**SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE ELECTION INFORMATION**

**Date and Location of Next Trustee Election (Tex. Gov't Code 2051.152(a)(3))**

The date of the district's next election will be the first Saturday in May of each year.

**Requirements and Deadline for Filing For Candidacy (Tex. Gov't Code 2051.152(a)(4))**

An application for a place on the ballot must be in writing; signed, sworn to by the candidate before a person authorized to administer an oath, and dated; timely filed with the district's filing authority; and contain specified information about the candidate:

* the candidate's name, date of birth, and occupation;
* the candidate's residence address or the address at which the candidate receives mail with a description of the location of the candidate's residence;
* the candidate's length of continuous residence in Texas and in the district (and single member district, if applicable) as of the date the candidate swears t the application;
* if available, a public mailing address and email address at which the candidate receives correspondence relating to the candidate's campaign;
* the office sought, including any place or other distinguishing number and an indication of whether the office sought is for a full or unexpired term;
* statements that the candidate is a U.S. citizen; and has not been determined by a court to be mental incapacitated; has not been convicted of a felony; is aware of the nepotism law; and swears an oath t support and defend the U.S. and Texas Constitutions and laws.

**Eligibility**

* is a United States citizen;
* is 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;
* has not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
* has not been convicted of a felony;
* has 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:
	+ for an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
	+ for a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in; or
	+ for an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made;
* is registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected on the date described above; and
* satisfies any of the eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office.

**Additional Requirements**

* 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.  Tex. Educ. Code 11.061.
* A person is ineligible to serve on a school board if the person has been convicted of a felony or n offense under Texas Penal Coded section 43.02(b) regarding prostitution.  Tex. Educ. Code 11.066.

**Deadline**

The first day to file an application for a place on the ballot in a school district's general election is the 30th day before the filing deadline.  The filing deadline for a general election is 5:00 PM on the 78th day before an election day.  Tex. Educ. Code 11.055(1); Tex. Elec. Code 144.005.  The deadline to file a declaration of write-in candidacy is 5:00 PM on the 74th day before election.

**Questions**

For more information, call VISD Administration at 806.267-2123.