

## 2. Candidate Qualifications

- Be a United States citizen (Texas Election Code)
  - 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
  - Not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court (Texas Election Code)
  - Not been finally convicted of a felony from which not pardoned. (Texas Election Code)
  - Must be a registered voter at the time of the election (not required at time of filing)
  - Mayor residency requirements -- 1 year in state prior to the filing deadline; 1 year in city prior to Election Day
  - Council Member residency requirements -- 1 year in state prior to filing deadline; 6 months in the city (or ward) prior to filing deadline (Texas Elec. Code, Section 141.001(a); Brown v. Patterson, 609 SW 2nd 287)
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