## 2020 Deadlines by Election and Important Deadlines

### March 17, 2020 Primary Election

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<th>**Write In Filing Deadline</th>
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<td>1/17/20</td>
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- # Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 Days before the election (1/31/2020)
- *Protest deadline for candidate petitions is 74 days (1/3/2020) before the election.
- **Write In Filing Deadline: 72 days before the election. Protest Deadline: generally 67 days (1/10/2020) before the election.
- Last day for a candidate to withdraw their candidacy and their name not appear on the ballot. Generally 70 days (1/7/2020)

Note: The filing deadline for Independent candidates for the November 3, 2020 General Election is March 16, 2020 (day before the primary election).

### August 4th, 2020 Special Election (Issues Only)

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- # Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 Days before the election (6/19/2020)
- **State election laws only allow Local Option elections when candidates are on the ballot in the same precinct.
### November 3rd, 2020 General Election

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*Note: The filing deadline for Parma Independent candidates is May 3, 2021.*

The filing deadline for the above Judicial Independent/Nonpartisan candidates is May 3, 2021.

# Military / Overseas ballots begin to be mailed 46 Days before the election (9/18/2020)

*Protest deadline for Independent candidate petitions (filing deadline 3/16/2020) is 7/30/2020.

*Protest deadline for nonpartisan candidate petitions is 74 days (8/21/2020) before the election.

**State election laws only allow Local Option elections when candidates are on the ballot in the same precinct.

Last day for a candidate to withdraw their candidacy and their name will not appear on the ballot. Generally 70 days (8/25/2020)

### May 4, 2021 Primary Election

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Mot: The filing deadline for Parma Independent candidates is May 3, 2021.

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# 2020 Election Schedule

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## Offices in the 2020 Primary and General Election and Incumbents

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<th>Incumbent</th>
<th>Party</th>
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<tr>
<td>U.S. President / Vice President</td>
<td>Donald Trump / Mike Pence</td>
<td>FTC</td>
<td>January 20, 2021</td>
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<tr>
<td>US Representative - 9th District</td>
<td>Marcy Kaptur (D)</td>
<td>FTC</td>
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<td>US Representative - 11th District</td>
<td>Marcia L. Fudge (D)</td>
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<td>David Joyce (R)</td>
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<td>Anthony Gonzalez (R)</td>
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<td>State Senate - 24th District</td>
<td>Matt Dolan (R)</td>
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<td>Dave Greenspan (R)</td>
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### Offices in the 2020 Primary and General Election and Incumbents (continued)

| Office                                | Incumbent                                | Party | Term Start
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------|-------------
| County Prosecuting Attorney           | Michael C. O'Malley (D)                  | FTC   | January 4, 2021
| County Council District 2             | Dale Miller (D)                          | FTC   | January 1, 2021
| County Council District 4             | Scott M. Tuma (D)                        | FTC   | January 1, 2021
| County Council District 6             | Jack Schron (R)                          | FTC   | January 1, 2021
| County Council District 8             | Pernel Jones, Jr (D)                     | FTC   | January 1, 2021
| County Council District 10            | Cheryl L. Stephens (D)                   | FTC   | January 1, 2021
| Ohio Supreme Court Justice            | Sharon L. Kennedy                        | FTC   | January 1, 2021
| Ohio Supreme Court Justice            | Judith L. French                         | FTC   | January 2, 2021
| Court of Appeals - 8th District        | Sean C. Gallagher                        | FTC   | February 9, 2021
| Court of Appeals - 8th District        | Larry A. Jones                           | FTC   | February 10, 2021
| Court of Appeals - 8th District        | Patricia Ann Blackmon                    | FTC   | February 11, 2021
| Court of Appeals - 8th District        | Anita Laster Mays                        | FTC   | February 12, 2021
| Court of Appeals - 8th District        | Raymond C. Headen                        | UTE   | January 1, 2023
| Court of Common Pleas - Domestic Relations | Rosemary Grdina Gold            | FTC   | January 8, 2021
| Court of Common Pleas - Domestic Relations | Leslie Ann Celebrezze         | FTC   | January 9, 2021
| Court of Common Pleas - General        | Michael J. Russo                         | FTC   | January 1, 2021
| Court of Common Pleas - General        | Nancy A. Fuerst                          | FTC   | January 2, 2021
| Court of Common Pleas - General        | J. Philip Calabrese                      | FTC   | January 3, 2021
| Court of Common Pleas - General        | Nancy R. McDonnell                      | FTC   | January 4, 2021
| Court of Common Pleas - General        | Brendan J. Sheehan                      | FTC   | January 5, 2021
| Court of Common Pleas - General        | Robert C. McClleland                    | FTC   | January 6, 2021
| Court of Common Pleas - General        | Nancy Margaret Russo                     | FTC   | January 7, 2021
| Court of Common Pleas - General        | Shannon M. Gallagher                     | FTC   | January 10, 2021
| Court of Common Pleas - General        | Deena R. Calabrese                      | FTC   | February 9, 2021
| Court of Common Pleas - General        | Wanda C. Jones                           | UTE   | January 2, 2023
| Court of Common Pleas - Probate        | Anthony J. Russo                        | FTC   | January 1, 2021
| Court of Common Pleas - Probate        | Laura J. Gallagher                       | FTC   | February 9, 2021

### Offices in 2020 Primary Election Only

| Office                                | Incumbent                                | Party | Term Start
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------|-------------
| State Central Committee Members       |                                         |       |             
| State Senate Districts: 21, 23, 24 and 25 | 1 Man & 1 Woman from Republican Party Only |       |             
| County Central Committee              |                                         | Republican Party only (one from each precinct) |       |             

### Offices in 2020 General Election Only

| Office                                | Incumbent                                | Party | Term Start
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------|-------------
| State Board of Education Member, 5th District | Lisa Woods                                 | FTC   | January 1, 2021
| State Board of Education Member, 11th District | Meryl Johnson                              | FTC   | January 1, 2021

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT DEADLINES FOR 2020

All candidates and PACs must file a Designation of Treasurer form before receiving contributions or making expenditures; including using their own funds.

Candidates file based on when they run. PACs file based on their activity. See Ohio Revised Code section 3517.10(A) for an explanation of due dates.

Pre Report:
Books close 20 days prior to an election
Report due 12 days prior to an election required if more than $1,000 is raised or spent

Post Report:
Books close 7 days prior to post report filing deadline
Report due 38 days after an election
Report due even if there is no campaign activity

THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MUST NOTIFY THE OHIO ELECTIONS COMMISSION OF ALL NON FILINGS AND LATE FILINGS PURSUANT TO R.C.3517.11(C). THE COMMISSION MAY IMPOSE A FINE FOR FAILURE TO FILE OR FOR A LATE FILING.

Annual Report 2019

Books close December 31, 2019; Filing deadline is January 31, 2020 @ 4:00 pm. (Do not file this report if the committee filed a post general report for the November 5, 2019 election)

Election Date | Primary Election March 17, 2020
---|---
Pre-Election: Books close 20 days prior to an election | Pre-Election report due 12 days prior to election @ 4:00 pm | Post-Election: Books close 7 days prior to post report filing deadline | Post-Election report due 38 days after an election @ 4:00 pm
Semi-Annual Report 2020

Close of books June 30, 2020; Filing Deadline is July 31, 2020 @ 4:00 pm.

***The campaign committee of any state wide or county candidate must file the semiannual report if the candidate does not appear on the March 17, 2020 primary ballot.

***Campaign committees of candidates for judicial offices are not required to file the semiannual report.

***The campaign committee of a candidate for any non-statewide, non-county or non-judicial office is required to file a semiannual statement if that campaign committee receives, during that period, contributions exceeding ten thousand dollars and the campaign committee did not file a March 17, 2020 post-primary election report.

***A semiannual report is not required if the campaign committee filed the March 17, 2020 post-primary election report.

***PAC / PCE: ALL COMMITTEES MUST FILE A SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT UNLESS the March 17, 2020 post-primary report was filed.

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All successful county and judicial candidates must pay $5.00 commission fee. Check or money order only made payable to the Secretary of State and filed with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

Annual Report 2020

Books close December 31, 2020; Filing Deadline is January 29, 2021 @ 4:00 pm
(Do not file this report if the committee filed a post general report for the November 3, 2020 election)
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**2020 OHIO ELECTIONS CALENDAR**

**2019**

- **Dec. 08**: Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 10 days before the presidential primary election)

- **Dec. 18**: Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with the Secretary of State (90 days before presidential primary election)

- **Dec. 19**: Declarations of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before presidential primary election)

- **Dec. 20**: Declarations of candidacy for presidential delegates and alternates to a party’s national nominating committee must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before presidential primary election)

- **Dec. 23**: Local questions and issues for the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election, including local option petitions, must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (80 days before presidential primary election)

- **Dec. 29**: Applications for absentee ballots for the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election may be accepted (no later than 90 days before presidential primary election)

- **Dec. 30**: Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of partisan candidates’ petitions (78 days before presidential primary election)

**Reference**

**2020**

- **Jan. 01**: Applications for absentee ballots for all 2020 elections may be accepted (first day of the year; presidential primary election applications for absentee ballots accepted starting Dec. 18, 2019)

- **Jan. 03**: Protests against partisan candidates’ petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before presidential primary election)

- **Jan. 05**: Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before presidential primary election)

- **Jan. 06**: Write-in candidates for the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before presidential primary election)

- **Jan. 10**: Nov. 5, 2019 general election ballots may be discarded, except for federal office, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after general election)

- **Jan. 07**: Form of official ballots for the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (10 days before presidential primary election)

- **Jan. 10**: Boards of elections must update and publish notices of the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 64 days before presidential primary election)

- **Jan. 19**: Boards of elections must submit a program a for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before presidential primary election)

- **Jan. 20**: Election Administration Plans for the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election must be submitted to Secretary of State’s Office (60 days before presidential primary election)

- **Jan. 21**: Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file annual campaign finance reports (10 days before annual campaign finance report deadline)

- **Jan. 31**: Annual campaign finance reports must be filed by the Wednesday before the presidential primary campaign finance report deadline (R.C. 3513.041); and political parties by 4 p.m. (last business day of Jan. detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2019)

- **Feb. 04**: Boards of elections must file adverse in newspapers (to the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before presidential primary election)

- **Feb. 06**: Presidents may withdraw from the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election ballot by 4 p.m. (64 days before presidential primary election)

- **Feb. 18**: Deadline for voter registration for the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election (18 days before presidential primary election)

- **Feb. 28**: Protests against partisan or non-partisan candidates’ petitions for primary elections of minor political party candidates (for minor party that submitted party formation petition) must be filed (110 days before general election)

- **Feb. 28**: Campaign committees of federal candidates must file primary campaign finance reports (10 days before primary campaign finance report deadline)

- **Feb. 29**: Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on the March 17, 2020 presidential primary ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before primary presidential primary)

**Reference**

- **Mar. 03**: Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before presidential primary election)

- **Mar. 05**: Pre-primary campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (12 days before the first day of the 6th week after presidential primary election)

- **Mar. 06**: Boards of elections must publish notices of the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election and provide the notice to federal write-in absentee voter upon request (no later than 55 days before presidential primary election)

- **Mar. 07**: Boards of elections must give public notice of the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election (10 days before presidential primary election)

- **Mar. 09**: Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on the March 17, 2020 presidential primary ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before primary presidential primary)

- **Mar. 11**: Protests against partisan or non-partisan candidates’ petitions for state primary or county primary elections must be filed (78 days before presidential primary election)

- **Mar. 12**: Amendments to observer agreements must be filed by 4 p.m. (1 day before primary presidential primary)

- **Mar. 13**: Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State’s Office (no later than the day before the presidential primary election)

- **Mar. 17**: Primary Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- **Mar. 20**: Nominees of independent candidates, other than joint petitions for primary and president, for offices for which a primary election may be held must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before primary presidential primary election)

- **Mar. 23**: Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than March 16 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary presidential primary election)

- **Mar. 27**: UOCA/VA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary presidential primary election)

- **Mar. 28**: Boards of elections must begin official canvass of the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election (11 days after presidential primary election)

- **Apr. 01**: Boards of elections must begin official canvass of the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election no later than this date (10 days after primary presidential primary election)

- **Apr. 01**: Early voting in the March 17, 2020 presidential primary election must be held (10 days before primary presidential primary)

- **Apr. 22**: Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file post-primary campaign finance reports (10 days before primary campaign finance report deadline)

- **Apr. 23**: Post-primary campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (no later than the first day of the 12th week after presidential primary election)

- **May 01**: General Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- **May 04**: Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Aug. 4, 2020 special election by this date, and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 10 days before special election)

- **May 01**: Boards of elections of most populous county of a multi-county district must transmit petitions of independent candidates to other boards of elections on the end of the 6th day after the primary election (R.C. 3509.08)

- **May 10**: Local questions and issues for the Aug. 4, 2020 special election must be certified to boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election)

- **May 17**: March 17, 2020 presidential primary election ballots may be discarded, except for federal office unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after presidential primary election)

- **May 20**: Boards of elections must certify independent candidate petitions by this date (no later than the end of the 10th week after presidential primary election)

- **Jun. 11**: Last day for local option petitions to send to federal government for approval for municipal elections (56 days before Aug. 4 deadline for filing petitions for the Nov. 3, 2020, general election)

- **Jun. 14**: Protests against independent candidates nominated by petition must be filed by 4 p.m. (end of the 13th week after presidential primary election)

- **Jun. 18**: Boards of elections must file a petition, by 4 p.m. (4 days before special election) with the Secretary of State (R.C. 3513.262)

- **Jun. 19**: Boards of elections must update and publish notices of the March 17, 2020 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no latest than 48 days before special election)

- **Jun. 23**: Boards of elections must advertise in newspapers (to the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (8 weeks before special election)

- **Jun. 25**: Boards of elections must publish notices of the Aug. 4, 2020 special election by this date, and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 10 days before special election)

- **Jun. 26**: Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Nov. 3, 2020, general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 10 days before the general election)

**Reference**

**Note**: In some instances, the statutory deadline falls on a day when the offices of the Secretary of State and boards of elections are closed. In those instances, the deadlines are extended, pursuant to R.C. 1.14, to the next succeeding day when the appropriate office is open for regular business hours. The preceding dates reflect the extended deadline.
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**Recalls and Election Contests**

Application for a recount must be filed not later than 5 days after official results are declared.
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I. Qualifications for Offices of President and Vice President

A candidate for the office of President of the United States must be a natural born citizen of the United States, a U.S. resident for at least 14 years, and at least 35 years old on or before the day of the election. (U.S. Constitution, Article II, section 1).

A candidate for the office of Vice President of the United States must have the same qualifications as a candidate for President. The candidate for Vice President shall not be an inhabitant of the same state as the candidate for President. (U.S. Constitution, Amendment XII)

Presidential and vice presidential candidates must file jointly with, or be certified jointly to, the Ohio Secretary of State’s Office (U.S. Constitution, Amendment XII; R.C. 3513.12, R.C. 3513.121).

Generally, a presidential candidacy may take one of the following forms in Ohio:

- Participation in a party primary as provided by law and party rules;
- Joint candidacy of a minor political party having legal status in Ohio;
- Independent joint candidacy; or
- Joint write-in candidacy.

The form of candidacy determines the method by which candidates obtain access to the Ohio ballot for the presidential primary or general election.

II. Ballot Access for Major Political Parties

The presidential and vice presidential nominees of major political parties are not nominated through primary elections, but are selected by delegates at each party’s national convention. The number of delegates and alternates to be sent to a convention is determined by the national party committee’s written rules governing the primary process in each state.

The two major political parties currently having legal status in Ohio – the Democratic and Republican parties – have filing requirements and deadlines in each party’s written rules, in addition to those provided for by statute.
A. Democratic Presidential Primary

Anyone interested in participating as a candidate in the Democratic presidential nominating process should:

Review the relevant materials of the state and national Democratic Party organizations, including the party rules and the Ohio Democratic Party’s “2020 Ohio Delegate Selection Plan”; and

Obtain the appropriate forms and file those forms as provided by Ohio law and the Ohio Democratic Party’s “2020 Ohio Delegate Selection Plan.”

If you are interested in being designated as a delegate or alternate delegate, obtain the written consent of the two people, your first and second choices for the Democratic Party’s presidential candidate, whom you want to support as a delegate or alternate delegate.

Additional information regarding the delegate selection plan may be obtained by contacting the Ohio Democratic Party directly.

Ohio Democratic Party
340 E. Fulton Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Phone: (614) 221-6563
ohiodems.org

Please contact the Democratic National Committee for information on the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

1. What to File

The Secretary of State’s Office has prescribed forms that satisfy the statutory requirements:

- **Form 2-N** Declaration of Candidacy and Petition - At-large Delegate or Alternate - Single Candidate
- **Form 2-R** Consent for Use of Name as First Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate
- **Form 2-S** Consent for Use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate

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Columbus, Ohio 43215
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www.OhioSoS.gov
2. **Petition and Signature Requirement**

* (R.C. 3513.05; R.C. 3513.262; R.C. 3501.38; R.C. 3503.06) *

For a Democratic presidential candidate to appear on the ballot, candidates for at-large delegate or alternate-at-large delegate must file the Declaration of Candidacy and Petition *(Form 2-N)*, designating their first and second choices for nomination as the Democratic candidate for President.

The Declaration of Candidacy and Petition *(Form 2-N)* may consist of separate petition papers, each containing signatures of electors of only one county. If a petition paper contains signatures of electors from more than one county, the Secretary of State’s Office will determine the county from which the majority of signatures came, and only signatures from that county shall be counted. Any other signature on that petition paper will be invalidated. In addition, a signature will be invalidated if it is dated more than one year before the petition was filed.

The petition must contain signatures of at least 1,000 – but not more than 3,000 – qualified Ohio electors affiliated with the Democratic Party. For purposes of signing or circulating a petition in 2019, an elector is considered to be affiliated with the Democratic Party if the elector either voted in the primary elections only of the Democratic Party in 2017 or 2018 or did not vote in any other political party’s primary elections in those years.

Each separate petition paper must be circulated by one individual and is governed by the rules set forth in R.C. 3501.38 and R.C. 3503.06.

3. **Additional Forms**

Each candidate for at-large delegate also must file the Consent for Use of Name *(Forms 2-R and 2-S)*, signed by the presidential candidates designated in the Declaration of Candidacy and Petition *(Form 2-N)* as the delegate or alternate’s first and second choices for the Democratic nomination for President.

4. **When and Where to File**

The properly-completed and signed forms must be filed no later than **4 p.m. on December 18, 2019** with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division.

Please be advised that the [2020 Ohio Delegate Selection Plan](#) may require that additional forms be filed with the Ohio Democratic Party in advance of the December 18, 2019 filing deadline. Please consult the Plan for further information.

5. **Filing Fee**

There is no fee to file these forms with the Secretary of State’s Office.
B. Republican Presidential Primary

Anyone interested in participating as a candidate in the Republican presidential nominating process should:

- Review the relevant materials of the national and state Republican Party organizations, including the party rules;
- If you are interested in being designated as a delegate or alternate delegate, obtain the written consent of the two people, your first and second choices as the Republican Party’s presidential candidate, whom you want to support as a delegate or alternate delegate; and
- Determine which method you will use to obtain access to the Ohio Republican Party primary election ballot (outlined below), obtain the appropriate forms, and file those forms as provided by Ohio law.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Ohio Republican Party directly.

Ohio Republican Party
211 S. Fifth Street
Columbus, OH 43215
Phone: (614) 228-2481
www.ohiogop.org

Please contact the Republican National Committee for information on the 2020 Republican National Convention.

1. Petition Method of Ballot Access (R.C. 3513.12)

A presidential candidate who is not eligible to attain ballot access via the Alternate (non-petition) Method of R.C. 3513.121, or who wants to use the petition process, may obtain access to the Republican Party’s presidential primary ballot through the filing of petitions for delegates and alternate delegates.

Under the petition method, the presidential candidate gains access to the party’s primary ballot by fielding candidates for delegate and alternate delegate to the party’s national convention who have pledged their support to that candidate. The candidates must file a Declaration of Candidacy and Petition.

Under the rules of the Ohio Republican Party, the delegates and alternate delegates are elected both at-large and by congressional district. Candidates for delegate or alternate delegate may file either as an individual or as a group.

Each candidate for delegate or alternate delegate filing under the petition method must file a Declaration of Candidacy and Petition with the appropriate election officials.

Individual candidates for district delegate or alternate district delegate file a Declaration of Candidacy and Petition with the board of elections of the most populous county in the congressional district. Individual candidates for at-large delegate or alternate at-large delegate file with the Office of the Ohio Secretary of State.
The Declaration of Candidacy and Petition may consist of separate petition papers, each of which must contain signatures of electors of only one county. If a petition paper contains signatures of electors from more than one county, even if in the same congressional district, the election officials who accepted the filing will determine the county from which the majority of signatures came, and only signatures from that county shall be counted. Any other signature on that petition paper will be invalidated. (R.C. 3513.05). In addition, a signature will be invalidated if it is dated more than one year before the petition was filed. (R.C. 3513.262).

Each separate petition paper must be circulated by one person, and is governed by the rules set forth in R.C. 3501.38 and R.C. 3503.06.

a. District Delegate or District Alternate – Single/Individual Candidate

i) What to File

The Secretary of State’s office has prescribed forms that satisfy the statutory requirements:

- Form 2-P Declaration of Candidacy and Petition - District Delegate or District Alternate - Single Candidate
- Form 2-R Consent for Use of Name as First Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate
- Form 2-S Consent for Use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate

Forms may be obtained by following the hyperlinks provided in this Guide or by contacting the Ohio Secretary of State’s Office:

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Columbus, Ohio 43215
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ii) Petition and Signature Requirements (R.C. 3513.05; R.C. 3501.38; R.C. 3503.06)

A candidate for district delegate or alternate district delegate is elected from the congressional district in which his or her voting residence address is located. The district delegate or alternate district delegate candidate files a Declaration of Candidacy and Petition (Form 2-P), which designates the district delegate or alternate district delegate candidate’s first and second choices for president.

The Declaration of Candidacy and Petition (Form 2-P) for a district delegate or alternate district delegate must contain signatures of at least 50, but not more than 150, qualified electors from that congressional district.

To be qualified to sign or circulate the petition, an elector must be affiliated with the Republican Party, as defined by Ohio election law. For purposes of signing or circulating a petition in 2019, an elector is considered to be affiliated with the Republican Party if the elector either voted in the primary elections only of the Republican Party in 2017 or 2018 or did not vote in any other political party’s primary elections in those years.
iii) **Additional Forms**

The district delegate or alternate district delegate candidate also must file the appropriate Consent for Use of Name (Forms 2-R and 2-S) signed by his or her first or second choice, as appropriate, for President.

iv) **When and Where to File (R.C. 3513.05)**

The properly-completed and signed forms must be filed no later than 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019 with the board of elections of the most populous county in the congressional district.

Below is a list of Ohio’s 16 congressional districts, the most populous county of each district, and the city of the most populous county in which the county board of elections office is located:

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v) **Filing Fee**

There is no fee to file these forms with the county boards of elections.
b. At-Large Delegate and Alternate At-Large Delegate – Single/Individual Candidate Filings

i) **What to File**

At-large delegates and alternate at-large delegates to the Republican national nominating convention are elected on a statewide basis.

The Secretary of State’s Office has prescribed forms that satisfy the statutory requirements:

- **Form 2-N** Declaration of Candidacy and Petition – At-large Delegate or Alternate - Single Candidate
- **Form 2-R** Consent for Use of Name as First Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate
- **Form 2-S** Consent for Use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate

Forms may be obtained by following the hyperlinks provided in this Guide or by contacting the Ohio Secretary of State’s Office:

**Ohio Secretary of State - Elections Division**
22 North Fourth Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Phone: (614) 466-2585
www.OhioSoS.gov

ii) **Petition and Signature Requirements (R.C. 3513.05; R.C. 3501.38; R.C. 3503.06)**

A candidate for at-large delegate or alternate at-large delegate files a Declaration of Candidacy and Petition (**Form 2-N**) that designates the candidate’s first and second choices for nomination as the Republican candidate for President.

The petition must contain signatures of at least 1,000 qualified Ohio electors affiliated with the Republican Party. For purposes of signing or circulating a petition in 2019, an elector is considered to be affiliated with the Republican Party if the elector either voted in the primary elections only of the Republican Party in 2017 or 2018 or did not vote in any other political party’s primary elections in those years.

iii) **Additional Forms**

Each at-large delegate or alternate at-large delegate also must file the appropriate Consent for Use of Name (**Forms 2-R** and **2-S**), signed by the presidential candidates designated in the Declaration of Candidacy and Petition (**Form 2-N**), as the delegate or alternate delegate’s first and second choices for party nomination for President.

iv) **When and Where to File**

The properly completed and signed forms must be filed no later than 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019 with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division.

v) **Filing Fee**

There is no fee to file these forms with the Secretary of State’s Office.
c. Group Petition for Delegates and Alternates

i) What to File
The Secretary of State’s Office has prescribed forms that satisfy the statutory requirements:

- **Form 2-O** Declaration of Candidacy and Petition – At-large Delegate or Alternate - Several Candidates
- **Form 2-Q** Declaration of Candidacy and Petition – District Delegate or Alternate - Several Candidates
- **Form 2-T** Consent for Use of Name as First Choice for the Presidency - Several Candidates
- **Form 2-U** Consent for Use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Several Candidates

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If a group of candidates for delegate or alternate delegate files with the Ohio Secretary of State, a properly-completed petition that designates the same two individuals as the first and second choices for President, and the appropriate Consent for Use of Name (Forms 2-T and 2-U), then that single petition will suffice for all of the candidates for delegate or alternate named in the petition.

**Note:** A group petition may be filed only if the group of candidates listed on the petition is equal in number to the whole number of delegate or alternate candidates to be elected on either an at-large or district basis.

ii) Petition and Signature Requirements (**R.C. 3513.05; R.C. 3501.38; R.C. 3503.06**)
The signature requirements for a group petition are the same as for a petition filed by a single delegate or alternate candidate:

- District Delegate or Alternate (**Form 2-Q**): Signatures of at least 50, but not more than 150, qualified electors
- At-large Delegate or Alternate (**Form 2-O**): Signatures of at least 1,000, but not more than 3,000, qualified electors

For purposes of signing or circulating a petition in 2019, an elector is considered to be affiliated with the Republican Party if the elector either voted in the primary elections only of the Republican Party in 2017 or 2018 or did not vote in any other political party’s primary elections in those years.
iii) When and Where to File

Group petitions for candidates for at-large delegates or alternate at-large delegates must be filed no later than **4 p.m. on December 18, 2019** with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division.

Group petitions for district delegates or alternate district delegates must be filed **no later than 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019** with the board of elections of the most populous county in the congressional district.

Below is a list of Ohio’s 16 congressional districts, the most populous county of each district, and the city of the most populous county in which the county board of elections office is located:

| District 1 | Hamilton County (Cincinnati) |
| District 2 | Hamilton County (Cincinnati) |
| District 3 | Franklin County (Columbus) |
| District 4 | Lorain County (Lorain) |
| District 5 | Lucas County (Toledo) |
| District 6 | Columbiana County (Lisbon) |
| District 7 | Stark County (Canton) |
| District 8 | Butler County (Hamilton) |
| District 9 | Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) |
| District 10 | Montgomery County (Dayton) |
| District 11 | Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) |
| District 12 | Franklin County (Columbus) |
| District 13 | Summit County (Akron) |
| District 14 | Lake County (Painesville) |
| District 15 | Franklin County (Columbus) |
| District 16 | Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) |

iv) Filing Fee

There is no fee to file these forms with the Secretary of State’s Office or the county boards of elections.
2. Alternate (Non-Petition) Method of Ballot Access
(R.C. 3513.121; 52 U.S.C. 30104)

Eligibility
A Republican presidential candidate who is able to meet the criteria (below) established in R.C. 3513.121 may be certified to the Ohio presidential primary ballot if the presidential candidate and the candidates for delegate and alternate delegate who have pledged to support that presidential candidate file Declarations of Candidacy (no petition containing signatures of Ohio electors is necessary).

Presidential Candidates
Each presidential candidate filing for the Republican primary election under the Alternate (non-petition) Method must file the following documents with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division:

- A “reasonable accounting” proving that the candidate’s campaign committee has raised at least $5,000 for the primary election in each of 20 states from individuals, with a maximum of $250 per contributor counting toward the threshold.\(^1\)
- A statement from the presidential candidate’s registered presidential campaign committee treasurer meeting the standards of 52 U.S.C. 30104 and certifying that the candidate’s committee has met the applicable contribution requirements.\(^2\)

The appropriate Declaration of Candidacy (no petition):

- Form 1-C, Declaration of Candidacy for Party Primary Election for President – Designation of Delegates and Consent for Use of Name, including the presidential candidate’s list of approved delegates (district and at-large) and consent for use of the candidate’s name as first choice for President.

These documents must be filed, in person or by mail, at the same time with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division no later than 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019.

Ohio Secretary of State - Elections Division
22 North Fourth Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Phone: (614) 466-2585
www.OhioSoS.gov

\(^1\) Ohio law does not define what constitutes a “reasonable accounting.” The Secretary of State’s Office previously has accepted a document containing, for each state, each individual contributor’s name and address and the amount and date of the contribution as a “reasonable accounting.”

\(^2\) Ohio law does not prescribe language for the statement. The Secretary of State’s Office previously has accepted a signed and dated statement containing the following language: “I declare (certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the attached accounting is true and correct, and that the campaign committee of (Presidential Candidate) has met the contribution requirements of Revised Code Section 3513.121.”
a. District Delegate or Alternate District Delegates – Single or Individual Candidate

Single (individual) candidates for district delegate or district alternate delegate who are designated by a Republican presidential candidate filing under the Alternate (non-petition) Method must file the following documents with the Secretary of State’s Office no later than 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019:

- Form 2-PA, Declaration of Candidacy Party Primary Election for District Delegate or Alternate District Delegate to the National Convention (Single Candidate), that includes a signed statement indicating the district delegate or alternate district delegate’s first and second choices for President; and

- Form 2-S, Consent for Use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate, bearing the original signature of the district delegate or alternate district delegate’s second choice for President.

b. District Delegate or Alternate District Delegates – Group or Several Candidates

A group or several candidates for district delegate or alternate district delegate who are designated by a Republican presidential candidate filing under the Alternate (non-petition) Method must file the following documents with the Secretary of State’s Office no later than 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019:

- Form 2-QA, Declaration of Candidacy Party Primary Election for District Delegate or Alternate District Delegate to the National Convention (Several Candidates), that includes a signed statement indicating the delegate or alternate delegate’s first and second choices for President; and

- Form 2-U, Consent for Use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Several Candidates, bearing the original signature of the district delegate or alternate district delegate’s second choice for President.

c. At-large Delegate and At-large Alternate Delegate – Single or Individual Candidate

Candidates for at-large delegate and at-large alternate delegate for a Republican presidential candidate who submit a Declaration of Candidacy under the Alternate (non-petition) Method are selected in accordance with rules adopted by the state central committee of the presidential candidate’s political party.

A candidate for at-large delegate or at-large alternate delegate who is designated by a Republican presidential candidate filing under the Alternate (non-petition) method must file the following documents with the Secretary of State’s Office no later than 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019:

- Form 2-NA, Declaration of Candidacy Party Primary Election for Delegate At-large or Alternate At-large to the National Convention (Single Candidate), that includes a signed
statement indicating the at-large delegate or alternate at-large delegate's first and second choices for President; and

- **Form 2-S**, Consent for Use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Single Candidate, bearing the original signature of the at-large delegate or alternate at-large delegate's second choice for President.

d. At-large Delegate and At-large Alternate Delegate – Group or Several Candidates

A group or several candidates for at-large delegate and at-large alternate delegate for a Republican presidential candidate who submit a Declaration of Candidacy under the Alternate (non-petition) method are selected in accordance with rules adopted by the state central committee of the presidential candidate’s political party.

A group or several candidates for at-large delegate or district alternate delegate who are designated by a Republican presidential candidate filing under the Alternate (non-petition) Method must file the following documents with the Secretary of State’s Office no later than 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019:

- **Form 2-OA**, Declaration of Candidacy Party Primary Election for At-large Delegate or At-large Alternate Delegate to the National Convention (Several Candidates), that includes a signed statement indicating the at-large delegate or alternate at-large delegate’s first and second choices for President; and

- **Form 2-U**, Consent for Use of Name as Second Choice for the Presidency - Several Candidates, bearing the original signature of the at-large delegate or alternate at-large delegate’s second choice for President.

**Filing Fee for Alternate (Non-Petition) Method**

There is no fee to file these forms with the Secretary of State’s Office.
III. Ballot Access for Minor Political Parties

A minor political party is a political party organized under the laws of Ohio where either of the following applies (R.C. 3501.01; R.C. 3517.012):

- The minor party’s candidate for governor or its nominees for presidential electors received less than 20% but not less than 3% of the total vote cast at the most recent regular state election; or
- A group of voters filed a party formation petition with the Secretary of State’s Office that satisfied the requirements of R.C. 3517.01.

What to File and Filing Deadlines (R.C. 3517.012; R.C. 3505.10; R.C. 3513.257)

- **Recognized Minor Political Party**
  A recognized minor party must certify the names of its nominees for the offices of President and Vice President to the Secretary of State’s Office no later than August 5, 2020 (90 days before the date of the November 3, 2020 General Election). The certification must be accompanied by a list of the names of 18 presidential electors who will represent the party and candidates in the Electoral College, should the candidates win the general election.

- **Minor Political Party That Has Filed a Party Formation Petition**
  To appear on the general election ballot as a nominee and candidate for a minor political party that has filed a party formation petition, the joint candidates must file Secretary of State Form 4-C, Minor Party Nominating Petition for Candidates for President and Vice President of the United States no later than July 16, 2020 (110 days before the date of the November 3, 2020 General Election).

**Filing Fee**
There is no fee to file these forms with the Secretary of State’s Office.

**Where to File (R.C. 3513.257)**
Candidate petitions and minor party certifications must be filed with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division.
IV. Ballot Access for Independent Candidates

Independent joint candidates for President and Vice President run without a political party designation. Instead of participating in the primary process, they participate in Ohio’s general election by filing a valid and sufficient joint nominating petition.

Be advised that an independent candidate must actually be unaffiliated from any political party, and the required claim of being unaffiliated must be made in good faith for the candidate to be qualified to run as an independent candidate. Morrison v. Colley, 467 F.3d 503 (6th Cir. 2006); Jolivette v. Husted, 694 F.3d 760 (6th Cir. 2012).

What to File (R.C. 3513.257)

Independent candidates wanting their names to be printed on the general election ballot for the offices of President and Vice President must file with the Ohio Secretary of State:

- A valid and sufficient Joint Nominating Petition (Form 3-A) that complies with R.C. 3513.257 and R.C. 3501.38. The nominating petition must contain the names and signatures of both the candidate for President and the candidate for Vice President, and at least 5,000 – but not more than 15,000 – signatures of qualified Ohio electors (any qualified Ohio elector may sign the petition, regardless of the elector’s political party affiliation); and

- A slate of presidential electors. Joint candidates must file a list of names of 18 electors who will represent them in the Electoral College, should the candidates win the general election.

When and Where to File (R.C. 3513.257)

The properly completed and signed forms must be filed no later than 4 p.m. on August 5, 2020 with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division.

Filing Fee

There is no fee to file this form with the Secretary of State’s Office.

Desired Ballot Designation (R.C. 3505.03, R.C. 3513.257)

Independent candidates who are nominated by petition may be designated in one of the following three ways on the ballot:

- “Nonparty candidates”;
- “Other-party candidates”; or
- No designation.

When the prospective independent candidates file their joint nominating petition with the Secretary of State’s Office, they may request to have one of the designations above. The designation “independent” may not appear on the ballot. If the candidates do not request either the “nonparty candidate” or “other-party candidate” ballot designation, then no designation will be printed on the ballot below their names.
V. Ballot Access for Joint Write-In Candidates

What to File (R.C. 3513.041)
Joint write-in candidates must file with the Ohio Secretary of State:

- A properly completed Declaration of Intent To Be Joint Write-in Candidates (Form 13-A). The declaration of intent must contain the names and signatures of both the candidate for President and the candidate for Vice President. (Note: Only candidates who have filed a Declaration of Intent To Be Joint Write-in Candidates are eligible to have votes counted in the general election.) and

- A slate of presidential electors. Joint write-in candidates must file a list of names of 18 electors who will represent them in the Electoral College, should the candidates win the general election.

Filing Fee
There is no fee to file this form with the Secretary of State’s Office.

When and Where to File (R.C. 3513.041)
The properly completed and signed forms must be filed no later than 4 p.m. on August 24, 2020 with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division.

VI. Campaign Finance Requirements

All candidates for the offices of President and Vice President, including write-in candidates, are required to comply with all campaign finance laws and to file certain financial statements with the Federal Election Commission.

Candidates are advised to contact the Federal Election Commission for more information on these requirements before accepting contributions or making expenditures.

VII. The Electoral College

A. Generally (U.S. Constitution, Art. II, §1 and Amendment XII; 3 U.S.C. 1)

Each state is allocated a number of presidential electors equal to the sum of its number of U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives. Ohio will have 18 presidential electors in 2020.

The legislature of each state prescribes the method for appointing presidential electors. A political party or independent candidate in every state submits to the state’s chief election official a list of individuals pledged to its candidate for president, equal in number to the state’s electoral vote.


Each major political party in Ohio may hold a state convention at a time and place fixed by the party’s state central committee, but no later than 40 days prior to the general election, for nominating candidates for election as presidential electors. Within five days after that
convention, the party chairperson and secretary certify in writing to the Secretary of State’s Office, the names of all persons nominated as candidates for presidential electors.

If a major political party does not hold a state convention, then the executive committee of the party’s state central committee must nominate candidates for election as presidential electors in accordance with party rules. These nominations must occur no later than 40 days prior to the presidential election. Within five days after these candidates are nominated, the chairperson or secretary of the executive committee, or, in the absence of the chairperson or secretary, a designated committee member, must certify in writing to the Secretary of State’s Office the names of all persons so nominated.

A recognized minor party in the state must certify in writing to the Secretary of State’s Office the names of persons designated in accordance with the party’s rules.

**C. Meeting of the Electoral College (R.C. 3505.39, R.C. 3505.40; 3 U.S.C. §7)**

The Ohio Secretary of State mails to each Ohio presidential elector a certificate of election and notice of the meeting of Ohio’s Electoral College voters. On the Monday following the second Wednesday of December in a presidential election year, each state’s presidential electors meet in their respective state capitols and cast their electoral votes, one for President and one for Vice President. A presidential elector must cast his or her electoral vote for the nominees for President and Vice President of the political party that certified him or her as a presidential elector.

The electoral votes of each state are then sealed and transmitted to the President of the U.S. Senate, who, in early January (of 2021), opens and reads them before both houses of Congress. The presidential candidate who receives the absolute majority of electoral votes is declared President; the Vice Presidential candidate who receives the absolute majority of electoral votes is declared Vice President.
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Candidate Requirement Guide

If you are considering running for office in Ohio, this guide can help you navigate the legal requirements to becoming a candidate. This guide is only a brief summary and not a complete digest of laws. The information in this guide is current as of the date printed on the front cover of this guide. Legislative or judicial action may change the information in this guide. For the most up-to-date information, visit the Ohio Secretary of State’s website at www.OhioSoS.gov and always consult your own legal counsel.

Refer to the sections below for the office you are seeking:

- Federal Offices
- Ohio General Assembly
- State Board of Education
- County Offices
- Judicial Offices
- Political Party Members

Each of these sections contains information on the terms of office and the conditions candidates must meet, including residency requirements, minimum or maximum ages, and other necessary qualifications. Each section also outlines different petition filing requirements, including deadlines, forms, filing fees and locations, and the number of signatures needed for each office.

Within this guide:

- “U.S. Const.” refers to the United States Constitution.
- “R.C.” refers to the Revised Code of Ohio. (Visit codes.ohio.gov for more.)
- “O.A.G.” refers to an Opinion of the Ohio Attorney General (www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov)
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Federal Offices

President
For more information, please refer to the 2020 Presidential Candidate Requirement Guide.

U.S. Representative

Term of Office
Two years (U.S. Const. Art. I, §2)

Qualifications
- **Residency Requirement**: Must be an inhabitant of the state from which elected (U.S. Const. Art. I, §2)
- **Minimum Age**: 25 years (U.S. Const. Art. I, §2)
- **Other**: Must be a U.S. citizen for seven years prior to election (U.S. Const. Art. I, §2)

Filing Deadline:
- By 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019, (90 days before the primary election) for party candidates, or
- By 4 p.m. on March 16, 2020, (the day before the primary election) for independent candidates (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257)

Filing Fee: $85 (R.C. 3513.10(A) and (B))

Petition Form Numbers:
- **Form 2-E** for party candidates (seeking nomination of a political party to the general election through the primary election)
- **Form 3-F** for independent candidates (candidates unaffiliated with a political party seeking nomination to the general election)

File with: Board of elections of the most populous county within the congressional district (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257, R.C. 3513.261)
See page 26 for a list of the most populous county for each district.

Signature Requirements: (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257)
- **Major party candidates**: 50 signatures
- **Recognized minor party candidates**: 25 signatures
- **Independent candidates**: Based on the number of votes cast in the congressional district in the last general election for governor:

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Ohio General Assembly

State Senator and State Representative

Term of Office

Senator: Four years (OH Const. Art. II, §2)
Representative: Two years (OH Const. Art. II, §2)

Qualifications

- **Residency Requirement:** Must be a resident of the district, have resided in the district for one year immediately preceding the election and be a registered elector (OH Const. Art. II, §3, OH Const. Art. XV, §4, R.C. 3.15)

- **Filing Deadline:**
  - By 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019, (90 days before the primary election) for party candidates, or
  - By 4 p.m. on March 16, 2020, (the day before the primary election) for independent candidates (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257)

- **Filing Fee:** $85 (R.C. 3513.10(A) and (B))

- **Petition Form Numbers:**
  - Form 2-F for party candidates (seeking nomination of a political party to the general election through the primary election)
  - Form 3-G for independent candidates (candidates unaffiliated with a political party seeking nomination to the general election)

- **File with:** Board of elections of the most populous county within the district (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257, R.C. 3513.261)

See page 26 for a list of the most populous county for each district.

- **Signature Requirements:** (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257)
  - Major party candidates: 50 signatures
  - Recognized minor party candidates: 25 signatures
  - Independent candidates: Based on the number of votes cast in the congressional district in the last general election for governor:
    - **Number of votes cast**
      - Fewer than 5,000
      - 5,000 or more
    - **Number of signatures**
      - 25, or a number equal to 5 percent of the vote (whichever is less)
      - 1 percent of vote
State Board of Education

Term of Office
Four years (R.C. 3301.02)

Qualifications
- **Residency Requirement**: Must be a qualified elector residing in the district (R.C. 3301.03, OH Const. Art. XV, §4)
- **Other**: Shall not, during the term of office, hold any other office of trust or profit or be an employee or officer of any public or private elementary or secondary school (R.C. 3301.03)
- **Filing Deadline**: By 4 p.m. on August 5, 2020, (90 days before the general election) (R.C. 3513.259)
- **Filing Fee**: $55 (R.C. 3513.10 (A) and (B))
- **Petition Form Number**:
  - Form 3-Z Nominating Petition for Member of the State Board of Education
- **File with**: Board of elections of the most populous county within the district (R.C. 3513.259)
  See page 26 for a list of the most populous county for each district.
- **Signature Requirements**: 100 signatures (R.C. 3513.259)
County Offices

Commissioner, Coroner, Engineer, Prosecuting Attorney, Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer

Term of Office
Four years (R.C. 305.01, R.C. 309.01, R.C. 311.01, R.C. 313.01, R.C. 315.01, R.C. 317.01, R.C. 319.01, R.C. 321.01)

Qualifications

• Residency Requirement:
  ▪ Sheriff: Must be a qualified elector who has resided in the county at least one year immediately prior to the applicable qualification date (R.C. 311.01(B)(1)(2) and (H))
  ▪ All Other Offices: Must be a qualified elector of the county (OH Const. Art. XV, §4, R.C. 3.15)

• Special Qualifications:
  ▪ Coroner: Must be licensed to practice as a physician in Ohio for at least two years immediately preceding election or appointment as coroner (R.C. 313.02)
  ▪ Engineer: Must be a registered professional engineer and registered surveyor, licensed to practice in Ohio (R.C. 315.02)
  ▪ Prosecuting Attorney: Must be an attorney-at-law, licensed to practice in Ohio (R.C. 309.02)
  ▪ Sheriff: Please see R.C. 311.01 for additional qualifications and requirements.

• Filing Deadline:
  ▪ By 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019, (90 days before the primary election) for party candidates, or
  ▪ By 4 p.m. on March 16, 2020, (the day before the primary election) for independent candidates (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257)

• Filing Fee: $80 (R.C. 3513.10(A) and (B))

• Petition Form Numbers:
  ▪ Form 2-G for party candidates (seeking nomination of a political party to the general election through the primary election)
  ▪ Form 3-H for independent candidates (candidates unaffiliated with a political party seeking nomination to the general election)

• File with: County board of elections (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.08, R.C. 3513.257, R.C. 3513.261)

• Signature Requirements: (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257)
  ▪ Major party candidates: 50 signatures
- **Recognized minor party candidates**: 25 signatures
- **Independent candidates**: Based on the number of votes cast in the county in the last general election for governor:
  
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**Judicial Offices**

**Supreme Court Justice**

**Term of Office**

Six years ([OH Const. Art. IV, §6](https://codes.ohio.gov/oh/const/art-iv-sect-6), [R.C. 2503.02](https://laws.ohio.gov/Laws/2503.02), [R.C. 2503.03](https://laws.ohio.gov/Laws/2503.03))

**Qualifications**

- **Maximum Age**: 70 years ([OH Const. Art. IV, §6](https://codes.ohio.gov/oh/const/art-iv-sect-6))
- **Residency Requirement**: Must be a qualified elector residing in Ohio ([OH Const. Art. XV, §4](https://codes.ohio.gov/oh/const/art-xv-sect-4), [R.C. 2701.04](https://laws.ohio.gov/Laws/2701.04))
- **Other**: Must be admitted to practice as an attorney in this state and have, for a total of at least six years preceding the commencement of the term, engaged in the practice of law in Ohio or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the U.S., or both ([R.C. 2503.01](https://laws.ohio.gov/Laws/2503.01))

- **Filing Deadline**:
  - By 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019, (90 days before the primary election) for **party candidates**; or
  - By 4 p.m. on March 16, 2020, (the day before the primary election) for **independent candidates** ([R.C. 3513.05](https://laws.ohio.gov/Laws/3513.05), [R.C. 3513.257](https://laws.ohio.gov/Laws/3513.257))

- **Filing Fee**: $150 ([R.C. 3513.10(A) and (B)](https://laws.ohio.gov/Laws/3513.10(A) and (B)))

- **Petition Form Numbers**:
  - **Form 2-D** for party candidates (seeking nomination of a political party to the general election through the primary election)
  - **Form 3-E** for independent candidates (candidates unaffiliated with a political party seeking nomination to the general election)

- **File with**: Ohio Secretary of State’s Elections Division - Columbus ([R.C. 3513.05](https://laws.ohio.gov/Laws/3513.05), [R.C. 3513.257](https://laws.ohio.gov/Laws/3513.257), [R.C. 3513.261](https://laws.ohio.gov/Laws/3513.261))

- **Signature Requirements**: ([R.C. 3513.05](https://laws.ohio.gov/Laws/3513.05), [R.C. 3513.257](https://laws.ohio.gov/Laws/3513.257))
  - **Major party candidates**: 1,000 signatures
  - **Recognized minor party candidates**: 500 signatures
Independent candidates: 5,000 signatures

Court Of Appeals Judge

Term of Office
Six years (R.C. 2501.02)

Qualifications
• Maximum Age: 70 years (OH Const. Art. IV, §6)
• Residency Requirement: Must be a qualified elector residing in the district (OH Const. Art. XV, §4, R.C. 2701.04)
• Other: Must be admitted to practice as an attorney in this state and have, for a total of six years preceding the commencement of the term, engaged in the practice of law in Ohio or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the U.S., or both (R.C. 2501.02)

Filing Deadline:
- By 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019, (90 days before the primary election) for party candidates; or
- By 4 p.m. on March 16, 2020, (the day before the primary election) for independent candidates (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257)

Filing Fee: $80 (R.C. 3513.10(A) and (B))

Petition Form Numbers:
- Form 2-FJ for party candidates (seeking nomination of a political party to the general election through the primary election)
- Form 3-G for independent candidates (candidates unaffiliated with a political party seeking nomination to the general election)

File with: Board of elections of the most populous county within the district (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257, R.C. 3513.261)

See page 26 for a list of the most populous county for each district.

Signature Requirements: (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257)
- Major party candidates: 50 signatures
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- Independent candidates: Based on the number of votes cast within the district in the last general election for governor:

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Court Of Common Pleas Judge

Term of Office
Six years (R.C. 2301.01)

Qualifications
• Maximum Age: 70 years (OH Const. Art. IV, §6)
• Residency Requirement: Must be a qualified elector residing in the county (OH Const. Art. XV, §4, R.C. 2301.01, R.C. 2701.04)
• Other: Must be admitted to practice as an attorney in this state and have, for a total of at least six years preceding the commencement of the term, engaged in the practice of law in Ohio or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the U.S., or both (R.C. 2301.01)
• Filing Deadline:
  - By 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019, (90 days before the primary election) for party candidates; or
  - By 4 p.m. on March 16, 2020, (the day before the primary election) for independent candidates (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257)
• Filing Fee: $80 (R.C. 3513.10(A) and (B))
• Petition Form Numbers:
  - Form 2-GJ for party candidates (seeking nomination of a political party to the general election through the primary election)
  - Form 3-H for independent candidates (candidates unaffiliated with a political party seeking nomination to the general election)
• File with: County board of elections (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257, R.C. 3513.261)
• Signature Requirements: (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257)
  - Major party candidates: 50 signatures
  - Minor party candidates: 25 signatures
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County Court Judge

Term of Office
Six years (R.C. 1907.13)

Qualifications

- **Maximum Age:** 70 years (OH Const. Art. IV, §6)
- **Residency Requirement:** Must be a qualified elector residing in the county court district at the time of filing a nominating petition for the office or at the time of appointment to the office and during the judge's term of office (OH Const. Art. XV, §4, R.C. 1907.13)
- **Other:** Must be admitted to practice as an attorney in this state and have been, for a total of at least six years, engaged in the practice of law in Ohio (R.C. 1907.13)
- **Filing Deadline:** By 4 p.m. on August 5, 2020 (90 days before the general election) (R.C. 1907.13)
- **Filing Fee:** $80 (R.C. 3513.10(A) and (B))
- **Petition Form Number:**
  - Form 3-J Nominating Petition for Judge of the County Court
- **File with:** County board of elections (R.C. 3513.261)
- **Signature Requirements:** 50, or a number not less than 1 percent of the number of electors who voted for governor at the most recent general election for governor in the district, whichever is less (R.C. 1907.13)
Clerk of Courts

Term of Office
Four years (R.C. 2303.01)

Qualifications

- Residency Requirement: Must be a qualified elector residing in the county (OH Const. Art. XV, §4, R.C. 3.15)

- Filing Deadline:
  - By 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019, (90 days before the primary election) for party candidates, or
  - By 4 p.m. on March 16, 2020, (the day before the primary election) for independent candidates (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257)

- Filing Fee: $80 (R.C. 3513.10(A) and (B))

- Petition Form Numbers:
  - Form 2-G for party candidates (seeking nomination of a political party to the general election through the primary election)
  - Form 3-H for independent candidates (candidates unaffiliated with a political party seeking nomination to the general election)

- File with: County board of elections (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257, R.C. 3513.261)

- Signature Requirements: (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257)
  - Major party candidates: 50 signatures
  - Recognized minor party candidates: 25 signatures
  - Independent candidates: Based on the number of votes cast in the county in the last general election for governor:

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Political Party Committee Members

Major Political Party, State Central Committee

Term of Office

**Democratic Party** – Four years, per party rules. ([R.C. 3517.03](#)) *Note: Members of the State Central Committee for the Democratic Party appeared on the ballot in 2018 and will not appear on the ballot again until 2022.*

**Republican Party** – Two years, per party rules. ([R.C. 3517.03](#))

Qualifications

- **Residency Requirement**: Must be a qualified elector residing in the district from which elected ([OH Const. Art. XV, §4, R.C. 3517.02](#))
- **Filing Deadline**: By 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019 (90 days before the primary election) ([R.C. 3513.05](#))
- **Filing Fee**: None ([R.C. 3513.10(C)](#))
- **Petition Form Number**:
  - Form 2-J for candidates for Member of State Central Committee seeking to be elected in the party primary
- **File with**: Board of elections of the most populous county in the state senate or state congressional district, as determined by outgoing party controlling committee ([R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3517.03](#)) *(For both major political parties, state central committee members are currently elected by state senatorial district.)*

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- **Signature Requirements**: Five signatures ([R.C. 3513.05](#))
Major Political Party, County Central Committee

**Term of Office**

Two or four years, per party rules (R.C. 3517.03)

**Qualifications**

- **Residency Requirement**: Must be a qualified elector residing in the election precinct, city, ward or township from which elected, as determined by the outgoing committee (OH Const. Art. XV, §4, R.C. 3517.02)
- **Filing Deadline**: By 4 p.m. on December 18, 2019 (90 days before the primary election) (R.C. 3513.05)
- **Filing Fee**: None (R.C. 3513.10(C))
- **Petition Form Numbers**:
  - Form 2-L or
  - Form 2-M, per party determination
- **File with**: County board of elections (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3517.03)
- **Signature Requirements**:
  - Form 2-L Five signatures, per party determination (R.C. 3513.05), or
  - Form 2-M No signatures, per party determination (R.C. 3513.051)

**Minor Parties**

Prospective candidates of a minor party that has filed a party formation petition should follow the signature requirements and filing deadlines outlined in Chapter 13 of the Ohio Election Official Manual. Nominating petitions for use by prospective candidates of a minor party that has filed a party formation petition are available on the Secretary of State’s website (Form 4-G).

Prospective candidates of a recognized minor party should follow the signature requirements and filing deadlines listed for minor party candidates in this guide below the office being sought.
Write-in Candidates

Any person wanting to be a write-in candidate for most offices must file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate. Only write-in candidates who have filed a valid declaration of intent will have votes counted in the election for which the candidate filed. (R.C. 3513.041)

A write-in candidate must meet all of the qualifications of the office being sought. (Please review the qualifications in this guide for the specific office being sought.)

No write-in space may appear for the office of state central committee of a political party in Ohio. (O.A.G. 70-011)

- **Filing Deadline:**
  - **Write-in for Primary Election:** By 4 p.m. on January 6, 2020* (72 days before the primary election) (R.C. 3513.041)
  - **Write-in for General Election:** By 4 p.m. on August 24, 2020* (72 days before the general election) (R.C. 3513.041)

*Note: In some instances, the statutory deadline falls on a day when the offices of the Secretary of State and boards of elections are closed. In those instances, the deadlines are extended, pursuant to R.C. 1.14, to the next succeeding business day when the appropriate office is open for regular business hours. The preceding dates reflect the extended deadline.

- **Filing Fee:** A write-in candidate must pay the same filing fee as any other candidate for the office. Please review the filing fee information in this guide for the specific office being sought. (R.C. 3513.10)

- **Form Numbers:**
  - **Form 13** all offices except United States Representative
  - **Form 13-C** United States Representative

- **File with:** A write-in candidate must file their Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate form with the appropriate county board of elections or the Secretary of State’s office, as applicable. Please review the “File with” section in this guide for the specific office being sought. (R.C. 3513.05)
Political Party Affiliation of Candidates for Party Nomination

A person may be a candidate for nomination of any political party at a primary election (regardless of party affiliation established by voting in a prior partisan primary) if either of the following apply:

- The person does not hold elective office, or
- The person holds an elective office for which candidates are not nominated at a primary election.

However, a person holding an elective office for which candidates are nominated at a party primary may become a candidate for a different political party if the person completes and files the Secretary of State’s prescribed Form 10-Y, Declaration of Intent to Change Political Party Affiliation, by 4 p.m. on the 30th day before the filing deadline for the primary election. The completed Form 10-Y must be filed with the same office (e.g., Secretary of State, county board of elections) with which the person is required to file the declaration of candidacy and petition.

A person may file such declaration of intent only once during a period of 10 years after first filing a declaration of intent. (R.C. 3513.191)

Please see R.C. 3513.04 and R.C. 3513.052 for further candidacy information.

Independent Candidates

An independent candidate must actually be unaffiliated from any political party, and the required claim of being unaffiliated must be made in good faith in order for the candidate to be qualified to run as an independent candidate. Morrison v. Colley, 467 F.3d 503 (6th Cir. 2006); Jolivette v. Husted, 694 F.3d 760 (6th Cir. 2012); State ex rel. Davis v. Summit County Board of Elections, 137 Ohio St.3d 222 (2013); State ex rel. Morris v. Stark County Board of Elections, 143 Ohio St.3d 507 (2015).

At the time a prospective independent candidate (other than a candidate for judicial office) files their nominating petition, the candidate may request to have the designation “nonparty candidate” or “other party candidate” printed underneath the candidate’s name on the ballot. The designation “independent” may not appear on the ballot. Such request must be given to the office at which the nominating petition was filed. (R.C. 3505.03, R.C. 3513.257)

Please review the information regarding office qualifications, signature requirements, and filing deadlines for the specific office being sought. More information about independent candidates may also be found in Advisory 2007-05.
Restrictions on Filing for Multiple Offices

No person shall seek nomination or election to any of the following offices or positions at the same election by filing a declaration of candidacy and petition, Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate, or a nominating petition; by becoming a candidate through a party nomination in a primary election; or by filling of a vacancy under R.C. 3513.30 or R.C. 3513.31:

1. Two or more state offices;
2. Two or more county offices;
3. A state office and a county office;
4. A federal and a state or county office; or
5. Any combination of two or more municipal or township offices, positions as a member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, or position as a member of a governing board of an educational service center. (R.C. 3513.052)

The only exception to this prohibition is if a person “timely withdraws” their candidacy. A candidate who timely withdraws their candidacy prior to board action on their petition and prior to the filing deadline may file a new petition for the same or a different office in the same election as the withdrawn petition. (State ex rel. Coble v. Lucas County Board of Elections, et al., 130 Ohio St.3d 132 (2011))

Pursuant to R.C. 3513.052(H)(2), “timely withdraws” means either of the following:

1. Withdrawing as a candidate before the applicable filing deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy, Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate, or nominating petition for the subsequent office for which the person is seeking to become a candidate at the same election, or
2. Withdrawing as a candidate before the applicable deadline for the filling of a vacancy under sections R.C. 3513.30 or R.C. 3513.31 of the Revised Code, if the person is seeking to become a candidate for a subsequent office at the same election under either of those sections.

A candidate may withdraw only their candidacy. Once filed, a candidate may not withdraw the petition or other forms used to initiate the candidacy.

Candidates may also review Chapter 12 of the Ohio Election Official Manual for information about candidacies and/or consult with private legal counsel.
Petitions

County boards of elections will provide at least one copy of a candidate petition form upon request. Candidates may make additional copies of the form as it is provided by the county board of elections.

Once the candidate has completed filling out and signing the petition, this signed part-petition may be copied prior to obtaining any elector signatures on the part-petitions. However, this original signed part-petition must be filed with the other part-petitions at the office of the appropriate filing entity. (R.C. 3513.09, R.C. 3513.261)

Rules Governing Petitions

Below is an overview of the rules governing petitions. For additional information on rules governing petitions, please see Chapter 11 of the Ohio Election Official Manual.

1. The Declaration or Statement of Candidacy portion of each petition paper must be completely filled out and signed by the candidate(s) before being circulated. (R.C. 3513.07, R.C. 3513.09, R.C. 3513.261)

2. Candidates must designate the correct term commencing date on the declaration of candidacy or nominating petition, if more than one seat of that office is to be elected at the election. (R.C. 3513.08, R.C. 3513.28)

3. Only qualified electors who are eligible to vote on the candidacy may sign a petition. An elector’s qualifications are determined as of the date the petition is filed. (R.C. 3501.38(A))

4. Each signature, written in ink, must be an original signature of an elector or the elector’s duly appointed attorney-in-fact who is acting pursuant to R.C. 3501.382. Generally, signing or affixing a signature to petition requires a person’s written, cursive-style legal mark written in that person’s own hand unless the elector does not use a cursive-style mark during the course of their regular business or legal affairs. However, a voter with a disability may personally affix their signature through the use of a reasonable accommodation, including the use of assistive technology or an augmentative device such as a signature stamp. (R.C. 3501.011, R.C. 3501.382(F) and related O.A.G. 2015-012)

5. Each signer’s residence address and the date of signing must be placed on the petition after the elector’s signature. The voting address written on the petition must be the address appearing in the registration records of the board of elections. (R.C. 3501.38(C))

6. Petitions for a candidate for party nomination must be signed and circulated by persons who are members of the same political party as the candidate. (R.C. 3513.07) An elector is considered to be a member of a political party if they voted in the primary election of that party within the preceding two calendar years, or if they did not vote in any other party’s primary election within the preceding two calendar years. (R.C. 3513.05, 7th¶)

7. A candidate may circulate their own petition, although they may not sign their own petition as an elector. For purposes of circulating their own petition, a candidate is exempt from the party affiliation requirements described in number 6 of this section.
A circulator may not sign the same petition paper that they are circulating. A circulator who is not a candidate may, however, sign a petition paper being circulated for the same candidacy by a different circulator.

8. A circulator must be at least 18 years of age. (R.C. 3503.06(C)) (The Ohio residency requirement is not currently in place based on the preliminary injunction in Citizens in Charge v. Husted, Case: 2:13-CV-00935 (S.D. Ohio 11/13/13); See also, Citizens in Charge v. Husted, 810 F. 3d 437 (6th Cir 2016)).

9. After circulating the petition, the circulator must sign a statement, under penalty of election falsification, indicating the following:
   a. The number of signatures contained on the petition;
   b. That the circulator witnessed the affixing of each signature on the petition;
   c. That all signers, to the best of the circulator’s knowledge and belief, were qualified to sign;
   d. That each signature is, to the best of the circulator’s knowledge and belief, the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be; and
   e. On the circulator’s statement for a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition for a person seeking to become a statewide candidate, the circulator’s name, the address of the circulator’s permanent residence, and the name and address of the person employing the circulator to circulate the petition, if any.

10. If a circulator knowingly permits an unqualified person to sign a petition paper or permits a person to write a name other than the person’s own on the petition paper, that petition paper is invalid; otherwise, the signature of a person not qualified to sign shall be rejected but shall not invalidate the other valid signatures on the petition paper. (R.C. 3501.38(F))

11. Once a candidate’s petition has been filed with the appropriate election official, it cannot be changed, supplemented, or returned to the candidate.

12. The original petition with the candidate’s original signature must be filed at the same time as all other part-petitions. (R.C. 3501.38(K), R.C. 3513.09)

13. Each petition paper shall be circulated by one person only and shall contain signatures of qualified electors of one county only. When petitions are circulated in a district that contains more than one county, separate petition papers must be circulated in each county. (R.C. 3501.38, R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.07, R.C. 3513.261)

14. No petition shall be accepted if it contains more than three times the minimum number of required signatures. (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.257, R.C. 3513.259) Or, in the case of a petition for county court judge, no nominating petition shall be accepted for filing or filed if it appears on its face to contain more than twice the minimum number of required signatures. (R.C. 1907.13)
15. All petitions must contain the following statement in boldface capital letters: "WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE." (R.C. 3501.38(J), R.C. 3599.36)

   Note: The penalties for a fifth degree felony conviction are six to 12 months in prison and/or a fine of $2,500.

16. All petitions remain open for public inspection, under reasonable regulations, at the office of the county board of elections with which they were filed. (R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.262)

17. A signature on a nominating petition of a prospective independent candidate or nonpartisan candidate is not valid if it is dated more than one year before the date the petition was filed. (R.C. 3513.262)

Protests

Protests against the candidacy of any person must be in writing, must set forth with specificity the legal ground(s) for the protest, and must be filed with the board of elections where the candidate filed their declaration of candidacy, nominating petition, or Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate. If the candidate filed with the Office of the Secretary of State, the protest must be filed with the Secretary of State. (R.C. 3513.041, R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.262, R.C. 3513.263)

After a valid protest is filed, the board of elections or, if applicable, the Secretary of State, must set a time and place for hearing the protest and give notice to both the person whose candidacy is being protested and the protestor. Both the protestor and the protested candidate, or their respective legal counsel, will have the opportunity to address the board or Secretary of State’s hearing officer at the hearing. (R.C. 3513.041, R.C. 3513.05, R.C. 3513.262, R.C. 3513.263)

Partisan Primary Election

Party Candidate

Protest against a party candidate who filed a declaration of candidacy for the primary election: Protests against a candidate who has filed a declaration of candidacy and petition in a partisan primary may be made by the controlling committee of that party, or by any qualified elector who is a member of the same party as the candidate and who is eligible to vote for the candidate whose petition is the subject of the protest. (R.C. 3513.05)

The deadline to file a protest against any party candidate who filed a declaration of candidacy for the primary election is 4 p.m. January 3, 2020, or 74 days before the primary election. (R.C. 3513.05)
Write-in Candidate
Protest against a party candidate who filed a Declaration of Intent to Be a Write-In Candidate at the primary election: Any elector eligible to vote on the candidacy of a write-in candidate may protest that candidacy.

The deadline to file a protest against a write-in candidate for the primary is 4 p.m. on January 10, 2020 (67 days before the primary election). (R.C. 3513.041)

General Election

Independent Candidate
Protest against an independent candidate who filed a nominating petition: Protest may be made by any qualified elector who is eligible to vote for the candidate whose petition is the subject of the protest. The deadline to file a protest against any candidate who filed a nominating petition as an independent candidate is 4 p.m. on June 12, 2020. (R.C. 3513.262)

Nonpartisan Candidate
Protest against a nonpartisan candidate who filed a nominating petition: Any elector eligible to vote on the nonpartisan office may protest a candidacy. The deadline to file a protest against any candidate who filed a nominating petition as a nonpartisan candidate is 4 p.m. on August 21, 2020, or 74 days before the general election. (R.C. 3513.263)

Write-in Candidate
Protest against a candidate who filed a Declaration of Intent to Be a Write-In Candidate for the general election: Any elector eligible to vote on the candidacy of the write-in candidate may protest that candidacy.

The deadline to file a protest against a candidate who filed a Declaration of Intent to Be a Write-In Candidate for the general election is 4 p.m. on August 28, 2020, or 67 days before the general election. (R.C. 3513.041)

Unexpired Term Elections (Vacancy in Office)

Several statutes govern candidacies for unexpired term elections. R.C. 3513.31 is the general statute that must be consulted in connection with an unexpired term election for an office that, under Ohio law, is subject to party primaries. R.C. 3513.31(I) provides how and when party nominees are selected for unexpired term elections for such offices, while R.C. 3513.31(J) describes how persons become independent candidates for those unexpired term elections.

Candidates seeking nomination or election to an office for the balance of an unexpired term must include the unexpired term ending date on the petition. Ohio law requires each person filing a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition as a candidate for the remainder of an unexpired term to designate the date on which that unexpired term will end. (R.C. 3513.08, R.C. 3513.28) Failure to provide the correct term ending date on the petition will result in the petition being invalidated.
Death or Withdrawal of Candidate

An individual’s candidacy may cease to exist due to the individual’s death or decision to withdraw from the election. If a candidate withdraws from an election, they must file a signed statement of withdrawal with the office where the original candidate petition was filed (county board of elections office or the Secretary of State’s office).

If a candidate dies, the candidate’s party organization, committee, or family should promptly notify the county board of elections or Secretary of State’s office where the original candidate petition was filed of the candidate’s death.

Primary Election

A candidate may withdraw their candidacy at any time before the primary election by filing a written statement with the county board of elections or Secretary of State’s office where the original candidate petition was filed. (R.C. 3513.30(B))

General Election

A candidate nominated in a primary election may withdraw their candidacy at any time before the general election by filing a written statement with the county board of elections or Secretary of State’s office where the original candidate petition was filed. (R.C. 3513.30(D))

If a candidate nominated in a primary election dies prior to the general election, the candidate’s party organization, committee, or family should promptly notify the appropriate board of elections of the candidate’s death.

The law provides procedures for the replacement of a candidate who dies or withdraws during the election cycle. The proper procedures are dictated by the specific facts surrounding the vacancy on the ballot (e.g., the office involved, when the vacancy occurred, why the vacancy occurred, the time remaining before the election, etc.). The two statutes that generally govern vacancies on the ballot are: R.C. 3513.30 and R.C. 3513.31.

Education and Training Requirements

Many offices have education and training requirements that must be satisfied in order for a person to qualify as a candidate for the office, or in order for a person to qualify to hold the office. The Secretary of State’s office cannot advise candidates or officials on what education and training requirements are required to obtain or hold an elective office.

Candidates are encouraged to seek information on education or training requirements for the office being sought.

Campaign Finance Reporting

At the time petitions of candidacy are filed, each candidate should receive materials about campaign finance compliance and reporting.

Additional information regarding campaign finance rules, reporting requirements, and filing deadlines may be found on the Ohio Secretary of State’s website.
Securing your Campaign

The Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") and Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") provide valuable resources to help mitigate the risk of cyber influence in elections. Every campaign committee should review the DHS Campaign Checklist and the FBI's Protected Voices video series to learn valuable tools for how to reduce risk and how to respond to incidents.

State and local campaign staff should report suspicious activity to their local FBI field office (Cincinnati: 513.421.4310 or Cleveland: 216.522.1400) and the Department of Homeland Security’s National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center at 888.282.0870 or NCCICCustomerService@hq.dhs.gov.

For additional resources, the Harvard Kennedy School’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs has published a Campaign Playbook, as well as campaign handouts for campaign staff and family members of the candidate.

Personal Financial Disclosure Statement

Any individual who becomes a candidate for or holds a state, county or city elected office, or the position of school board member in a school district with more than 12,000 students average daily membership, is required to file a personal financial disclosure statement. All public officials and candidates for elected office must file statements with the Ohio Ethics Commission, except members of and candidates for the General Assembly, who file with the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, and judges and judicial candidates, who file with the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court.

For further information on the filing requirements and deadlines or to find a copy of a blank personal financial disclosure statement, visit the Ohio Ethics Commission’s website at: www.ethics.ohio.gov. For further information, please contact the Ohio Ethics Commission at 614.466.7090.

- Candidates for the Ohio General Assembly may obtain additional information by contacting the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee at: 614.728.5100 or http://www.jlec-olig.state.oh.us.

- Judicial candidates can find information at: https://www.bpc.ohio.gov/financial-disclosure-statements or by calling the office of the Board of Professional Conduct at 614.387.9370.

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Ohio Congressional Districts 2012-2022
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Ohio House Districts 2012-2022
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Ohio Court of Appeals Districts 2012-2022
(Oh. Const. Art. IV, Sec. 3 & R.C. 2501.01)
For information on the rules and filing requirements for Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, please call the Ohio Secretary of State’s office at 614.466.2585.

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Requirements:

- A candidate for the office of President of the United States must be a natural born citizen of the United States, a U.S. resident for at least 14 years, and at least 35 years old on or before the day of the election. ([U.S. Constitution, Article II, section 1](#)).
- A candidate for the office of Vice-President of the United States must have the same qualifications as a candidate for President. The candidate for Vice-President shall not be an inhabitant of the same state as the candidate for President.
- Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates must file jointly with, or be certified jointly to, the Ohio Secretary of State’s office ([U.S. Constitution, Amendment XII; R.C. 3513.041, 3513.12, 3513.121](#)).

Term Limits:

- Limited to two four-year terms; no more than 10 years in the event that a Vice President ascends to the presidency mid-term or less ([U.S. Constitution, Amendment XXII](#)).
UNITED STATES SENATE

NO ELECTION IN 2020

CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES SENATE FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PRIMARY
PETITION NUMBER: 2C
SIGNATURES: 1,000 (Major Party)
500 (Intermediate or Minor Party)
LAST FILING DATE: N/A 4:00 P.M. (90 days before the primary)
FILING FEE: $100.00 + $50.00 O.E.C. Fee = Total Fee $150.00

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL
PETITION NUMBER: 3D
SIGNATURES: 5,000
LAST FILING DATE: N/A 4:00 P.M. (day before Primary)
FILING FEE: $100.00 + $50.00 O.E.C. Fee = Total Fee $150.00

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Term commences the third day of January (US Const, Am. XX §1)

Requirements: Must be an inhabitant of the state from which elected.
Must be thirty years of age.
Must be a US citizen for nine years prior to election.

A person holding an elective office for which candidates are nominated at a party primary may become a candidate for a different political party if the person completes and files the prescribed form 10-Y, Declaration of Intent to Change Political Party Affiliation, by 4 p.m. on January 8, 2018, the 30th day before the filing deadline for the March 10, 2020 Election. No person filing this form shall file another such form for a period of ten years. (ORC 3513.04, 3513.052, 3513.191)

DO NOT GIVE CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES ANY OHIO CAMPAIGN FINANCE INFORMATION OR FORMS - THEY MUST CONTACT THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION (FEC) 1-800-424-9530 or http://www.fec.gov/

Designation of party for independent candidates refer to ORC 3505.03
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS
March 17, 2020 – Primary Election
November 3, 2020 – General Election

PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PRIMARY
PETITION NUMBER: 4-2E
SIGNATURES: 50 (Major Party)
25 (Recognized Minor Party)
FILING DEADLINE: December 18, 2019 - 4:00 P.M. (90 days before the primary)
FILING FEE: $50.00 + $35.00 O.E.C. Fee = Total Fee $85.00

**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL
PETITION NUMBER: 4-3F
SIGNATURES: SEE BELOW
FILING DEADLINE: March 16, 2020 - 4:00 P.M. (day before primary)
FILING FEE: $50.00 + $35.00 O.E.C. Fee = Total Fee $85.00

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|     | Files in Cuyahoga County | 9th | Marcy Kaptur | Min. – 2,347  
|     | Files in Cuyahoga County | 11th | Marcia L. Fudge | Max. – 7,041  
|     | Files in Lake County | 14th | David P. Joyce | Min. – 2,566  
|     | Files in Cuyahoga County | 16th | Anthony Gonzalez | Max. – 7,698  

Term commences the third day of January (US Const, Am. XX §1)

Requirements: Must be an inhabitant of the state from which elected. Must be a U.S. citizen for seven (7) years prior to election. Must be twenty-five (25) years of age. Candidate does not have to live in district to run.

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Reminder: Candidate Contact Information Sheet is Required When Filing
STATE SENATE

March 17, 2020 – Primary Election
November 3, 2020 – General Election

PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PRIMARY
PETITION NUMBER: 4-2F
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**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL
PETITION NUMBER: 4-3G
SIGNATURES: SEE BELOW
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For State Senator FTC 1/1/2021
Election 2020
24th Matt Dolan
Min. – 1,700
Max. – 5,100

Election 2024
21st Sandra Williams

Election 2024
23rd Nickie J. Antonio

Election 2024
25th Kenny Yuko

- **Note:** Only District 24 runs in 2020.
- **All districts file in Cuyahoga County.**

Terms commence on the first day of January (OH Const. Art. II, §2)

Requirements: Must be a resident of the district, have resided in the district for one year immediately preceding the election and be a qualified elector.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVES
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March 17, 2020 – Primary Election
November 3, 2020 – General Election

PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PRIMARY
PETITION NUMBER:  4-2F
SIGNATURES:  50 (Major Party)
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For State Representative
FTC 1/1/2021
March 17, 2020 – Primary Election  
November 3, 2020 – General Election

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|     |            |             |                   Max - 1,086 |
|     |            |             | 16th Dave Greenspan | Min. - 572  
|     |            |             |                   Max - 1,716 |

**Requirements:** Must be a resident of the district, have resided in the district for one year immediately preceding the election and be a registered elector.

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# Cuyahoga County Judicial Offices

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OHIO SUPREME COURT
CANDIDATES FOR OHIO SUPREME COURT FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE
March 17, 2020 – Primary Election
November 3, 2020 – General Election

PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PRIMARY
PETITION NUMBER: 2-D
SIGNATURES: 1,000 (Major Party)
500 (Recognized Minor Party)
FILING DEADLINE: December 18, 2019 – 4:00 P.M. (90 days before the primary)
FILING FEE: $100.00 + $50.00 O.E.C. Fee = Total Fee $150.00

**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL
PETITION NUMBER: 3-E
SIGNATURES: 5,000
FILING DEADLINE: March 16, 2020 – 4:00 P.M. (day before primary)
FILING FEE: $100.00 + $50.00 O.E.C. Fee = Total Fee $150.00

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Requirements: A registered voter of the state; Must be admitted to practice as an attorney in this state and have, for a total of at least six years preceding the commencement of the term, been engaged in the practice of law in Ohio or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the U.S., or both. Maximum age is 70-years-old.

Designation of treasurer and campaign finance filed with Secretary of State.

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COURT OF APPEALS
EIGHTH APPELLATE COURT DISTRICT
March 17, 2020 – Primary Election
November 3, 2020 – General Election

PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PRIMARY
PETITION NUMBER: 4-2FJ
SIGNATURES: 50 (Major Party)
25 (Recognized Minor Party)
FILING DEADLINE: December 18, 2019 - 4:00 P.M. (90 days before the primary)
FILING FEE: $50.00 + $30.00 O.E.C. Fee = Total Fee $80.00

**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL
PETITION NUMBER: 4-3G
SIGNATURES: 4,859 min / 14,577 max
FILING DEADLINE: March 16, 2020 - 4:00 P.M. (day before primary)
FILING FEE: $50.00 + $30.00 O.E.C. Fee = Total Fee $80.00

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Nonpartisan / Independent signature requirement is based on 1% of the countywide vote for Governor in 2018. Total countywide votes - - - 485,878

Requirements: A registered voter of the county; Must be admitted to practice as an attorney in this state and have, for a total of at least six years preceding the commencement of the term, been engaged in the practice of law in Ohio or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the U.S., or both. Maximum age is 70-years-old.

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PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PRIMARY
PETITION NUMBER: 4-2GJ
SIGNATURES: 50 (Major Party)
25 (Recognized Minor Party)
FILING DEADLINE: December 18, 2019 - 4:00 P.M. (90 days before the primary)
FILING FEE: $50.00 + $30.00 O.E.C. Fee = Total Fee $80.00

**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL**
PETITION NUMBER: 4-3H
SIGNATURES: 4,859 min / 14,577 max
FILING DEADLINE: March 16, 2020 - 4:00 P.M. (day before primary)
FILING FEE: $50.00 + $30.00 O.E.C. Fee = Total Fee $80.00

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For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (General Division)

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- Full Term Commencing January 3, 2021: J. Philip Calabrese
- Full Term Commencing January 4, 2021: Nancy R. McDonnell
- Full Term Commencing January 5, 2021: Brendan J. Sheehan
- Full Term Commencing January 6, 2021: Robert C. McClelland
- Full Term Commencing January 7, 2021: Nancy Margaret Russo
- Full Term Commencing January 10, 2021: Shannon M. Gallagher
- Full Term Commencing February 9, 2021: Deena R. Calabrese

*two-year term*

- Unexpired Term Ending January 2, 2023: Wanda C. Jones
Requirements: A registered voter of the county; Must be admitted to practice as an attorney in this state and have, for a total of at least six years preceding the commencement of the term, been engaged in the practice of law in Ohio or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the U.S., or both. Maximum age is 70-years-old.

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PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PRIMARY
PETITION NUMBER: 4-2GJ
SIGNATURES: 50 (Major Party)
25 (Recognized Minor Party)
FILING DEADLINE: N/A - 4:00 P.M. (90 days before the primary)
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**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL**
PETITION NUMBER: 4-3H
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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PROBATE DIVISION
March 17, 2020 – Primary Election
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PETITION NUMBER: 4-2GJ
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2020 PROSECUTOR & COUNTY COUNCIL  
March 17, 2020 – Primary Election  
November 3, 2020 – General Election

PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PRIMARY  
PETITION NUMBER: 4-2G  
SIGNATURES:  
50 (Major Party)  
25 (Recognized Minor Party)  
FILING DEADLINE: December 18, 2019 - - 4:00 P.M. (90 days before the primary)  
FILING FEE: $50.00 + $30.00 O.E.C. Fee = Total Fee $80.00

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL  
PETITION NUMBER: 4-3H  
SIGNATURES: SEE BELOW (1% OF 2018 Governor Vote in District)  
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NO ELECTION IN 2020
COUNTY EXECUTIVE & COUNTY COUNCIL

NEXT ELECTION IN 2022

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For Member of County Council
FTC 1/1/2023

| 4 Years | 1<sup>st</sup>    | Min. - 572 Max.- 1,716 |
|         | Nan Baker         | |
| 4 Years | 3<sup>rd</sup>   | Min.- 270 Max.- 810   |
|         | Dan Brady         | |
| 4 Years | 5<sup>th</sup>   | Min.- 506 Max. – 1,518 |
|         | Michael J. Gallagher | |
| 4 Years | 7<sup>th</sup>   | Min.- 331 Max.- 993   |
|         | Yvonne M. Conwell | |
| 4 Years | 9<sup>th</sup>   | Min.- 490 Max.- 1,470 |
|         | Shontel M. Brown  | |
| 4 Years | 11<sup>th</sup>  | Min. - 510 Max.- 1,530 |
|         | Sunny M. Simon    | |

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COUNTY OFFICE REQUIREMENTS

Residency Requirement:
County Executive: Must be an elector of the County for at least 2 years immediately prior to filing of a declaration of candidacy.

County Council: Must be an elector of the County for at least 2 years immediately prior to filing of a declaration of candidacy and shall also be a resident of the district he or she wishes to serve for at least 30 days immediately prior to filing of candidacy.

Prosecutor: Must be a qualified elector of the county
Must be an attorney-at-law licensed to practice in Ohio

Term Commencement Dates
- All offices except County Prosecutor commence on the first day in January.
- County Prosecutor commences on the first Monday in January

Other
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- **Designation of party for independent candidates refer to O.R.C. 3505.03

**The SOS office issued Advisory 2007-05 regarding independent candidates and party affiliation as a result of Morrison v. Colley, 467 F.3d (6th Cir. 2006). Refer to this advisory for specific information**
Council Districts

District 1: The cities of Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Rocky River, and Westlake.


District 3: The city of Brooklyn and the city of Cleveland - Ward 3 (Precincts B, J, M, N, P, R, S); Ward 11 (All); Ward 12 (Precinct A, B.02); Ward 13 (Precincts A, B, C, D.01, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, P, Q); Ward 14 (All); Ward 15 (Precincts All except Q.02); Ward 16 (Precincts A; I and J) and the village of Linndale.

District 4: Middleburg Heights, Parma, Parma Heights.

District 5: The cities of Berea, North Royalton, Olmsted Falls, and Strongsville, and Olmsted Township.


District 7: The city of Cleveland - Ward 2 (Precincts U, V and W); Ward 3 (Precincts A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, O, Q); Ward 4 (Precincts A, C, D, E, M.02, P and U); Ward 5 (Precincts Q and R); Ward 6 (All except Precincts B and L); Ward 7 (All); Ward 9 (All); Ward 10 (Precincts A, B, I, K and M); Ward 12 (Precincts B, C, L.02, M, N, O, P, Q, R, and S); Ward 13 (Precincts D.02, E, M, N, and O) Ward 15 (Precinct Q.02);

District 8: The city of Cleveland Ward 1 (Precincts B and C); Ward 2 (Precincts All except U, V and W); Ward 4 (Precinct T); Ward 5 (All except Precincts Q and R); Ward 6 (Precincts B and L); Ward 12 (Precincts D, E, F, G H, I, J, K, and L.01), and cities of Garfield Heights and Maple Heights. The villages of Cuyahoga Heights and Newburgh Heights.


District 10: The cities of Cleveland – Ward 8 (All); Ward 10 (All except A, B, I, K, and M), East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights, University Heights and the village of Bratenahl.

District 11: The cities of Beachwood, Euclid, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Richmond Heights and South Euclid.
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Major Political Party
(Republican Only 2020)

For Member of State Central Committee, Man
For Member of State Central Committee, Woman

March 17, 2020 – Primary Election

PETITION NUMBER:  4-2J
SIGNATURES:  5
FILING DEADLINE:   December 18, 2019 - 4:00 P.M.  (90 days before the primary)

FILING FEE:   $0.00
SALARY:   $0.00

• ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FROM EACH SENATE DISTRICT TO BE ELECTED FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM PER PARTY RULES (ORC 3517.03)

Next Election 2022.
• ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FROM EACH SENATE DISTRICT TO BE ELECTED FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM PER PARTY RULES (ORC 3517.03)
  o District 21 - District 23 - District 24 -District 25
  o All districts file in Cuyahoga County

Requirements: Must be a qualified elector residing in the district from which elected

NO WRITE-IN CANDIDATES PERMITTED

Requirements: A person seeking election to State Central committee must have either:
• voted in the primary election(s) of only the Party the candidate is running for in 2017, 2018 and 2019; or
• not have voted in any other party’s primary in 2017, 2018 or 2019.

A person is not eligible to be a candidate for an opposing political party’s central committee if the person voted in another political party’s primary in the last two years.

DO NOT GIVE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES ANYTHING FROM CAMPAIGN FINANCE. THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FILE REPORTS.
COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED 2020

REPUBLICAN ONLY

THE ELECTION IS: March 17, 2020 – Primary Election

**Determined by Political Party**

FORM NUMBER: 4-2M
SIGNATURES: -0-
FILING DEADLINE: December 18, 2019 - 4:00 P.M. (90 days before the election)

FILING FEE: $0.00
SALARY: $0.00

- ONE PERSON OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FROM EACH PRECINCT TO BE ELECTED TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM.

**Requirements:** A person seeking election to Republican County Central Committee must have either:

- voted in the primary election(s) of only the Republican Party in 2017, 2018 and 2019; or
- not have voted in any other party’s primary in 2017, 2018 or 2019.

A person **is not eligible to be** a candidate for an opposing political party’s central committee if the person voted in another political party’s primary in the last two years.

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- **DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES DO NOT RUN UNTIL MAY 2022. THEY WERE ELECTED TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM IN MAY 2018.**
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

November 3, 2020 – General Election

PETITION NUMBER: 3Z
SIGNATURES: 100 minimum / 300 maximum
LAST FILING DATE: August 5, 2020 - 4:00 pm (90 days before the general)
FILING FEE: $20.00 + $35.00 O.E.C. Fee = Total Fee $55.00

ALL CANDIDATES FILE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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For Member of State Board of Education

- 5th
  - Lisa Woods
- 11th
  - Meryl Johnson

Term commences the first day of January (ORC 3301.02)

Requirements: A qualified elector residing in the district;

Shall not, during the term of office, hold any other office of trust or be an employee or officer of any public or private elementary or secondary school

5th District = 22nd Senate District - Ashland, Holmes, Medina & Richland Counties
24th Senate District - Cuyahoga County
27th Senate District - Stark, Summit & Wayne Counties

11th District = 21st Senate District - Cuyahoga County
23rd Senate District - Cuyahoga County
25th Senate District - Cuyahoga & Lake Counties

Designation of Treasurer and campaign finance are to be filed with Secretary of State.