

**HUTCHINSON COUNTY OFFICES THAT WILL APPEAR  
ON THE MARCH 3, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**DISTRICT JUDGE, 84<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 84<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**COUNTY JUDGE**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**SHERIFF**

**COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3**

**CONSTABLE PRECINCT #1**

**CONSTABLE PRECINCT #2**

**COUNTY PARTY CHAIRMAN**

# Eligibility for Public Office

## Basic Requirements

- To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a public elective office in this state, a person must:
  - Be a United States citizen
  - 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
  - Have not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court
  - Have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities
  - Have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for 6 months immediately preceding the following date
- 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
- For an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot
- For a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in
- For a party nominee who is nominated by any method other than by primary election, the date the nomination is made
- For an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made:
  - Satisfy any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office:
    - A statute outside this code supersedes Subsection (a) to the extent of any conflict.
    - Subsection (a) does not apply to an office for which the federal or state constitution or a statute outside this code prescribes exclusive eligibility requirements.

## Felony Conviction

There are 2 methods by which this disability resulting from a conviction in a Texas state court may be removed if the person convicted is placed on probation:

- By a proceeding in the trial court, on completion of probation, in which the charge is dismissed (Article 42.12, Section 20, Code of Criminal Procedure)
- By a pardon granted by the governor (Article IV, Section 11, Texas Constitution)

Only the 2nd method is available to a convicted felon who is not placed on probation. Compare Section 112 of this code, on qualifications for voting.

## Other Qualifications

A person wishing to know the qualifications for a particular office should consult the constitutional provision, statute, city charter provision, or city ordinance creating the office to learn whether the creating law prescribes additional, or exclusive, qualifications for the office.

## Rules on Residence

See Section 1.015 on rules on residence:

- Ineligibility of members of the legislature for certain offices, see Article III, Section 18, Texas Constitution, and notes thereunder.
- Ineligibility of certain officers for the legislature, see Article III, Section 19, Texas Constitution, and notes thereunder.

## Schedule of Filing Fees

- United States senator: \$5,000
- Office elected statewide, except United States senator: \$3,750
- United States Representative: \$3,125
- Texas State Senator: \$1,250
- Texas State Representative: \$750
- State Board of Education Member: \$300
- Chief Justice or Justice of Court of Appeals, other than a justice specified by Subdivision (8): \$1,875
- Chief Justice or Justice of a Court of Appeals that serves a Court of Appeals District in which a county with a population of more than 750,000 is wholly or partly situated: \$2,500
- District Judge or Judge specified by Section 52.092(d) for which this schedule does not otherwise prescribe a fee: \$1,500
- District or Criminal District Judge of a court in a judicial district wholly contained in a county with a population of more than 1.5 million: \$2,500
- Judge, Statutory County Court, other than a Judge specified by Subdivision (12): \$1,500
- Judge of a Statutory County Court in a county with a population of more than 1.5 million: \$2,500
- District Attorney, Criminal District Attorney, or County Attorney performing the duties of a District Attorney: \$1,250
- County Commissioner, District Clerk, County Clerk, Sheriff, County Tax Assessor-Collector, County Treasurer, or Judge, Constitutional County Court:
  - County with a population of 200,000 or more: \$1,250
  - County with a population of under 200,000: \$750
- Justice of the Peace or Constable:
  - County with a population of 200,000 or more: \$1,000
  - County with a population of under 200,000: \$375
- County Surveyor: \$75
- Office of the county government for which this schedule does not otherwise prescribe a fee: \$750