

## **TEX ELECTION CODE ANN. § 141.001 : ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS 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; and**

**(6) satisfy any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office.**

**(b) A statute outside this code supersedes Subsection (a) to the extent of any conflict.**

**(c) 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.**

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