

CANDIDATE FILING INSTRUCTIONS

2008 Primary, Runoff Primary and General Elections

Candidate Filing Period

Monday, June 2, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday, June 3, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, June 4, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Where to File

With State Election Board—Candidates for United States Senator, United States Representative, Corporation Commissioner, State Senator and State Representative file Declarations of Candidacy with the State Election Board, State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City.

With County Election Board—Candidates for Court Clerk, County Clerk, County Sheriff and County Commissioner file Declarations of Candidacy with the County Election Board in the county in which candidates seek election.

Filing Fee or Petition

A cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Secretary of the State Election Board shall accompany the Declaration of Candidacy for Congressional, State and Legislative offices. Cash cannot be accepted. The filing fees for offices filed with the Secretary of the State Election Board are as follows:

United States Senator	\$1,000.00
United States Representative	750.00
Corporation Commissioner	500.00
State Senator	200.00
State Representative	200.00

A cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Secretary of the County Election Board shall accompany the Declaration of Candidacy for county offices. Cash cannot be accepted. The filing fees for offices filed with the Secretary of the County Election Board are as follows:

Court Clerk	\$200.00
County Clerk	200.00
County Sheriff	200.00
County Commissioner	200.00

In lieu of a fee, a candidate may file a petition supporting his candidacy which is signed by five percent (5%) of the registered voters eligible to vote for him in the first election wherein his name could appear on the ballot.

Primary Election
Tuesday, July 29

Runoff Primary Election
Tuesday, August 26

General Election
Tuesday, November 4

Withdrawal of Candidacy

A candidate may withdraw from a Primary Election by filing a written notice with the Secretary of the Election Board with whom the Declaration of Candidacy was filed, on or before 5:00 P.M. on Friday following the close of the filing period. A candidate may withdraw from a Runoff Primary Election by filing a written notice on or before 5:00 P.M. on the Friday following the Primary Election. A candidate may withdraw from a General Election by filing a written notice on or before 5:00 P.M. on the Friday following the Runoff Primary Election. Forms for withdrawal may be obtained from the Secretary of the Election Board with whom the Declaration of Candidacy was filed.

Contests of Candidacy

Any candidate may contest the candidacy of any other candidate for the same office by filing a written petition with the Secretary of the Election Board with whom the Declaration of Candidacy was filed, before 5:00 P.M. on Friday following the close of the filing period. The petition must be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of \$250.00, payable to the Secretary of the Election Board with whom the Declaration of Candidacy was filed. Cash cannot be accepted. Should the contestee desire to respond to the petition, he also must post a deposit in the same manner as the petitioner, except that the deposit may be posted at the time of his appearance at the scheduled hearing.

General Information

1. Candidates may file for the nomination of a political party only if said party is recognized by the laws of the State of Oklahoma.
2. Candidates may file for no more than one office at any election.
3. To become a candidate for office and have his name appear on a ballot, a person must file a Declaration of Candidacy prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board, accompanied by either a filing fee in the amount specified by the laws of the State of Oklahoma, or a petition bearing the required number of signatures of registered voters.
4. The Declaration of Candidacy must be completely filled out, signed by the candidate and notarized by a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths.
5. A candidate's name will be printed on the ballot the way he signs the Declaration of Candidacy; however, no candidate shall have any prefix, suffix or title placed before or after his name. The name at the top of the Declaration of Candidacy should be exactly the same as the candidate's signature.
6. In contests of candidacy the Secretary of the Election Board with whom the Declaration of Candidacy was filed is the constructive service agent for each candidate who has filed with him. By the act of filing his Declaration of Candidacy, each candidate is conclusively presumed to have accepted such constructive service.
7. All candidates filing a Declaration of Candidacy with either the State Election Board or the County Election Board are subject to legal restrictions and disclosure requirements, the violation of which may result in criminal or civil liability. For information about these restrictions and requirements, contact the Ethics Commission, Room B-5, State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or at (405) 521-3451.

NOTICE: *These instructions were prepared by the State Election Board as a public service. They were correct when printed but are subject to change. It is ultimately the responsibility of each candidate to determine for himself the requirements for becoming a candidate for public office.*