

Director Qualifications

(for General Law Districts Only)

If the qualification provision applies, the column is marked √. If it does not apply, the column is blank, except for relevant notes.

Type of District	General Law Statute	Director Disqualification (A)	Minimum Age	District Residency Requirement	Land-Owner Requirement	Elected Directors (K)	Appointed Directors
Municipal Management District	Local Government Code, Ch. 375		18	√ D	√ D		√
Water Control & Improvement District	Water Code, Ch. 51	√ B	18	E	√	√	√
Underground Water Conservation District	Water Code, Ch. 52		18	√		√	L
Fresh Water Supply District	Water Code, Ch. 53	√	18	√ F		√	L
Municipal Utility District	Water Code, Ch. 54	√	18	G	G	√	L
Water Improvement District	Water Code, Ch. 55	√ B	18	E	√	√	√
Drainage District	Water Code, Ch. 56	√ C	18	√		√	√
Levee Improvement District	Water Code, Ch. 57	√ C	18	H	√	√	M
Irrigation District	Water Code, Ch. 58		18	I	√	√	L
Regional District	Water Code, Ch. 59		18	√		√	L
Navigation District, Article 3, Sec. 52	Water Code, Ch. 61		18	√	√		√
Navigation District, Article 16, Sec. 59	Water Code, Ch. 62		18	√		√	N
Self-Liquidating Navigation District	Water Code, Ch. 63		18	√	√	√	L
Special Utility District	Water Code, Ch. 65	√	18	J	√	√	L

NOTES: Election Code Section 141.001 (Public Office Qualification) applies to all general law districts except municipal management districts. If a minimum age or requirement to reside in the district's boundaries was not specifically mentioned in the governing Water Code chapter for the district's type, then, according to Election Code Section 141.001, the minimum age to qualify for public office is 18, and the candidate must have resided in the state for at least 12 months and in the district for at least 6 months.

- A - Does not apply to districts whose boundaries include one entire county [Water Code Section 49.052]
- B - Does not apply to districts whose principal function is to provide irrigation water to agricultural lands or to provide nonpotable water for any purpose [Water Code Sections 49.052, 51.072, and 55.102]
- C - Does not apply to districts governed by a board of directors appointed in whole or in part by the governor, a state agency, or the governing body or chief elected official of a municipality or county and does not provide water, sewer, drainage, reclamation, or flood control services to residential retail or commercial customers as its principal function, or districts whose principal functions are to provide irrigation water to agricultural lands or nonpotable water for any purpose [Water Code Sections 49.052(f) and 49.181(h)(4)].
- D - Potential directors must either reside in the district; own land inside the district's boundaries; have a beneficial interest in a trust that owns property inside the district; own stock in a corporate owner of property inside the district; OR be an agent, employee, or tenant of a person, trust, or corporation that owns land inside the district's boundaries [Local Government Code Section 375.063]
- E - Potential directors must own land subject to taxation inside the district's boundaries AND reside in the state [Water Code Sections 51.072 and 55.102].

- F - Potential directors must be a registered voter of the district [Water Code Section 53.063 and Election Code Section 1.005].
- G - Potential directors must reside in the state AND either own land subject to taxation inside the district's boundaries OR be a qualified voter in the district [Water Code Section 54.102 and Election Code Sections 11.001-11.002].
- H - Potential directors must be a qualified property taxpaying elector of the precinct and the county from which he is elected [Water Code Section 57.059].
- I - Potential directors must own land inside the district's boundaries AND reside in the state AND owe no delinquent taxes or assessments to the district [Water Code Section 58.072]
- J - Potential directors must reside in the state AND either own land subject to taxation in the district, be a user of the district's facilities, or be a qualified voter in the district [Water Code Section 65.102 and Election Code Sections 11.001-11.002].
- K - For those districts subject to Water Code Chapter 49, elected directors can fill vacancies on the board by appointing a director to fulfill the unexpired term [Water Code Section 49.105].
- L - The district has a provision that allows for the temporary appointment of directors and the directors are thereafter elected [Water Code Sections 36.016, 53.020, 54.022, 58.026 and 58.032, 59.021, 63.081 and 63.089, and 65.022].
- M - Initial directors are appointed. The board may call an election to decide whether the district should have an appointed or elected board. The County Commissioners Court can remove an appointed member by majority vote [Water Code Sections 57.051, 57.053, and 57.057].
- N - Initial board members are appointed by the County Commissioners Court. Thereafter, the County Commissioners Court or the Navigation Board may decide whether the district should have an appointed or elected board [Water Code Section 62.062 and 62.0631].