

## Requirements and Deadline for Filing for Candidacy (*Government Code Sec. 2051.152(a)(4)*)

### Requirements for Candidacy

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. (a)

To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a public elective office in this state, a person must:

- (1) be a United States citizen;
- (2) be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;
- (3) have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
  - (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or
  - (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- (4) have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
- (5) have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for six months immediately preceding the following date:
  - (A) for a candidate whose name is to appear on a general primary election ballot, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
  - (B) for an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
  - (C) for a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in;
  - (D) for a party nominee who is nominated by any method other than by primary election, the date the nomination is made; and
  - (E) for an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made;
- (6) on the date described by Subdivision (5), be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected; and
- (7) satisfy any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office.

Text of subsection effective on January 1, 2020

(a-1) For purposes of satisfying the continuous residency requirement of Subsection (a)(5), a person who claims an intent to return to a residence after a temporary absence may establish that intent only if the person:

  - (1) has made a reasonable and substantive attempt to effectuate that intent; and
  - (2) has a legal right and the practical ability to return to the residence.

Text of subsection effective on January 1, 2020

(a-2) Subsection (a-1) does not apply to a person displaced

### Deadlines for Filing for Candidacy

#### **Tuesday, March 3, 2020 - Primary Election**

First day to file for a place on the Primary ballot for precinct chair candidates.	Tuesday, September 10, 2019
First day to file for all other candidates for offices that are regularly scheduled to be on the Primary ballot; first day for independent candidates to file declaration of intent.	Saturday, November 9, 2019
Filing deadline for candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent.	Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM

