



ELLIS COUNTY ELECTIONS

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Subject: Information for Candidates filing with the County Party Chair or County Judge that desire to submit a petition in lieu of filing fee for the 2026 Elections in Ellis County.

Please note that information on this page is subject to change as a result of legislation or court order.

Candidate's Guide to Nomination and General Election for 2026

More information at <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/candidates/guide/2026/index.shtml>

Important Dates <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml#2026>

Primary Republican Party Candidate Filing and Primary Democratic Party Candidate Filing:

More information at <https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/candidates/guide/2026/demorrep2026.shtml>

Minor Party Candidate Nominated by Convention for General Election

2026: More information at <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/candidates/guide/2026/lib-green-nom2026.shtml> Libertarian & Green Parties are entitled to have candidates placed on the General Election ballot in 2026 (HB 2504 in 2019).

Write-In Candidates for General Election for 2026:

More information at <https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/candidates/guide/2026/writein2026.shtml>

Petition in Lieu of Filing Fee for the above candidates (Primary, Minor Party, Write-in):

requires the minimum number of signatures that must appear on the candidate's petition for district, county or precinct office is the lesser of (1) 500 or (2) 2% of the total vote received in the district, county or precinct, as applicable, by all gubernatorial candidates in the 2022 General Election.

Countywide race had 68,079 total votes cast for gubernatorial candidates = 500 signatures needed

Commissioner Precinct 2 had 12,327 total votes cast x 2% = 247 signatures needed

Commissioner Precinct 4 had 21,313 total votes cast x 2% = 426 signatures needed

Constable District 1 had 13,168 total votes cast x 2% = 263 signatures needed

Constable District 2 had 16,151 total votes cast x 2% = 323 signatures needed

Constable District 3 had 13,602 total votes cast x 2% = 272 signatures needed

Constable District 4 had 25,158 total votes cast = 500 signatures needed

Note: Constables run on the same district lines as the Justice of the Peace Districts.

| List of Filing Fees or Petition for Primary, Minor Party, or Write-in Candidates | | |
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| Office | Filing Fee | Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee is 2% or up 500 whichever is lesser of the two amounts. |
| County Judge | \$750 | 500 |
| Judge, County Court at Law 1 SEE SECTION BELOW | \$1500 | 500 |
| Judge, County Court at Law 2 SEE SECTION BELOW | \$1500 | 500 |
| District Clerk | \$750 | 500 |
| County Clerk | \$750 | 500 |
| County Treasurer | \$750 | 500 |
| County Commissioner 2 | \$750 | 247 |
| County Commissioner 4 | \$750 | 426 |
| Justice of the Peace (1) | \$375 | 263 |
| Justice of the Peace (2) | \$375 | 323 |
| Justice of the Peace (3) | \$375 | 272 |
| Justice of the Peace (4) | \$375 | 500 |

Independent Candidates for General Election for 2026:

More information at <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/candidates/guide/2026/ind2026.shtml>

Petition (No filing fee option accepted) for an Independent candidate requires the minimum number of signatures that must appear on a candidate’s petition for district, county or precinct office is the lesser of (1) 500 or (2) 5% of the total vote received in the district, county or precinct, as applicable, by all gubernatorial candidates in the 2022 general election.

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Running for County or Precinct Chair in a Party Primary in 2026:

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/candidates/guide/2026/precinct-chair.shtml>

NEW LAW for “Judge, County Court at Law” Candidates: Pursuant to HB 2384 (88th Leg., R.S.), effective September 1, 2023, candidates for certain judicial offices must provide additional information with their judicial application (Section 141.0311, Texas Election Code) See link for more information.

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/candidates/guide/2026/judicial-office2026.shtml>