

**CONSTITUTIONAL OATH FOR PRESIDING JUDGE, ALTERNATE JUDGE, AND EARLY VOTING CLERK**

Prior to entering service as an election judge, alternate judge, or early voting clerk, individuals must complete the statement of officer and take the constitutional oath. The Statement of Officer **must** be completed prior to taking the constitutional oath of office.

**STATEMENT OF OFFICER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Appointed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Execution**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and the facts stated therein are true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Officer \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSTITUTIONAL OATH OF OFFICE**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Election Judge/Alternate Judge/Early Voting Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath

## INSTRUCTIONS

The Statement of Officer must be completed before the Constitutional Oath of Office is administered. Each oath that is administered is valid for the duration of the election officer's term of office (if any) and shall be filed with the election records for the election in which the election officer is serving.

All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary, and the Secretary of State of Texas

**NEW LAW, HB 1735, 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 2017** – Under Section 1.016 of the Texas Election Code, Individuals that are authorized to administer the Oaths or statements required under the Texas Election Code or the Texas Constitution to election officers entering service includes the following:

1. The Secretary of State, member of the secretary of state's staff, or a state inspector appointed by the secretary,
2. A county of municipal clerk or the clerk's deputies,
3. A county tax assessor-collector of the county tax assessor-collector's deputies,
4. A city secretary,
5. A member of the county election commission or county election board,
6. A county elections administrator or employee of a county EA,
7. The Secretary of the governing body of a political subdivision other than a county or city or the authority performing the duties of secretary under this code,
8. A presiding election judge or alternative presiding judge who has already entered service,
9. An early voting clerk or a deputy early voting clerk who has already entered service;
10. A member of an early voting ballot board or signature verification committee who has already entered into service,
11. A presiding judge, manager, or tabulation supervisor of a central counting station who has already entered service.