

2020 STATE OF OKLAHOMA CANDIDATE FILING PACKET



*For use by candidates who file with the
Secretary of the Oklahoma State Election Board
for Federal, State, and Legislative Offices*

Attention All Candidates:

This filing packet has been prepared by the Oklahoma State Election Board for use by candidates filing for Federal, State, and Legislative offices during the April 8 – 10, 2020, filing period.

IMPORTANT DATES

Candidate Filing Period

Wednesday, April 8, 8 AM – 5 PM

Thursday, April 9, 8 AM – 5 PM

Friday, April 10, 8 AM – 5 PM

Last time to file Contest of Candidacy

Tuesday, April 14, 5 PM

<p>Primary Election Early Voting Thursday, June 25 8 AM – 6 PM Friday, June 26 8 AM – 6 PM Saturday, June 27 9 AM – 2 PM</p> <p>Election Day Tuesday, June 30 7 AM – 7 PM</p> <p>Last time to file contest of election Friday, July 3, 5 PM</p> <p>Certification of Final Results Tuesday, July 7, 5 PM</p>	<p>Runoff Primary Election Early Voting Thursday, August 20 8 AM – 6 PM Friday, August 21 8 AM – 6 PM Saturday, August 22 9 AM – 2 PM</p> <p>Election Day Tuesday, August 25 7 AM – 7 PM</p> <p>Last time to file contest of election Friday, August 28, 5 PM</p> <p>Certification of Final Results Tuesday, September 1, 5 PM</p>	<p>General Election Early Voting Thursday, October 29 8 AM – 6 PM Friday, October 30 8 AM – 6 PM Saturday, October 31 9 AM – 2 PM</p> <p>Election Day Tuesday, November 3 7 AM – 7 PM</p> <p>Last time to file contest of election Friday, November 6, 5 PM</p> <p>Certification of Final Results Tuesday, November 10, 5 PM</p>
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OKLAHOMA CANDIDATE FILING INSTRUCTIONS

2020 Primary, Runoff Primary and General Elections

NOTICE TO ALL CANDIDATES: *The materials in this packet were prepared and published by the State Election Board as a public service in July, 2019, and were correct when published. It is the responsibility of each candidate to determine the qualifications and requirements for becoming a candidate for public office.*

The filing packet for 2020 contains a multiple-page Declaration of Candidacy. Most filers will submit a two-page Declaration. Some, however, may be required to submit a Declaration of Candidacy of three or more pages to the Secretary of the State Election Board. Use the Candidate Filing Checklist on pages 7 – 8 to assemble the required pages of the Declaration of Candidacy for the office being sought.

Where to File

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

Filing Fee

For candidates filing for office with the Secretary of the State Election Board, a cashier's check or certified check made payable to "Secretary of the State Election Board" shall accompany the Declaration of Candidacy. Cash cannot be accepted. Personal checks or campaign account checks cannot be accepted. The non-refundable filing fees for offices filed with the Secretary of the State Election Board are as follows:

United States Senator	\$2,000.00
United States Representative	\$1,000.00
Corporation Commissioner	\$1,000.00
State Senator	\$750.00
State Representative	\$500.00

Petition

In lieu of a filing fee, a petition supporting the candidacy signed by not fewer than two percent (2%) of the number of registered voters in the appropriate district or in the state, as applicable for the office sought, may be submitted with the Declaration of Candidacy. A petition form is included on page 19 of this packet and also is available on the State Election Board website.

The official number of signatures required for each office is based on the number of registered voters as of November 1, 2019. Visit <https://www.ok.gov/elections/> or contact the State Election Board at info@elections.ok.gov for the exact number of signatures required for the office sought. Preliminary and unofficial signature requirements are available at any time prior to November 1, 2019.

Withdrawal of Candidacy

A candidate may withdraw from the Primary Election by filing a written notice with the Secretary of the State Election Board before 5:00 p.m. on the second business day following the close of the filing period – **Tuesday, April 14, 2020**. A candidate may withdraw from the Runoff Primary Election by filing a written notice before 5:00 p.m. on Friday following the

Primary Election – **July 3, 2020**. A candidate may withdraw from the General Election by filing a written notice before 5:00 p.m. on the Friday following the Runoff Primary Election – **August 28, 2020**. Forms for withdrawal may be obtained from the Secretary of the State Election Board.

Contests of Candidacy

Any candidate who files with the Secretary of the State Election Board may contest the candidacy of any other candidate for the same office by filing a written petition with the Secretary of the State Election Board before 5:00 p.m. on the second business day following the close of the filing period – **Tuesday, April 14, 2020**.

The contest of candidacy petition must be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of **\$250.00**, payable to "Secretary of the State Election Board." Cash cannot be accepted. Personal checks or campaign account checks cannot be accepted. To respond to the petition, the contestee also must post a deposit in the same manner as the petitioner, except that the deposit may be posted at the time of the contestee's 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. A Special Election and a Regular Election held on the same date are considered one election.
3. To become a candidate for office and have one's name appear on a ballot, a person must file a Declaration of Candidacy as 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. See page 2.

A complete Declaration of Candidacy shall include the Candidate Information and Oath page, the Criminal History Disclosure form, if necessary, and the Candidate Qualification page for the office sought.

4. All required pages of the Declaration of Candidacy must be completely filled out and signed by the candidate. The Candidate Information and Oath page must be notarized by a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths.
5. A candidate's name will be printed on the ballot as it is entered on the first line of the Candidate Information and Oath page; however, no candidate shall have any prefix, suffix, or title placed before or after the ballot name. A candidate's full legal name also must be provided on the Candidate Information and Oath page.
6. All candidates are required to read, sign, and date the Candidate Qualifications for the office sought and to submit the signed and dated Candidate Qualifications pages as part of the Declaration of Candidacy.
7. All candidates are required by state law to disclose on the Candidate Information and Oath page of the Declaration of Candidacy whether they ever have been convicted,

pled guilty or nolo contendere, or otherwise been determined to be guilty of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or of a felony in Oklahoma or in any other state and/or whether an arrest warrant is outstanding in connection with such misdemeanor or felony. A candidate who checks "YES" on the Candidate Information and Oath page to indicate such criminal history exists is required to fill out, sign, and submit the Criminal History Disclosure page of the Declaration of Candidacy.

8. In contests of candidacy, the Secretary of the State Election Board is the constructive service agent for each candidate who has filed. By the act of filing a Declaration of Candidacy, each candidate is conclusively presumed to have accepted such constructive service.
9. The Secretary of the State Election Board has the authority by state law to reject any Declaration of Candidacy which on its face shows that the candidate does not meet the qualifications to become a candidate for the office indicated as set forth in the Oklahoma Constitution or in the Oklahoma Statutes.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2020 Offices to Be Filled

Primary Election
Tuesday, June 30

Runoff Primary Election
Tuesday, August 25

General Election
Tuesday, November 3

Congress

One U.S. Senator for a six-year term (Article I § 3, United States Constitution)

Five U.S. Representatives, each nominated and elected by district for a two-year term (14 O.S. 2011 § 6.2 and Article I § 2, United States Constitution)

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5

State Officers

One Corporation Commissioner for a six-year term (Article 9 § 15, Oklahoma Constitution)

Legislature – State Senate

One Senator nominated and elected from each odd-numbered Senate district for a four-year term. (14 O.S. 2011, § 80.30 et seq.)

Dist.	Counties	Dist.	Counties
1	Craig, *Delaware, *Mayes, Ottawa	27	Beaver, Cimarron, Dewey, Ellis, Harper, Major, Texas, Woods, Woodward
3	Adair, *Cherokee, *Delaware, *Mayes, *Rogers	29	Nowata, *Rogers, Washington
5	*Atoka, Choctaw, *LeFlore, McCurtain, Pushmataha	31	*Comanche, Cotton, Jefferson, *Stephens, Tillman
7	Haskell, *Hughes, Latimer, *Okfuskee, Pittsburg	33	*Tulsa
9	*Cherokee, *Muskogee	35	*Tulsa
11	*Osage, *Tulsa	37	*Tulsa
13	*Garvin, *Hughes, Pontotoc, *Pottawatomie, *Seminole	39	*Tulsa
15	*Cleveland, *Oklahoma	41	*Oklahoma
17	*Oklahoma, *Pottawatomie	43	*Garvin, *Grady, McClain, *Stephens
19	Alfalfa, Garfield, Grant, *Kay	45	*Canadian, *Cleveland, *Oklahoma
21	Payne	47	*Oklahoma
23	*Canadian, *Grady, *Kingfisher		
25	*Tulsa		

* County is divided into two or more districts.

Legislature – State House of Representatives

One Representative nominated and elected from each of the 101 House of Representatives districts for a two-year term. (14 O.S. 2011 § 137)

Dist.	Counties	Dist.	Counties
1	*LeFlore, McCurtain	52	*Greer, Harmon, Jackson, *Kiowa
2	*Sequoyah	53	*Cleveland
3	*LeFlore	54	*Cleveland, *Oklahoma
4	*Cherokee	55	*Beckham, *Greer, *Kiowa, Roger Mills, Washita
5	*Delaware, *Mayes	56	*Caddo, *Grady, *Kiowa
6	Craig, *Mayes, *Rogers	57	*Beckham, *Blaine, *Caddo, *Canadian, Custer
7	*Delaware, Ottawa	58	Alfalfa, Major, Woods, *Woodward
8	*Mayes, *Rogers, *Wagoner	59	*Blaine, *Canadian, Dewey, *Kingfisher, *Woodward
9	*Rogers	60	*Caddo, *Canadian
10	Nowata, *Osage, *Washington	61	Beaver, Cimarron, Ellis, Harper, Texas, *Woodward
11	*Rogers, *Tulsa, *Washington	62	*Comanche
12	*Wagoner	63	*Comanche, Tillman
13	*McIntosh, *Muskogee	64	*Comanche
14	*Cherokee, *Muskogee	65	*Caddo, *Comanche, Cotton, *Grady, *Stephens
15	Haskell, *LeFlore, *McIntosh, *Muskogee, *Pittsburg, *Sequoyah	66	*Osage, *Tulsa
16	*Muskogee, *Okmulgee, *Tulsa, *Wagoner	67	*Tulsa
17	Latimer, *LeFlore, *Pittsburg	68	*Creek, *Tulsa
18	Coal, *Hughes, *McIntosh, *Pittsburg	69	*Tulsa
19	*Atoka, *Bryan, Choctaw, Pushmataha	70	*Tulsa
20	*Cleveland, *Garvin, *McClain, *Pottawatomie	71	*Tulsa
21	*Bryan	72	*Tulsa
22	*Atoka, *Garvin, Johnston, *Murray	73	*Osage, *Tulsa
23	*Rogers, *Tulsa, *Wagoner	74	*Rogers, *Tulsa
24	*Hughes, Okfuskee, *Okmulgee	75	*Tulsa
25	Pontotoc	76	*Tulsa
26	*Pottawatomie	77	*Rogers, *Tulsa
27	*Cleveland, *Pottawatomie	78	*Tulsa
28	*Pottawatomie, Seminole	79	*Tulsa
29	*Creek, *Tulsa	80	*Tulsa, *Wagoner
30	*Creek, *Tulsa	81	*Oklahoma
31	*Logan, *Oklahoma	82	*Oklahoma
32	Lincoln, *Logan	83	*Oklahoma
33	*Logan, *Payne	84	*Oklahoma
34	*Payne	85	*Oklahoma
35	*Creek, *Noble, *Osage, Pawnee, *Payne	86	Adair, *Cherokee, *Delaware
36	*Osage, *Tulsa	87	*Oklahoma
37	*Kay, *Osage	88	*Oklahoma
38	*Garfield, Grant, *Kay, *Logan, *Noble	89	*Oklahoma
39	*Oklahoma	90	*Cleveland, *Oklahoma
40	*Garfield	91	*Cleveland
41	*Canadian, *Garfield, *Kingfisher, *Oklahoma	92	*Oklahoma
42	*Garvin, *McClain	93	*Oklahoma
43	*Canadian	94	*Oklahoma
44	*Cleveland	95	*Oklahoma
45	*Cleveland	96	*Oklahoma
46	*Cleveland	97	*Oklahoma
47	*Canadian, *Grady	98	*Tulsa, *Wagoner
48	*Carter, *Garvin, *Murray	99	*Oklahoma
49	*Carter, Love, Marshall	100	*Oklahoma
50	Jefferson, *Stephens	101	*Oklahoma
51	*Grady, *McClain, *Stephens		

* County is divided into two or more districts

CANDIDATE FILING CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to complete and assemble all required Declaration of Candidacy pages before filing with the Secretary of the State Election Board April 8 – 10, 2020.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Information and Oath Complete the Candidate Information and Oath page. The candidate must personally sign the Declaration of Candidacy and the candidate's signature must be notarized. <p>See Candidate Information and Oath form on filing packet page 9.</p>	<p>REQUIRED for all candidates filing at the State Election Board for a Federal, State, or Legislative Office.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History Disclosure Provide all requested information. <p>See Criminal History Disclosure form on filing packet page 10.</p>	<p>REQUIRED only from a candidate who checks YES under Criminal History Disclosure on the Candidate Information and Oath form.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Qualifications page Read, sign, and date appropriate Candidate Qualifications for the office sought. See Candidate Qualifications for the offices listed below on the filing packet pages indicated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Representative, page 11 • US Senator, page 11 • Corporation Commissioner, pages 13 – 14 • State Senator, pages 15 – 16 • State Representative, pages 17 – 18 	<p>REQUIRED for all candidates filing at the State Election Board for a Federal, State, Legislative, or Nonpartisan Judicial Office.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>CASHIER'S or CERTIFIED CHECK for filing fee See the list of filing fees for various Offices on page 2.</p> <p>Only a cashier's check or certified check made payable to "Secretary of the State Election Board" can be accepted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash cannot be accepted. • A personal check or campaign account check cannot be accepted. • All candidate filing fees are non-refundable. 	<p>REQUIRED unless filing by petition.</p> <p>When a candidate submits a filing fee, a petition is not required.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">↑ OR ↓</div> <p>PETITION containing required number of signatures for office sought Visit elections.ok.gov for number of signatures required for each office and district for which the State Election Board accepts Declarations of Candidacy or e-mail info@elections.ok.gov for more information.</p> <p>See page 19 in this packet for a Petition Form.</p>	<p>REQUIRED unless submitting a filing fee.</p> <p>When a candidate submits a petition bearing the required number of signatures, a filing fee is not required.</p>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>VOLUNTARY FORM FOR NEWS MEDIA The media form is voluntary. Completion and submission of the media form is not a requirement for becoming a candidate.</p> <p>See media form on filing packet pages 21 – 22.</p>	<p>NOT required, but accepted by State Election Board on behalf of media.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>OKLAHOMA ETHICS COMMISSION This information from the Oklahoma Ethics Commission is included for the convenience of candidates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All questions concerning requirements of the Ethics Commission must be directed to the Ethics Commission. • The State Election Board will neither provide nor accept Ethics forms. <p>See pages 23 – 24.</p>	<p>NOT accepted by State Election Board</p>



OKLAHOMA DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Candidate Information and Oath

NOTICE: All information provided on this form will be made publicly available.

Please Type or Print

Candidate Information

Candidate's ballot name:

Candidate's legal name:

Birthdate:

Title and District of Office Sought:

Candidate's Residence Address:
(Street, City, State, Zip)

Candidate's Mailing Address:
(Street, City, State, Zip)

I am a registered voter in precinct # _____ in the County of _____

Optional Information: Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____
Website: _____

Candidate for the _____ Party. Independent (No Party) candidate

This Declaration is accompanied by a (check one) Cashier's or Certified Check Petition

Criminal History Disclosure and Oath

Criminal Disclosure:

Have you been convicted, pled guilty or nolo contendere, or otherwise been determined by a court of proper authority in Oklahoma or in another state to be guilty of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or of a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States? **__YES __NO**

Have you been named in an outstanding warrant for arrest for a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony in this or any other state or of the United States? **__YES __NO**

If you answer YES to either of these questions, you are required to fill out and sign the Criminal History Disclosure form and include it in your Declaration of Candidacy.

Oath: I, the undersigned, swear or affirm that the information provided in this Declaration of Candidacy is true and correct, that I have read and signed the Candidate Qualifications for the office that I seek, that I am fully qualified to become a candidate for said office, and that I will be fully qualified to hold said office, if elected. _____

(Candidate's Signature)

Notary

SEAL

State of _____ County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ on _____
(Name of person) (Date)

My Commission expires on _____ Commission Number _____

Signature of Notary Public or Officer Authorized to Administer Oath

Title of Officer (Notary Public or Other Officer)

Not in Person PET — # of pages # of signatures _____

Oklahoma Declaration of Candidacy Criminal History Disclosure

Candidate's Name: _____ Title of office sought: _____

If you have been convicted, pled guilty or nolo contendere, or otherwise been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in Oklahoma or in another state to be guilty of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or of a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States, or if at this time you are named in an outstanding warrant for arrest for a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or for a felony in the State of Oklahoma or in another state, you are required to complete this Criminal History Disclosure form.

Name of offense

Date of conviction, plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or deferral of sentence or date of issuance of outstanding warrant

Time prescribed in original judgement and sentence

County and State of conviction, plea, or deferral or issuance of outstanding warrant

Name of offense

Date of conviction, plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or deferral of sentence or date of issuance of outstanding warrant

Time prescribed in original judgement and sentence

County and State of conviction, plea, or deferral or issuance of outstanding warrant

Name of offense

Date of conviction, plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or deferral of sentence or date of issuance of outstanding warrant

Time prescribed in original judgement and sentence

County and State of conviction or issuance of outstanding warrant

X _____

Candidate's Signature

(Date)

Use additional copies of this form if more space is required. Page ___ of ___

Oklahoma Declaration of Candidacy 2020 Candidate Qualifications for Federal Offices

United States Representative

United States Constitution, Article I, Section 2:

"No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen."

My signature indicates that I have read the requirements established in the United States Constitution for the office I seek and, if elected, I am qualified and eligible to hold the office.

US Representative Candidate's Signature:

X _____ Date: _____

United States Senator

United States Constitution, Article I, Section 3:

"No person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and been nine Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen."

My signature indicates that I have read the requirements established in the United States Constitution for the office I seek and, if elected, I am qualified and eligible to hold the office.

US Senator Candidate's Signature:

X _____ Date: _____

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Oklahoma Declaration of Candidacy Candidate Qualifications for State Officers Corporation Commissioner

Oklahoma Constitution, Article 9, Section 15:

"A. A Corporation Commission is hereby created, to be composed of three persons, who shall be elected by the people at a general election for State officers, and their terms of office shall be six (6) years. In case of a vacancy in said office, the Governor of the State shall fill such vacancy by appointment until the next general election, when a successor shall be elected to fill out any unexpired term.

"B. No person shall be eligible to serve as Corporation Commissioner for a period of time in excess of twelve (12) years. Such years need not be consecutive. Any years served by a person elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy in such office shall not be included in the limitation set forth herein. Any person serving in such position at the time of passage of this amendment shall be eligible to complete the term for which he or she has been elected and shall be eligible to serve an additional twelve (12) years thereafter, notwithstanding the provisions of this amendment. The Legislature is hereby authorized to enact laws to implement the provisions of this subsection."

Oklahoma Constitution, Article 9, Section 16:

"The qualifications of such commissioners shall be as follows: To be resident citizens of this State for over two years next preceding the election, and qualified voters under the Constitution and laws, and not less than thirty years of age; nor shall such commissioners, or either of them, be, directly or indirectly, interested in any railroad, street railway, traction line, canal, steam boat, pipe line, car line, sleeping car line, car association, express line, telephone or telegraph line, operated for hire, in this State, or out of it, or any stock, bond, mortgage, security, or earnings of any such railroad, street railway, traction line, canal, steam boat, pipe line, car line, sleeping car line, car association, express line, telephone or telegraph line, compress or elevator companies; and if such Commissioner shall voluntarily become so interested, his office shall become vacant; and if any **Corporation Commissioner** shall become so interested otherwise than voluntarily, he shall, within a reasonable time, divest himself of such interest; and failing to do this, his office shall become vacant. Nor shall any such commissioner hold any other office under the government of the United States, or of this State, or any other state government, and shall not, while such Commissioner, engage in any occupation or business inconsistent with his duties as such commissioner."

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 26, Section 5-105:

"A. To file as a candidate for nomination by a political party to any state or county office, a person must have been a registered voter of that party for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state. Provided, this requirement shall not apply to a candidate for the nomination of a political party which attains recognition less than six (6) months preceding the first day of the filing period required by law. However, the candidate shall be required to have registered with the newly recognized party within fifteen (15) days after such party recognition.

"B. To file as an independent candidate for any state or county office, a person must have been registered to vote as an independent for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state."

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 26, Section 5-105a:

“A. A person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States or who has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such misdemeanor involving embezzlement or felony or who has been convicted of a crime in another state which would have been a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such crime shall not be eligible to be a candidate for or to be elected to any state, county, municipal, judicial or school office or any other elective office of any political subdivision of this state for a period of fifteen (15) years following completion of his sentence or during the pendency of an appeal of such conviction or plea.

“B. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to preclude a person who has received a pardon from being eligible for or from holding public office.”

My signature indicates that I have read the requirements established in the Oklahoma Constitution and Statutes for the office I seek and, if elected, I am qualified and eligible to hold the office.

Corporation Commissioner Candidate's Signature:

X _____ Date: _____

Oklahoma Declaration of Candidacy

2020 Candidate Qualifications for Legislative Officers

State Senate

Oklahoma Constitution, Article 5, Section 17:

"Members of the **Senate** shall be at least twenty-five years of age, and members of the House of Representatives twenty-one years of age at the time of their election. They shall be qualified electors in their respective counties or districts and shall reside in their respective counties or districts during their term of office."

Oklahoma Constitution, Article 5, Section 17A:

"Any **member of the Legislature** who is elected to office after the effective date of this amendment shall be eligible to serve no more than 12 years in the Oklahoma State Legislature. Years in Legislative office need not be consecutive and years of service in both the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be added together and included in determining the total number of Legislative years in office. The years served by any member elected or appointed to serve less than a full Legislative term to fill a vacancy in office shall not be included in the 12-year limitation set forth herein; but no member who has completed 12 years in office shall thereafter be eligible to serve a partial term. Any member who is serving a Legislative term in office or who has been elected or appointed to serve a term in office on the effective date hereof shall be entitled to complete his or her term and shall be eligible to serve an additional 12 years thereafter. This amendment shall be effective on the 1st day of the year following its adoption."

Oklahoma Constitution, Article 5, Section 18:

"No person shall serve as a **member of the Legislature** who is, at the time of such service, an officer of the United States or State government, or is receiving compensation as such; nor shall any person be eligible to election to the Legislature, who has been adjudged guilty of a felony."

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 14, Section 80.8:

"To file as a candidate for the **Senate** in any senatorial district, a person must have been a registered voter in the district and a resident residing within such district for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period as provided in Section 5-110 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Any member of the Senate whose district has been changed by a reapportionment may change residence with the intent of becoming qualified to seek reelection in such district in the first election applicable to such district following the reapportionment without thereby being deemed to have vacated his or her existing office."

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 26, Section 5-105:

"A. To file as a candidate for nomination by a political party to any state or county office, a person must have been a registered voter of that party for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state. Provided, this requirement shall not apply to a candidate for the nomination of a political party which attains recognition less than six (6) months preceding the first day of the filing period required by law. However, the candidate shall be required to have registered with the newly recognized party within fifteen (15) days after such party recognition."

“B. To file as an independent candidate for any state or county office, a person must have been registered to vote as an independent for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state.”

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 26, Section 5-105a:

“A. A person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States or who has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such misdemeanor involving embezzlement or felony or who has been convicted of a crime in another state which would have been a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such crime shall not be eligible to be a candidate for or to be elected to any state, county, municipal, judicial or school office or any other elective office of any political subdivision of this state for a period of fifteen (15) years following completion of his sentence or during the pendency of an appeal of such conviction or plea.

“B. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to preclude a person who has received a pardon from being eligible for or from holding public office.”

My signature indicates that I have read the requirements established in the Oklahoma Constitution and Statutes for the office I seek and, if elected, I am qualified and eligible to hold the office.

State Senate Candidate's Signature:

X

_____ Date: _____

Oklahoma Declaration of Candidacy

2020 Candidate Qualifications for Legislative Officers

State House of Representatives

Oklahoma Constitution, Article 5, Section 17:

“Members of the Senate shall be at least twenty-five years of age, and members of the **House of Representatives** twenty-one years of age at the time of their election. They shall be qualified electors in their respective counties or districts and shall reside in their respective counties or districts during their term of office.”

Oklahoma Constitution, Article 5, Section 17A:

“Any **member of the Legislature** who is elected to office after the effective date of this amendment shall be eligible to serve no more than 12 years in the Oklahoma State Legislature. Years in Legislative office need not be consecutive and years of service in both the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be added together and included in determining the total number of Legislative years in office. The years served by any member elected or appointed to serve less than a full Legislative term to fill a vacancy in office shall not be included in the 12-year limitation set forth herein; but no member who has completed 12 years in office shall thereafter be eligible to serve a partial term. Any member who is serving a Legislative term in office or who has been elected or appointed to serve a term in office on the effective date hereof shall be entitled to complete his or her term and shall be eligible to serve an additional 12 years thereafter. This amendment shall be effective on the 1st day of the year following its adoption.”

Oklahoma Constitution, Article 5, Section 18:

“No person shall serve as a **member of the Legislature** who is, at the time of such service, an officer of the United States or State government, or is receiving compensation as such; nor shall any person be eligible to election to the Legislature, who has been adjudged guilty of a felony.”

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 14, Section 108:

“To file as a candidate for the **House of Representatives** in any representative district, a person must have been a registered voter in such district and a resident residing within such district for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the filing period prescribed by law. Except, however, to file as a candidate for the House of Representatives in any house district in 2004, a person must have been a registered voter and a resident residing in such district no later than December 21, 2003. Any member of the House of Representatives whose district has been changed by redistricting may change residence with the intent of becoming qualified to seek reelection in such district in the first election applicable to such district following redistricting without thereby being deemed to have vacated his or her existing office.”

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 26, Section 5-105:

“A. To file as a candidate for nomination by a political party to any state or county office, a person must have been a registered voter of that party for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state. Provided, this requirement shall not apply to a candidate for the nomination of a political party which attains recognition less than six (6) months preceding the first day of the filing period required by law. However, the candidate shall be required to have registered with the newly recognized party within fifteen (15) days after such party recognition.”

"B. To file as an independent candidate for any state or county office, a person must have been registered to vote as an independent for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state."

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 26, Section 5-105a:

"A. A person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States or who has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such misdemeanor involving embezzlement or felony or who has been convicted of a crime in another state which would have been a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such crime shall not be eligible to be a candidate for or to be elected to any state, county, municipal, judicial or school office or any other elective office of any political subdivision of this state for a period of fifteen (15) years following completion of his sentence or during the pendency of an appeal of such conviction or plea.

"B. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to preclude a person who has received a pardon from being eligible for or from holding public office."

My signature indicates that I have read the requirements established in the Oklahoma Constitution and Statutes for the office I seek and, if elected, I am qualified and eligible to hold the office.

State House of Representatives Candidate's Signature:

X

_____ Date: _____

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Oklahoma Declaration of Candidacy

Voluntary Form for News Media

You are not required to complete this form in order to become a candidate for office. If you elect to complete this form, it will be distributed to the news media by the election board at the time your Declaration of Candidacy is accepted.

Date _____

Name _____

Office Sought _____ Political Affiliation _____

Home Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

E-mail Address _____ Cell Phone _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Website _____

Date of Birth _____ Current Age _____

Place of Birth _____

Parents' Names _____
(Please include mother's maiden name)

Brothers and Sisters (Include cities of residence) _____

Business Name _____

Business Address _____ Business Phone _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Current Occupation/Profession _____

Currently Employed by (Dates) _____

Previously Employed by (Dates) _____

Education (Where; When; Degree, if any) _____

This is page 1 of a 2 – page questionnaire. Please complete both pages. Thank you!

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Name _____

Previous Races Run (Dates, outcomes) _____

Previous Governmental or Political Party Experience _____

Memberships in Professional, Civic, Military and Other Organizations _____

Honors, Awards, etc. _____

Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name _____

Names and ages of Children _____

Spouse's Current Occupation/Profession (Dates) _____

Spouse Currently Employed by (Dates) _____

Spouse Previously Employed by (Dates) _____

Campaign Headquarters Phone _____

Campaign Consultant's Name _____

Advertising Consultant's Name _____

Campaign Manager's Name _____

Campaign Manager's Occupation/Employer _____

Campaign Manager's Business Phone _____

Campaign Manager's Home Phone _____

Campaign Treasurer's Name _____

Campaign Treasurer's Occupation/Employer _____

Campaign Treasurer's Business Phone _____

Campaign Treasurer's Home Phone _____

OKLAHOMA ETHICS COMMISSION

2020 STATE CANDIDATE INFORMATION

One Election, Two Agencies. In addition to **State Election Board** requirements, state candidates must follow the rules and filing requirements of the **Oklahoma Ethics Commission**.

The **Ethics Commission** governs contributions and expenditures for state-level campaigns, including personal funds of the candidate used for the campaign.

Fees, Fines, Legal Action. Failure to register, file required reports, or follow the Ethics Rules may result in enforcement procedures, including assessment of fees or fines, investigations, and legal action.

ETHICS COMMISSION RESOURCES

Website | Guides | Continuing Ed. | Ethics Staff

Ethics Commission Website. The Ethics website, www.ethics.ok.gov, is a candidate's one-stop-shop for campaigns. The Ethics website includes links to The Guardian System (the Commission's electronic filing system), important checklists, the Ethics Rules, and other resources for state campaigns.

Guide for Candidates (State Office). This guide provides a summary of the Ethics Rules and examples of common situations as applied to candidates for state office.

Reporting Calendars. Find printable calendars with important state candidate committee reporting dates on the Ethics website at www.ethics.ok.gov.

Continuing Education Programs. Candidate Workshops and other Ethics educational programs are available throughout the year. Sign up on the Ethics website www.ethics.ok.gov or call (405) 521-3451.

Ethics Staff. Contact the Ethics staff for questions about the Ethics Rules, filing requirements, and how to use The Guardian System.

Stay Informed!

Receive the latest information on deadlines, Continuing Education Programs, rule changes, and more.



Text **OKETHICS2020** to **GOV311** or **468311** to receive text notifications



Text **OKETHICS2020** [**insert email address**] to **GOV311** or **468311** or sign up on the Ethics website to receive email notifications



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Top Ethics Tips:

1. Read the Guide for Candidates (State Office)
2. Open a campaign bank account **prior to** raising or spending funds
3. Establish committee officers and financial procedures prior to raising and/or spending funds
4. Determine when registration will be required for the committee (see "To-Do" list on back page)
5. Maintain records for a period of four years, regardless of whether you are required to register with the Commission.
6. Contributions include funds, goods, services, AND loans
7. Know the committee's mandatory dissolution date (see bottom of reporting calendar)
8. If elected, candidates must file an initial Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (PFD) within 30 days of taking office.
9. **Regardless of whether elected, candidate committees required to register with the Commission must file reports after an election until the committee is dissolved and a final report is filed.**



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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR "TO DO" LIST
FOR **ALL** STATE CANDIDATES

Candidate “To-Do” List for **All** State Candidates

The following checklist summarizes some basics for candidates who file Declarations of Candidacy with the State Election Board. This checklist is not comprehensive and does not modify any applicable Ethics Rules.

Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Review the Guide & Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guides and Rules are available at www.ethics.ok.gov. The Candidate Guide (State Office) summarizes the Ethics Rules that apply to candidates for state office.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for a Candidate Workshop	Continuing Education Programs are not required but highly encouraged. Learn the Ethics Rules for candidates and officers, including the following: officer responsibilities, contribution limits, allowable expenses, common reporting issues, dissolution processes, and enforcement.
<input type="checkbox"/> Prior Committee Information	<p>Does this candidate have an active state-level campaign committee for a prior election?</p> <p>YES: Review the “Transition checklist” at www.ethics.ok.gov for important information on how to transition from one state committee to another state committee, including the 60 day transition period limit.</p> <p>NO: Continue to the next step.</p> <p>NOTE: Federal, County, Municipal & School District Candidates may not transfer or receive funds from State Candidates.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Name the Candidate Committee	<p>The candidate committee name must include, but is not limited to, the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the name of the candidate (i.e., full name, first name, middle name and/or last name of candidate); and the year of the General election. <p>Examples: “Doe for House 2020” or “John Doe for Senate 2020” or “Friends of John Doe 2020”</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Identify Officers for the Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required to have at least a Chair and Treasurer (may be same person) Candidate may be the Chair, Treasurer, or both Officers must voluntarily serve and know they are legally responsible for filing timely and accurate reports Maintain up-to-date contact information for <u>each</u> officer in The Guardian System
<input type="checkbox"/> Open a Candidate Committee Depository (i.e., Bank, Credit Union, or Other Financial Institution)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the depository to see if an Employer ID Number (EIN) is required. See www.irs.gov for details on how to obtain an EIN. Depository account name must be the full name of committee (e.g. Doe for House 2020) Depository must regularly do business in Oklahoma <p>NOTE: All campaign funds expended and received <i>should</i> go through the committee’s depository account—including the candidate’s personal funds. A candidate who spends personal funds for his or her campaign may be reimbursed with candidate committee funds within 90 days. After the 90 days, non-reimbursed expenses are considered contributions to the campaign from the candidate, must be reported accordingly, and are non-reimbursable.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Determine Whether Required to Register a Candidate Committee with the Ethics Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has in excess of \$1,000 been raised for the campaign? Has in excess of \$1,000 been spent on the campaign (includes candidate’s personal funds)? <p>YES: A “yes” to either question means the committee is required to file a Statement of Organization with the Ethics Commission, in The Guardian System, within 10 days of spending or receiving over \$1,000. Access The Guardian System at www.ethics.ok.gov. Registration is not complete until the registration/administration fee is paid. This fee may be paid using candidate committee funds.</p> <p>NO: A “no” to both questions means a committee can, but is not required to, file a Statement of Organization. Once over \$1,000 has been spent or received for the campaign, a Statement of Organization is required to be filed within 10 days in The Guardian System. If \$1,000 threshold not exceeded, registration is not required.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> File Required Reports if Required to Register	Reports may be due quarterly, two weeks before an election, or within 24 hours of receipt of a contribution. If a candidate committee is required to register with the Ethics Commission, it is required to file reports until the committee is dissolved AND a final report is filed in accordance with the Ethics Rules. View reporting calendars at www.ethics.ok.gov .
<input type="checkbox"/> After Election Is Decided	<p>Was the candidate elected to office?</p> <p>YES: (1) Newly elected officers must file an Initial Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (PFD) within 30 days of taking office. Thereafter, the elected officer will file an annual PFD by May 15th; and (2) Continue filing reports until the committee is dissolved AND a final report is file. Calendar the mandatory dissolution date.</p> <p>NO: Candidates who were not elected must (1) dissolve their committee within 2 years following the general election; and (2) file reports until the committee is dissolved AND a final report is filed.</p>