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County Appraisal District Elections

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Background and Introduction to County Appraisal Districts



Senate Bill 2 (2023, 2nd C.S.)

- Modified the composition and appointment of Appraisal Review Boards and Appraisal Districts in counties with a population of 75,000 or more.
 - The board is composed of nine directors.
 - Board is composed of appointed AND elected directors
 - Five directors are appointed by the taxing units that participate in the district
 - Three directors are elected **by majority** vote at the general election for state and count officers
 - County Tax Assessor-Collector serves as an ex officio director



Composition of Directors

Section 6.0301 requires the three election CAD Board Directors to be elected by majority vote

Majority vote means that the winning candidate must receive more than fifty percent of the vote

If no candidate receives more than fifty percent of the vote, then a runoff election is required between the top two vote getters



Terms of Directors

Both appointed and elected directors serve four-year terms, but take and leave office on different schedules.

Appointed directors serve staggered four-year terms beginning on January 1 of every other **even**-numbered year.

Elected directors served staggered four-year terms beginning on January 1 of every other **odd**-numbered year.

- Directors elected this November will not take office until January 1, 2027.



Transition Process

- The first CAD election was on May 4, 2024, but all CAD elections going forward will be held on the November general election in even-numbered years
- All three elected CAD director positions will be on the ballot in November 3, 2026
- After the election, the three directors must cast lots to determine which director will serve a two-year term and which two directors will serve four year terms





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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.



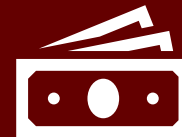
Restrictions on Eligibility to Serve

- 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



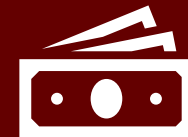


Restrictions on Eligibility to Serve

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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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, Aug. 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 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!



Test Yourself – What Goes Where?

**Acknowledgement of
Director's Duties**

**Application for a Place
on the Ballot**

Filing Fee

**Petition in Lieu of a
Filing Fee**

Chief Appraiser



**County Clerk/
Elections Administrator**





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Reviewing Candidate Applications



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?



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



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.)

Box 2

INDICATE TERM

☐ FULL

☐ UNEXPIRED

Box 3

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.

- 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.



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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.
 - 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).

Box 7: Public Mailing Address, if Available



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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. 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 by all candidates
- 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



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

Check the Box Below:

☐ 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

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

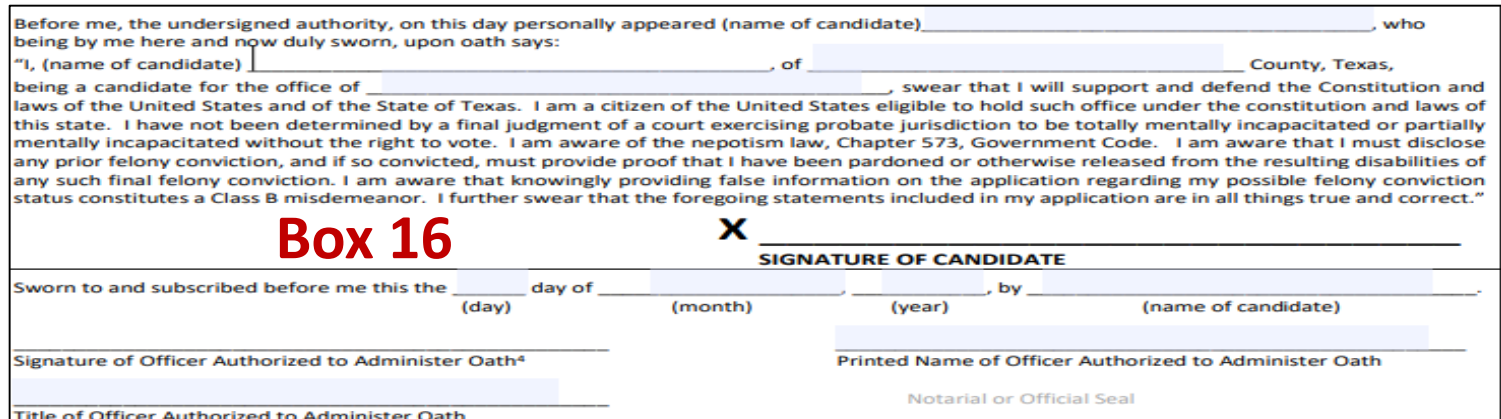
- Only required to be completed by candidates for independent school district trustee.



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.



- 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

Box 17

_____/_____/_____
Date Received

_____/_____/_____
Date Accepted

(See Section 1.007)

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.



What's Wrong With This Application?

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 OPTIONAL ¹ Failure to provide required information may result in rejection of application.					
APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE <u>November 3, 2026</u> 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.) Lonestar County Appraisal District				INDICATE TERM ☒ FULL ☐ UNEXPIRED	
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last) Jane Ann Doe			PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT* Jane Doe		
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.) 123 Main Street			PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Optional) (Address for which you receive campaign related correspondence, if available.)		
CITY Lonestar	STATE TX	ZIP 78701	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional) (Address for which you receive campaign related emails, if available.)		OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)	DATE OF BIRTH 11 / 06 / 1975	VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER ² (Optional)	
TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional) Home: Office: Cell:					
FELONY CONVICTION STATUS (You MUST check one)		LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE THIS APPLICATION WAS SWORN			
☐ I have not been finally convicted of a felony.		IN THE STATE OF TEXAS		IN TERRITORY/DISTRICT/PRECINCT FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED	
☐ 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		25 year(s) 4 month(s)		1 year(s) 6 month(s)	



What's Wrong With This Application?

Missing a
Place Number

Occupation
Box Left Blank

Didn't Complete
Felony Conviction
Statute

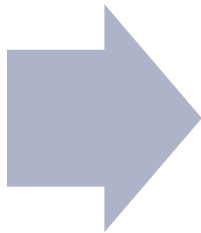
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☐ I have been finally convicted of a felony, but I have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities of that felony conviction and I have provided proof of this fact with the submission of this application. ³			IN TERRITORY/DISTRICT/PRECINCT FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED		
			25 year(s) 1 year(s)		
			4 month(s) 6 month(s)		

Length of
Residency on
application
indicates that
the candidate
does not meet
the minimum
requirements



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



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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)



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.



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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County Appraisal District Elections

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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



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