

Name of Form:

Petition in Lieu of Filing Fee and/or Petition for Judicial Office (For Use in Primary Election).

Section Reference:

Sections 141.063, 172.021(e), and 172.025, Texas Election Code.

Purpose:

To allow filing for office without filing fee or supplement the filing fee. For judges, the purpose is to show certain amount of support. If a candidate files by filing fee, then the candidate must file a petition signed by 250 registered voters in the judicial district. If a candidate files with a petition in lieu of filing fee, then a total of 750 signatures is required.

Number of Copies Required:

One.

Completed by:

Registered voters, person circulating petition, and person administering oath.

Filing Date:

Filed together with application for place on Primary ballot.

Filed with:

County Chair or Secretary of County Executive Committee or State Party Chair as applicable.

Comments:

Only one oath is necessary for each person who circulates petitions.

This petition is required for candidates running for a judicial office including justice of the peace in Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, and Bexar Counties or candidates running for office in the Court of Appeals in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 14th Court of Appeals districts.

Current form is 10/2011.

NOTE: If a candidate for judge as listed above decides to file with petition instead of paying a fee, the candidate must have 750 total signatures of registered voters (from the district from which elected).