

## Requirements To Run for a School Board Trustee

To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, the office of school board member, 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 judgement of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or 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 an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot.
  - b) For a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in.
  - c) For an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made.
- 6) Be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected on the date described at Item #5 above.

The Texas Education Code imposes additional requirements:

- 1) To be elected to a school board, an individual must be a qualified voter: 18 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen, a Texas resident, a registered voter, not determined to be totally or partially mentally incapacitated by an appropriate court, and not finally convicted of a felony.
- 2) A person is ineligible to serve on a school board if the person has been convicted of a felony or an offense under Texas Penal Code section 43.02(b) regarding prostitution.

**There will be four school board trustee positions that will be elected in November 2020.**