

Qualifications for Public Offices

Public Office Sought	U.S. Citizen	Texas Resident	District Resident	Registered to Vote in Area of Office Sought	Minimum Age	Practicing Lawyer or Judge	Source Law	Term of Office
County Judge	Yes	12 mo. ^c	6 mo. ^c	Yes ^e	18 ^a	not req'd	V § 15	4 yrs.
District & County Clerk	Yes	12 mo. ^c	6 mo. ^c	Yes ^e	18 ^a	-	V § 20 ⁱ	4 yrs.
County Treasurer	Yes	12 mo. ^c	6 mo. ^c	Yes ^e	18 ^a	-	XVI § 44 ⁱ	4 yrs.
County Commissioner	Yes	12 mo. ^c	6 mo. ^c	Yes ^e	18 ^a	-	V § 18 ⁱ	4 yrs.
Justice of the Peace	Yes	12 mo. ^c	6 mo. ^c	Yes ^e	18 ^a	-	V § 18 ⁱ	4 yrs.

- a. No duration specified.
- b. Before date of general election or special election, whichever is applicable.
- c. As of December 9, 2019, if candidate for Democratic or Republican Party Nomination. As of the date of nomination, if other party nominee for statewide, multi-county district, single-county district, county or precinct office. As of June 25, 2020, if independent candidate. As of November 3, 2020, if declared write-in candidate.
- d. Citations refer to article and section number of the U.S. Const. for U.S. Senator and U.S. Rep.; section number of the Tex. Educ. Code for Member, State Board of Education; section number of the Tex. Nat. Res. Code for Railroad Commission; section number of the Tex. Gov't Code for district judge, district attorney and statutory county court; section number for Texas Loc. Gov't Code for constable; and article and section number of the Tex. Const. for all others. Also see § 141.001 of the Tex. Elec. Code.
- e. Statutory qualifications may vary; contact your local party chair or the Secretary of State.
- f. Additional qualifications for constable: must be either (1) eligible to be licensed under sections 1701.309, 1701.312, and 1701.502 of the Texas Occupations Code AND (a) has at least an associate's degree, (b) is a special investigator under Article 2.122(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, or (c) is an honorably retired peace officer or honorably retired federal criminal investigator who holds a certificate of proficiency issued under Section 1701.357, Texas Occupations Code OR (2) an active or inactive licensed peace officer under Chapter 1701 of the Texas Occupations Code.
- g. On first day of term to be filled at election. Note: A candidate might need to be age 18 at an earlier date than the first day of the term to be filled at election if the candidate is required to be a registered voter. See offices requiring voter registration.
- h. The offices of state senator and state representative must be qualified voters as defined by Tex. Const. Art. VI, Sec. 2. This definition provides that an individual must be eligible to register to vote but need not actually be a registered voter.
- i. Citation refers to an article and section number of the United States Constitution. For general qualifications for other offices, please see Section 141.001, Texas Election Code.
- j. Citation refers to section number of the Texas Natural Resources Code.
- k. Citation refers to section number of the Texas Education Code.

- I. Citation refers to an article of the United States Constitution and a section number of the Texas Government Code.
- m. Citation refers to an article and section number of the United States Constitution and a section number of the Texas Local Government Code.

NOTE: The above was copied from the Secretary of State's Website, "Qualifications for All Public Offices." Some of these are subject to change after the legislative session.