

Office of the Secretary of State Elections Division



FEDERAL & STATE CANDIDATE QUALIFYING FAQ

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1. When is candidate qualifying for the 2024 May Primary, May Nonpartisan Election, and the November General Election ballot access conducted?

March 4 – 8, 2024 at the State Capitol for partisan candidates and at the Floyd Twin Towers, Macon, and Tifton Secretary of State Offices for nonpartisan candidates beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 4th and ending at noon on Friday, March 8, 2024.

2. Is there a candidate filing fee for Office of the U.S. President?

No

3. I am a political body candidate or independent candidate, how many signatures do I need to collect to run for Office of the U.S. President?

7,500 (See Green Party of Ga. v. Kemp, 171 F. Supp. 3d 1340 (N.D. Ga. 2016))

4. Do independent candidates for President or Vice President provide a slate of candidates for presidential electors?

Yes. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132.1, an independent candidate for the office of President or Vice President of the United States shall file with the Secretary of State by June 21, 2024 a slate of candidates for the office of presidential elector which such independent candidate has certified as being the presidential electors for such independent candidate. The presidential electors certified by an independent candidate must also qualify pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(d)(1) and file a notice of candidacy with the Secretary of State beginning at 9am on Monday, June 24 and ending at noon on Friday, June 28, 2024.

5. Is there a candidate filing fee for all other offices other than U.S. President?

Yes. US Congressional, Statewide, and State District offices have a qualifying fee.

6. I am a political body candidate or independent candidate, how many signatures do I need to collect to run for federal and state office?

Statewide Candidates:

Signatures totaling 1% of the number of registered voters eligible to vote in the last election for the office sought.

District Candidates:

Signatures totaling 5% of the number of registered voters eligible to vote in the last election for the office sought.

See the list of offices to be filled and nomination petition signature requirement at <https://sos.ga.gov/candidate-resources-qualifying-public-office>

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7. What is the law governing candidate qualifications and nomination of candidates in Georgia?

O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-5, 21-2-132, 21-2-132.1, 21-2-170

8. When can nomination petitions be circulated?

Collection of signatures on nomination petitions for candidacy may be circulated beginning January 11, 2024. Nomination petitions are due at 12:00 p.m. on July 9, 2024.

9. Do the signatures on nomination petitions have to be collected in person?

Signatures must be signed in wet ink by registered voters eligible to vote for the office sought.

10. Do the signatures have to be notarized?

No, each signature does not have to be notarized. The signature of the person circulating the petition and collecting signatures must be notarized prior to submission.

11. Filing location for nomination petitions

Original nomination petition for federal and state independent and political body candidates is due by noon on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 in the Elections Division located at 2 MLK Dr., SE, West Tower, Suite 802, Atlanta, GA 30334 only. Once filed, a nomination petition shall not be amended or supplemented. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-170(f)

12. How do I obtain voter list to help plan my campaign activities?

Voter lists are available to the public and may be ordered at <https://georgiasecretaryofstate.net/collections/voter-list-1>

13. How do I qualify as a Write-in Candidate ?

Beginning January 1st, a candidate may file an intent to run as a Write-in Candidate and file an affidavit of publication pursuant to O.C.G.A § 21-2-133

14. What are the qualifications and disqualifications for holding office in public office in Georgia?

View the document detailing the qualifications and disqualifications for each federal and state office in Georgia at <https://sos.ga.gov/candidate-resources-qualifying-public-office>

15. How do I check my voting district or confirm if my voting district has recently changed?

View MVP – My Voter Page to see your voter registrations and voting district at <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/>. Check the Legislative and Congressional Maps produced by the Reapportionment Office at <https://www.legis.ga.gov/joint-office/reapportionment>