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**FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-INCUMBENT
JUDICIAL CANDIDATES**

*Appeals Court Judge
Circuit Court Judge*

*District Court Judge
Probate Court Judge
Probate District Court Judge*

**** IMPORTANT NOTE ****

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Elections' website www.michigan.gov/elections**

ELECTION DATES: The primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

FILING DEADLINE: Non-incumbent judicial candidates are required to file nonpartisan nominating petitions containing the requisite number of valid signatures, an Affidavit of Identity (two originals) and an Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification (one original) no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2018.**

FILING LOCATION: Candidates for Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge and Probate District Court Judge file with the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 430 W. Allegan Street (1st Floor), Lansing, MI 48933. If filing by mail, please mail your filing materials in time to ensure receipt by the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, P.O. Box 20126, Lansing, MI 48901-0726, by the filing deadline. Candidates for Probate Court Judge file with the local county clerk's office.

REQUIRED AFFIDAVITS: In addition to nonpartisan nominating petitions, non-incumbent candidates who file for the office of Appeals Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge, Probate Court Judge or Probate District Court Judge are required to file an Affidavit of Identity (two originals) and an Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification (one original). The required affidavits can be obtained from the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing or on the Bureau's website: www.michigan.gov/elections. A candidate who fails to file the required documents by the filing deadline is ineligible to appear on the ballot.

Michigan election law requires any candidate filing an Affidavit of Identity to state on the form that on the date the affidavit was executed, "all statements, reports, late filing fees, and fines required of the candidate or any candidate committee organized to support the candidate's

election under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act ... have been filed or paid”. All judicial candidates are subject to the Campaign Finance Compliance Statement requirement. This remains true even if the candidate maintains a “Reporting Waiver.”

PETITION FORM: All non-incumbent judicial candidates are required to use the *nonpartisan nominating petition form* prescribed by the Secretary of State when collecting signatures. There are two versions of the form: 1.) A “city/township” version and 2.) a “countywide” version. The “city/township” version of the form is designed for circulation within a single city or township; the “countywide” version of the form can be signed by anyone registered to vote in a city or township that falls within the boundaries of the listed county. All non-incumbent judicial candidates may use the “city/township” nonpartisan nominating petition form or the “countywide” nonpartisan nominating petition form as convenient.

AFFIXING OFFICE DESIGNATION ON PETITION: Petitions for a judicial office must bear the appropriate designation listed below to indicate the particular office sought by the candidate. Note that “incumbent” position means a position held by a judicial officer who is seeking reelection to his or her seat; “non-incumbent” position means a position held by a judicial officer who is not seeking reelection to his or her seat.

- Regular Term – Incumbent Position
- Regular Term – Non-Incumbent Position
- Partial Term – Incumbent Position*
- Partial Term – Non-Incumbent Position*
- New Judgeship

* Add expiration date of term if more than one partial term will be filled in judicial district. The terms “vacancy,” “partial term” and “unexpired term” are interchangeably used to reference a judicial position which will be filled at an election for less than the full term.

OBTAINING INFORMATION ON APPROPRIATE OFFICE DESIGNATION: Michigan election law requires that in instances where a candidate for Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge, Probate District Court or Probate Court Judge seeks election in a district where there are a combination of “new” positions, “incumbent” positions and/or “non-incumbent” positions to fill, the candidate must “apply to the Bureau of Elections for a written statement of office designation to correspond to the judgeship sought by the candidate.” The designations listed in the following charts are provided to fulfill this information requirement. (See *Petition Signature Requirements and Office Designations* below.)

Michigan election law directs the Bureau of Elections to designate a judicial position as an “incumbent” position in any instance where 1.) there is an incumbent judge eligible to seek reelection to the position and 2.) the deadline for filing the Affidavit of Candidacy has not yet elapsed. If the incumbent judge does not file for reelection by the deadline for submitting an Affidavit of Candidacy, the law directs the Bureau of Elections to 1.) redesignate the

position as a “non-incumbent” position and 2.) notify all candidates seeking election in the judicial district that a “non-incumbent” position exists. The law further requires that in such instances, 1.) nominating petition sheets circulated for the “non-incumbent” position after the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline shall bear an office designation of “non-

incumbent” position and 2.) signatures collected prior to the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline with “incumbent” office designation may be filed with the “non-incumbent” nominating petitions. The Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline established for the August 7, 2018 primary elapses at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018.

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE: Non-incumbent judicial candidates who file for the August 7, 2018 primary ballot who wish to withdraw from the election must submit a written notice of withdrawal to the filing official no later than **5:00 p.m. on April 27, 2018.**

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: The petition signature requirements imposed on candidates who seek the office of Appeals Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge, Probate District Court Judge and Probate Court Judge are listed below (MCL 168.544f). The Bureau of Elections has made every effort to ensure that the signature requirements listed below are correct. If a conflict exists between this memorandum and MCL 168.544f, the statute controls.

- - Petition Signature Requirements and Office Designations - -

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
1	6,200	12,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
1	6,200	12,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2023
2	6,200	12,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
2	6,200	12,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2021
3	6,200	12,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
4	6,200	12,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
4	6,200	12,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2023

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
3	4,000	8,000	17 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
3	4,000	8,000	2 Regular Terms	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
3	4,000	8,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2021
3	4,000	8,000	1 Partial Term	Non-Incumbent ²	2021
4	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
6	4,000	8,000	5 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025

Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	Number To Be Elected		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
6	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
6	4,000	8,000	New Judgeship ³		2025
7	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent ⁷	2025
7	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
9	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
10	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
10	1,000	2,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2021
13	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2021
14	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
16	2,000	4,000	5 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
16	2,000	4,000	New Judgeship ⁴	8 Year Term	2027
17	2,000	4,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
17	2,000	4,000	2 Regular Terms	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
20	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
21	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
22	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
27	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
30	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
31	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
36	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
37	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
38	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
39	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
41	200	400	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2021
42	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
44	600	1,000	New Judgeship ⁵	8 Year Term	2027
44	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
45	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
48	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Non-Incumbent ²	2021
49	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
50	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
54	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
55	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
56	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
56	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2021
57	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	Number To Be Elected		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
1	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
3B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
5	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
8	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
8	1,000	2,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2021
10	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
12	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
14A	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
15	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
16	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
18	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
19	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
20	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
22	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
23	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
27	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
29	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
31	40	100	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2021
33	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
34	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
35	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
36	2,000	4,000	11 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
37	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
39	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
40	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
41A	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
41B	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
42-2	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
43	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
44	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
46	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
48	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
50	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
51	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
52-1	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
52-3	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
53	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent⁶	2025
54A	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
54A	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2021
54B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
56B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
57	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
58	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
60	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
61	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
62A	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
66	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
67-4	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
67-5	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
67-5	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2021
70-1	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
70-2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
70-2	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Non-Incumbent ²	2021
72	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
74	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
86	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
95B	100	200	1 Partial Term	Non-Incumbent ²	2021

JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT

Probate	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
Alcona	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Allegan	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Alpena	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Antrim	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Arenac	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025

Probate	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
Baraga	6	20	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Barry	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Bay	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Benzie	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Berrien	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Branch	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Cass	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Cheboygan	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Chippewa	100	200	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2021
Clinton	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Crawford	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Delta	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
Dickinson	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Eaton	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Genesee	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Gogebic	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Gd Traverse	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Gratiot	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Hillsdale	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Houghton	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Huron	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Ingham	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
Ionia	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Iosco	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Iron	40	100	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
Isabella	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
Jackson	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Kalamazoo	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Kalkaska	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Kent	2,000	4,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
Keweenaw	6	20	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
Lake	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Lapeer	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Leelanau	40	100	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
Lenawee	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Livingston	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025

Probate	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
Macomb	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Manistee	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Marquette	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Mason	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Menominee	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Midland	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Missaukee	40	100	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
Monroe	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Montcalm	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Montmorency	6	20	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Muskegon	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Newaygo	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2025
Oakland	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Oceana	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Ogemaw	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Ontonagon	6	20	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Oscoda	6	20	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Otsego	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Ottawa	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Presque Isle	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Roscommon	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Saginaw	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
St. Clair	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
St. Joseph	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Shiawassee	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Tuscola	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Van Buren	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Washtenaw	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
Wayne	4,000	8,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2025
Wexford	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025

JUDGE OF THE PROBATE DISTRICT COURT

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	Number To Be Elected		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
5	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
6	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
7	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
17	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025
18	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2025

¹Judge is scheduled to retire at the end of the current term due to age.

²Position is vacant.

³New Judgeship by Resolution (MCL 600.507).

⁴New Judgeship by Resolution (MCL600.517). The initial term of office of the judgeship shall be 8 years.

⁵New Judgeship by Resolution (MCL600.545). The initial term of office of the judgeship shall be 8 years

⁶Eliminated by Resolution (MCL 600.8124).

⁷Governor made an appointment effective February 20, 2018.