

Creation of the Ethics Commission and the eligibility requirements.

Under the organizing statute, the Commission is composed of five members appointed by Commissioners' Court and five members appointed from a list of nominees submitted by five local entities. Those local entities are:

- *The County Civil Service Commission
- *The Sheriff's Office Civil Service Commission
- *A local bar association
- *A dispute resolution center associated with the Council of

Governments

- *A local human resources management professional association

The nominees do not have to be board or organization members.

To be eligible for nomination per Sec. 161.056, a person must: be at least 18 years old; be a property taxpayer in the county; and have resided in the county for the two years immediately preceding the date on which the person's term will begin.

A person is not eligible for appointment to the commission if they are: an elected officer; a county employee; a county affiliate (defined as a person whose goods or services are purchased under a purchase order or contractual agreement with the county, and any other person doing business with the county as determined by the county); a person employed as a lobbyist; a person convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or a felony; or delinquent in payment of local, state, or federal taxes.

Appointees selected will serve an initial term through January 31, 2011 and may serve more than one term.

Application forms should originally be submitted to the entity or member of Commissioners' Court that the applicant would like to sponsor the application.