

# Deadline today for Texas' political hopefuls

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AUSTIN, Texas — Texas' political hopefuls have only until 6 p.m. Monday to file for office for the May 6 Democratic and Republican primary elections.  
Among those seeking statewide office, only former Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler has yet to file. Sadler, who has made a tradition of filing five minutes before the deadline, has said he is 90 percent certain he will make a statewide campaign, but has refused to say what office he might seek.  
Meanwhile, the campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor — traditionally the highlight of spring campaigns in Texas — has been underway for months.  
Gov. Dolph Briscoe is seeking election to a new four-year term which would extend his tenure as

chief executive longer than any person in Texas history. However, he is being actively challenged by Attorney General John Hill, former Gov. Preston Smith and a lesser known candidate, Ray Allen Mayo of San Juan.  
Rep. Bob Krueger, D-Texas, and former Insurance Board chairman Joe Christie are competing for the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate seat held by Republican Sen. John G. Tower, while former Speaker Price Daniel Jr. and former Secretary of State Mark White are battling for the Democratic nomination for attorney general.  
Warren G. Harding, appointed to succeed the late Jesse James as state treasurer, is being opposed by Harry Ledbetter, a former Texas A&M football player.  
In two other contested state-wide races, Rep. Joe Hubenak,

D-Rosenberg, is opposing Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown, and former Rep. Ray Lemmon of Houston is challenging Railroad Commissioner John Poerner.  
Comptroller Bob Bullock, Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong, and Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace all have escaped opposition thus far.  
In the Republican camp, William Clements Jr., 60, a Dallas oil drilling operator who served as deputy secretary of defense, is seeking the GOP gubernatorial nomination, and is challenged by Ray Hutchison, 45, also of Dallas.  
Hutchison is a former state representative, and resigned as Texas Republican chairman to enter the campaign. A third candidate, Clarence Thompson, 46, of Fort Worth also is in the GOP race.

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## Candidates file for primary

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AUSTIN — Statewide filings for the May 6 Democratic and Republican primary ballots:

**Democratic party**

**Governor**  
Ray Allen Mayo of San Juan.  
Former Gov. Preston Smith of Lubbock.  
Attorney General John Hill of Austin.  
Gov. Dolph Briscoe of Uvalde.

**United States senator**  
Rep. Robert Krueger of New Braunfels.  
Joe Christie of El Paso.

**Lieutenant governor**  
Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby of Houston.  
John Hill Westbrook of Tyler.  
Troy Skates of Leander.

**Attorney general**  
Price Daniel Jr. of Liberty.  
Mark White of Houston.

**Comptroller of public accounts**  
Bob Bullock of Austin.

**State treasurer**  
C. R. "Charlie" Sanderson of San Antonio.  
Treasurer Warren G. Harding of Austin.  
Harry Ledbetter of Austin.

**Land commissioner**  
Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong of Austin.

**Commissioner of agriculture**  
Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown of Austin.  
Rep. Joe Hubenak of Rosenberg.

**Railroad commissioner**  
Mack Wallace of Austin.

**Railroad commissioner unexpired term**  
Ray Lemmon of Houston.  
Commissioner John Poerner of Hondo.

**Chief justice, Texas supreme court**  
Justice Joe R. Greenhill of Austin.

**Associate justice, place 1**  
Franklin Spears of San Antonio.

**Associate justice, place 2**  
Justice Sam D. Johnson of Austin.

**Associate justice, place 3 unexpired term**  
Justice W. C. Barrow of San Antonio.

**Associate justice, place 4 unexpired term**  
Justice T. C. Chadick of Quitman.

**Court of criminal appeals, place 1**  
Judge Wendell A. Odom of Austin.

**Court of criminal appeals, place 2**  
Judge Jim Vollers of Beaumont.

**Court of criminal appeals, place 3**  
Judge W. C. Davis of Bryan.  
Marvin Odell Teague of Houston.

**Republican party**

**Governor**  
William Clements Jr. of Dallas.  
Ray Hutchison of Dallas.  
Clarence Thompson of Fort Worth.

**United States Senator**  
Sen. John G. Tower of Wichita Falls.

## Chemical burns after derailment

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VIEW, Texas — Firefighters allowed three tank cars of methyl alcohol to burn out early Sunday morning, permitting the 100 residents of this community to return to their home.

Fourteen Santa Fe railroad cars derailed Saturday afternoon, igniting eight chemical-carrying tank cars. Fires burned more than 15 hours and destroyed a bridge on U.S. 277 above the tracks.

Department of Public Safety officials said traffic would be re-routed

from the overpass for two months until it can be rebuilt.  
Crews from the Vulture Emergency Service of Oklahoma arrived late Saturday night and expected to have all tracks cleared of wreckage by Sunday night.  
Firefighters, including a special team from Kansas City, Mo., controlled the blaze early Sunday morning and allowed the methyl to burn out because of a lack of water pressure to extinguish it.

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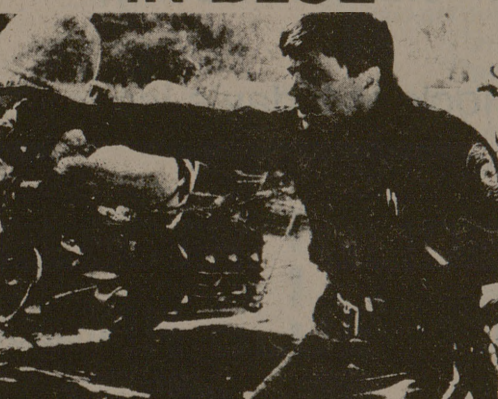
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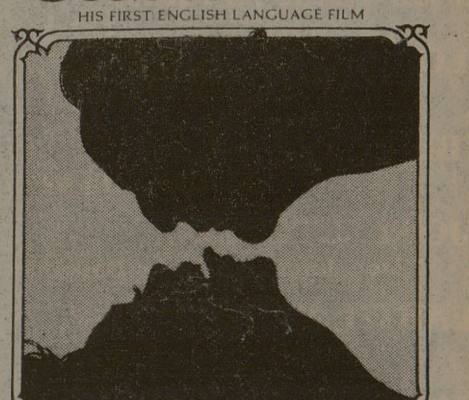
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