## Filing in the 2026 Republican or Democratic Primary Election

Candidates seeking the nomination of the Democratic or Republican Party must file (1) a candidate application, and (2) a filing fee or petition in lieu of filing fee.

*Note:* The application along with the filing fee or petition in lieu of filling fee must be filed at the same time with the proper filing authority.

**NEW LAW:** Pursuant to SB 901 (89th Leg., R.S.), effective September 1, 2025, a person who files an application with more than one political party (primary or convention) is ineligible for a place on the ballot for a general primary election, nomination by convention, and the succeeding general election as an independent candidate or as a write-in candidate. [Sec. 162.0151]

## Tuesday, March 3, 2026 - Primary Election

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 8, 2025
Filing deadline for primary candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent.	Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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