
2018 FILING REQUIREMENTS
Federal and State Elective Partisan Offices
Supreme Court Justice

Petition Filing Information: Republican, Democratic and Libertarian Candidates

- Republican, Democratic and Libertarian candidates can file nominating petitions for the following federal and state elective offices: Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator and State Representative (see below for additional elective offices whose Republican, Democratic and Libertarian nominees are determined by caucus or convention.)
- Republican, Democratic and Libertarian candidates must file a *partisan nominating petition* no later than 4:00 p.m., April 24, 2018. Republican, Democratic and Libertarian candidates who seek the office of State Senator or State Representative may file a \$100.00 filing fee in lieu of a petition.
- Republican, Democratic and Libertarian candidates who submit a valid filing for office will be placed on the August primary ballot.

Petition Filing Information: Candidates Without Political Party Affiliation

- Candidates without political party affiliation can file for the following federal and state elective offices: Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regent, Michigan State University Trustee, Wayne State University Governor and Supreme Court Justice.
- Candidates without political party affiliation who seek a partisan office or the office of Supreme Court Justice must file a *qualifying petition* no later than 4:00 p.m., July 19, 2018.
- All signatures submitted on a qualifying petition must have been collected within the preceding 180-day period; signatures which are dated more than 180 days prior to the date the petition is filed are invalid.
- Candidates without political party affiliation who submit a valid filing for office will be placed on the November general election ballot.

Affidavit of Identity Required of All Candidates

All candidates must submit an Affidavit of Identity in duplicate when filing for office. Affidavit of Identity forms can be obtained from any county clerk or from the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing (www.michigan.gov/elections.) A candidate who fails to comply with this requirement is ineligible to appear on the ballot.

Except for candidates seeking federal elective office or the office of precinct delegate, Michigan election law requires any candidate filing an Affidavit of Identity to state on the form that on the date the affidavit was executed, all statements, reports, late filing fees and fines required of the

candidate or any Candidate Committee organized to support the candidate’s election under Michigan’s Campaign Finance Act have been filed or paid.

Post-Election Campaign Finance Compliance Statement

Except as noted below, Michigan election law requires any candidate elected to office on the state, county or local level to file an affidavit *prior to assuming office* which states that on the date the affidavit was executed all statements, reports, late filing fees and fines required of the candidate or any Candidate Committee organized to support the candidate’s election under Michigan’s Campaign Finance Act have been filed or paid. The affidavit is *not* required of an elected candidate who did not receive or expend more than \$1,000.00 during the election cycle. In addition, the form does not have to be filed by an individual elected to a federal office or a precinct delegate position.

A form developed for distribution to candidates who must comply with the filing requirement (“Post-Election Campaign Finance Compliance Statement”) is available through any filing official. An elected candidate who is required to file the statement but who fails to submit the form is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Signature Requirements; Filing Location

The following lists the petition signature requirements for the offices to be filled in 2018.

NOTE: Minor party candidates are nominated by caucus or convention and appear on the November General election ballot.

GOVERNOR

All candidates who seek the office of Governor file with the Department of State’s Bureau of Elections in Lansing.

REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRAT		LIBERTARIAN		NO POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	
MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
15,000	30,000	15,000	30,000	15,000	30,000	30,000	60,000

A petition submitted for the office of Governor must be signed by at least 100 registered electors in each of at least ½ of the congressional districts in the state.

A candidate without political party affiliation who files for the office of Governor is also required to submit the name of his or her running mate. For complete information, contact the Michigan Department of State’s Bureau of Elections.

U.S. SENATOR

All candidates who seek the office of U.S. Senator file with the Department of State’s Bureau of Elections in Lansing.

REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRAT		LIBERTARIAN		NO POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	
MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
15,000	30,000	15,000	30,000	15,000	30,000	30,000	60,000

A petition submitted for the office of U.S. Senator must be signed by at least 100 registered electors in each of at least ½ of the congressional districts in the state.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Multi-County Districts: A candidate who seeks the office of U.S. Representative in Congress in a multi-county district files with the Department of State’s Bureau of Elections in Lansing. The multi-county U.S. House Districts are listed below:

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 14

Single-County Districts: A candidate who seeks the office of U.S. Representative in Congress in District 13 files with the Wayne County Clerk’s office.

REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRAT		LIBERTARIAN		NO POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	
MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	3,000	6,000

SECRETARY OF STATE
ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENT
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE
WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY GOVERNOR
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

All candidates who seek the following offices file with the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing: Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regent, Michigan State University Trustee, Wayne State University Governor, Supreme Court Justice (Note: Incumbent Supreme Court Justice files by affidavit.)

REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	LIBERTARIAN	NO POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	
			MIN	MAX
Nominated at State Convention	Nominated at State Convention	Nominated at State Convention	30,000	60,000

A petition for one of the above offices must be signed by at least 100 registered electors in each of at least ½ of the congressional districts in the state.

STATE SENATOR

Multi-County Districts: A candidate who seeks the office of State Senator in a multi-county district files with the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing. The multi-county State Senate Districts are listed below:

14 16 17 19 21 22 24 25 26
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

Single-County Districts: A candidate who seeks the office of State Senator in a district not listed above (single-county districts) files with the county clerk.

REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRAT		LIBERTARIAN		NO POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	
MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
500	1,000	500	1,000	500	1,000	1,500	3,000

Republican, Democratic and Libertarian candidates who seek the office of State Senator may file a \$100.00 filing fee in lieu of a petition.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Multi-County Districts: A candidate who seeks the office of State Representative in a multi-county district files with the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing. The multi-county State House Districts are listed below:

17 32 51 58 59 63 65 66 70 72 78 83
84 85 86 87 93 97 98 99 100 101 102 103
105 106 107 108 109 110

Single-County Districts: A candidate who seeks the office of State Representative in a district not listed above (single-county districts) files with the county clerk.

REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRAT		LIBERTARIAN		NO POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	
MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
200	400	200	400	200	400	600	1,200

Republican, Democratic and Libertarian candidates who seek the office of State Representative may file a \$100.00 filing fee in lieu of a petition.