

ELECTION CODE, TITLE 9. CANDIDATES
CHAPTER 141. CANDIDACY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE GENERALLY

SUBCHAPTER A. ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

SECTION 141.001. ELIGIBILITY 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.

SUBCHAPTER B. APPLICATION FOR PLACE ON BALLOT.

SECTION 141.033. FILING APPLICATIONS FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE PROHIBITED.

- (a) A candidate may not file applications for a place on the ballot for two or more offices that:
- (1) are not permitted by law to be held by the same person; and
 - (2) are to be voted on at one or more elections held on the same day.
- (b) If a person files more than one application for a place on a ballot in violation of this section, each application filed subsequent to the first one filed is invalid.
- (c) This section does not apply to candidacy for the office of president or vice-president of the United States and another office.

SUBCHAPTER B. APPLICATION FOR PLACE ON BALLOT.

SECTION 141.035. APPLICATION AS PUBLIC INFORMATION.

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