOTE: the candidate process outlined below only applies to counties with a population of 75,000 or more.

Senate Bill 2 (88th Leg., 2nd C.S.) made a number of changes to the Tax Code regarding the composition of Appraisal Districts. Senate Bill 2 added Section 6.0301 of the Tax Code to provide that an appraisal district in a county with a population of 75,000 or more is governed by a board of nine directors. The board is composed of both appointed and elected directors. Five of the directors are to be appointed by the taxing units that participate in the district in the manner prescribed by Section 6.03 of the Tax Code. Three directors are elected by majority vote at the general election for state and county officers by the voters of the county in which the district is established. The county assessor-collector serves as an ex officio director.

The elected members of the board will then serve staggered four-year terms beginning on January 1st of every other odd-numbered year. (Section 6.0301, Tax Code). Following the initial election of the elected directors of an appraisal district that occurred on May 4, 2024, directors are now elected as provided by Section 6.0301 of the Tax Code beginning with the general election conducted in November 2026. Directors that are elected in November 2026 will take office on January 1, 2027.

For more information on County Appraisal District elections, please see our page on [Elections for Appraisal Districts in Counties with a Population of 75,000 or More](#).

Candidate Application & Filing Period

- **Filing Period and Filing Authority:**
 - An application for a place on the ballot for the office of elected director of an appraisal district must be filed with the **county clerk/elections administrator**
 - **NEW LAW:** Pursuant to HB 3575 (89th Leg., R.S.), effective immediately, candidates must file their application for a place on the ballot with the county clerk/elections administrator. Candidates can no longer file their application with the county judge.
 - The application must be filed between **Saturday, July 18, 2026 and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026.**

Elections & Voting

Business Services

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Training and Educational Resources

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- [Candidate's Guide for Local Political Office](#)
- [Vacancies and Replacement Nominations](#)
- [County Officers](#)
- [Changing Election Dates for Local Political Subdivisions](#)
- [County Appraisal District Elections \(population 75,000+\)](#)

Appraisal District Board Elections in Counties with Populations of 75,000 or More

In 2023, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 2 (2023, 2nd C.S.), which changed the law governing County Appraisal District (CAD) Boards in bigger (meaning more populous) counties. Specifically, the new law, which was codified in Chapter 6 of the Tax Code, increased the number of CAD Board members to nine, and also required that some (but not all) of the board members be elected to office, instead of being appointed. The new law only applies to counties with a population of 75,000 or more, so the changes discussed in this resource do not apply to smaller counties.

Also, because 2024 was the first year that CAD Board members were elected to office, the election schedule and terms of office for elected board members are somewhat more complicated for the 2024 and 2026 elections than in later elections. This resource explains how the new law changed the process through which board members take office and gives guidance on how elections for CAD Boards work.

Composition of the CAD Boards After Senate Bill 2

After the relevant part of SB 2 became effective in July 2024, appraisal districts in counties with a population of 75,000 or more are governed by boards of nine directors. Under Tax Code Section 6.0301(c), a CAD Board is made up of both appointed and elected directors. Five of the directors are appointed by the taxing units that participate in the district, while three directors are elected by majority vote of the voters in the county where the district operates. The elected directors are on the ballot at the general election for state and county officers (which happens in November of even years). The ninth director is the county assessor-collector, who is the ex-officio director of the board.

To summarize, the Board is made up of 9 directors:

- 5 directors appointed by the taxing units in the district
- 3 directors elected by voters in the county and
- The county tax assessor-collector, who is the ex-officio director



Available Support



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