



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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**Filing Requirements: Precinct Delegate**  
**-- 2012 Election Cycle --**

**Qualifications:** An individual who wishes to seek a precinct delegate position must be “a qualified and registered elector residing within, as well as having his or her actual bona fide residence within, the election precinct for which he or she desires to become a candidate on the filing deadline.” (MCL 168.624)

**Filing requirements:** A person who wishes to seek a precinct delegate position must file an Affidavit of Identity with the clerk of his or her county, city or township of residence no later than **4:00 p.m. on May 15, 2012**. Petition signatures are not required. (MCL 168.624)

Such candidates will appear on the August 7, 2012 primary ballot. As a precinct delegate candidate may hold or seek any other public office in Michigan, a precinct delegate candidate may appear as a candidate for another office on the August 7, 2012 primary ballot.

An Affidavit of Identity form designed exclusively for use by precinct delegate candidates can be obtained through any county, city or township clerk’s office. The Affidavit of Identity form is also available on the Michigan Department of State’s Bureau’s Web site:

[www.Michigan.gov/elections](http://www.Michigan.gov/elections). The availability of the precinct delegate Affidavit of Identity form does not preclude a precinct delegate candidate from filing with the standard Affidavit of Identity form if desired.

**Withdrawal:** The deadline for withdrawing a precinct delegate filing is **4:00 p.m. on May 18, 2012**. The withdrawal must be in writing and must be filed with the county clerk; Michigan election law does not make any allowances for filing such withdrawals with the city or township clerk. (MCL 168.624a)

**Filing requirements for write-in candidates:** An individual who wishes to seek a precinct delegate position with write-in votes is required to file a Declaration of Intent with the city or township clerk by **4:00 p.m. on August 3, 2012**. As an alternative, such candidates may file a Declaration of Intent with the appropriate precinct board on the day of the August primary anytime prior to the close of the polls. (There are no provisions of law which permit write-in candidates seeking precinct delegate positions to file on the county level.) A Declaration of Intent form developed exclusively for use by precinct delegate candidates can be obtained through any county, city or township clerk’s office. The Declaration of Intent form is also available on the Michigan Department of State’s Bureau’s Web site: [www.Michigan.gov/elections](http://www.Michigan.gov/elections). (MCL 168.737a)

***Financial disclosure:*** Precinct delegate candidates are not required to file disclosure forms under Michigan's Campaign Finance Act.

***Questions:*** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections.

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