



## FILING FOR OFFICE

August 2, 2022 Primary  
November 8, 2022 General

### PARTISAN ELECTIVE OFFICES

Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State,  
Attorney General, US Representative in Congress,  
State Senator, State Representative,  
State Board of Education, UM Board of Regents,  
MSU Board of Trustees, WSU Board of Governors,  
State Supreme Court Justice and Precinct Delegate

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OVERVIEW OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

OFFICE	DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATES	MINOR PARTY CANDIDATES <sup>1</sup>	CANDIDATES WITHOUT POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	WRITE-IN CANDIDATES
<b>Governor</b>	Partisan nominating petitions (15,000-30,000) SOS (4/19/22) Primary, General	Convention SOS (+1 business day) General election	Qualifying petitions (12,000-24,000) <sup>2</sup> SOS (7/21/22) General election	Write-in Declaration SOS (7/22/22, <sup>3</sup> 10/28/22) Primary, General
<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>	Convention SOS (+1 business day) General election	Convention SOS (+1 business day) General election	Nom. by Gov. candidate SOS (9/9/22) General election	Nom. by Gov. candidate SOS (10/28/22) General election
<b>Secretary of State</b>	Convention SOS (+1 business day) General election	Convention SOS (+1 business day) General election	Qualifying petitions (12,000-24,000) <sup>2</sup> SOS (7/21/22) General election	Write-in Declaration SOS (10/28/22) General election
<b>Attorney General</b>	Convention SOS (+1 business day) General election	Convention SOS (+1 business day) General election	Qualifying petitions (12,000-24,000) <sup>2</sup> SOS (7/21/22) General election	Write-in Declaration SOS (10/28/22) General election
<b>US Representative in Congress</b>	Partisan nominating petitions (1,000-2,000) SOS or Co. Clerk <sup>4</sup> (4/19/22) Primary, General	Convention SOS or Co. Clerk <sup>4</sup> (+1 business day) General election	Qualifying petitions (3,000-6,000) SOS or Co. Clerk <sup>4</sup> (7/21/22) General election	Write-in Declaration SOS or Co. Clerk <sup>4</sup> (7/22/22, <sup>3</sup> 10/28/22) Primary, General
<b>State Senator</b>	Partisan nominating petitions (500-1,000) or \$100 SOS or Co. Clerk <sup>4</sup> (4/19/22) Primary, General	Convention SOS or Co. Clerk <sup>4</sup> (+1 business day) General election	Qualifying petitions (1,500-3,000) SOS or Co. Clerk <sup>4</sup> (7/21/22) General election	Write-in Declaration SOS or Co. Clerk <sup>4</sup> (7/22/22, <sup>3</sup> 10/28/22) Primary, General
<b>State Representative</b>	Partisan nominating petitions (200-400) or \$100 SOS or Co. Clerk <sup>4</sup> (4/19/22) Primary, General	Convention SOS or Co. Clerk <sup>4</sup> (+1 business day) General election	Qualifying petitions (600-1,200) SOS or Co. Clerk <sup>4</sup> (7/21/22) General election	Write-in Declaration SOS or Co. Clerk <sup>4</sup> (7/22/22, <sup>3</sup> 10/28/22) Primary, General
<b>St. Board of Ed. UM Regent MSU Trustee WSU Governor</b>	Convention SOS (+1 business day) General election	Convention SOS (+1 business day) General election	Qualifying petitions (12,000-24,000) <sup>2</sup> SOS (7/21/22) General election	Write-in Declaration SOS (10/28/22) General election
<b>State Supreme Court Justice<sup>5</sup></b>	Affidavit (Incumbent only) SOS (July 5, 2022) and/or Convention SOS (+1 business day) General election	Convention SOS (+1 business day) General election	Qualifying petitions (12,000-24,000) <sup>2</sup> SOS (7/21/22) General election	Write-in Declaration SOS (10/28/22) General election
<b>Precinct Delegate</b>	Affidavit Co. Clerk (5/3/22) Primary	N/A	N/A	Write-in Declaration <sup>6</sup> At polling place (8/2/22) Primary

All candidates must file the [Affidavit of Identity](#).

Minor party candidates also must file the [Certificate of Acceptance](#).

**SOME DEADLINES ELAPSE AT 4:00 PM. SEE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

<sup>1</sup> The following minor parties currently have ballot access in Michigan: Libertarian, US Taxpayers, Green, Natural Law and Working Class Parties.

<sup>2</sup> In *Graveline v Benson*, 430 FSupp 3d 297 (ED Mich 2019), the number of signatures required for non-affiliated candidates seeking statewide office was reduced from 30,000 to 12,000. The case is currently pending before the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit US Court of Appeals.

<sup>3</sup> Write-in candidates who file for the primary must indicate their party affiliation (Democrat or Republican).

<sup>4</sup> District boundaries determine whether candidates are required to file with the Secretary of State or County Clerk. See "Important Note about Redistricting" below for more information.

<sup>5</sup> Incumbent Supreme Court Justices qualify for the ballot by filing the [Affidavit of Candidacy - Supreme Court](#) form on or before July 5, 2022; incumbents may also be nominated at a party convention.

<sup>6</sup> In the alternative, Precinct Delegate candidates may file a write-in declaration with the County Clerk by 4:00 pm on July 29, 2022.

## IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT REDISTRICTING

Every ten years following completion of the census, district boundaries for US Representative in Congress, State Senator and State Representative are redrawn in accordance with [Article IV, Section 6](#) of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. This responsibility falls to the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, which was established by State Proposal 18-2. Follow the progress of the Commission's work at [www.MichiganRedistricting.org](http://www.MichiganRedistricting.org).

**District boundaries for the August 2, 2022 primary and November 8, 2022 general election are expected to be drawn in late 2021.** These boundaries will determine whether candidates are required to file with the Secretary of State or County Clerk and are used to identify the population of registered voters eligible to sign candidates' nominating or qualifying petitions. Candidates intending to file for Congress, Michigan Senate or House of Representatives must include the correct district number on the Affidavit of Identity and petition heading to qualify for the ballot (among other requirements).

**Candidates for US Representative in Congress, State Senator or State Representative who file for office before the redistricting process is complete do so at their own risk.**

For example, a candidate may currently reside in District 4 based on the boundaries drawn after the 2010 census and file as a candidate in District 4 today, but once redistricting after the 2020 census is finished, his or her residence may be drawn into District 6. The candidate's filing in District 4 will be disqualified (unless withdrawn) and filing fee paid (if any) will not be refunded.

**Filings do not automatically transfer to the new district** after boundaries are redrawn. It is the candidate's responsibility to know which district he or she seeks to represent and to take all necessary steps to ensure all filing materials include the correct district number.

This publication will be updated to specify the correct filing official once district boundaries for US Representative in Congress, State Senator and State Representative are known.

## FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates seeking any of the partisan offices described in this publication are required to comply with the financial disclosure requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) (federal offices) or Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA) (state and local offices), except for Precinct Delegates.

Candidates seeking election to the office of US Representative in Congress should contact the Federal Election Commission in Washington, DC for information regarding their financial disclosure obligations. Web: [www.FEC.gov](http://www.FEC.gov). Phone: 1-800- 424-9530.

Candidates seeking the following state-level offices file campaign finance disclosure reports pursuant to the [Michigan Campaign Finance Act](#) (MCFA) with the Secretary of State:

Governor	State Board of Education
Lieutenant Governor	UM Board of Regents
Secretary of State	MSU Board of Trustees
Attorney General	WSU Board of Governors
State Senator	State Supreme Court
State Representative	

**MCFA compliance is a prerequisite to qualifying for the ballot.** See “Affidavit of Identity” below for more information.

Precinct Delegate candidates are exempt from the requirements of the MCFA. For questions regarding disclosure for state-level candidates, visit [www.Michigan.gov/CampaignFinance](http://www.Michigan.gov/CampaignFinance), email [Disclosure@Michigan.gov](mailto:Disclosure@Michigan.gov), or call 517-335-3234.

## AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY REQUIREMENT FOR ALL CANDIDATES

All candidates filing for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, US Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, State Board of Education, UM Regent, MSU Trustee, WSU Governor or State Supreme Court Justice must file the [Affidavit of Identity](#) in duplicate. Follow the form instructions carefully as errors or omissions may result in your disqualification.

Precinct Delegate candidates are exempt from complying with the MCFA, and therefore are strongly encouraged to use the [Precinct Delegate Affidavit of Identity](#) form. This form omits the MCFA compliance statement, which is discussed in detail below.

**MCFA compliance statement, false statement as a criminal offense, disqualification.** When completing the [Affidavit of Identity](#) form, ensure all the information provided is accurate and complete. Pay particular attention to Section 5, which requires the candidate to swear under oath that he or she, or any candidate committee formed to support him or her, has filed all disclosure statements and paid any late filing fees owed or assessed under the MCFA. A false statement in the [Affidavit of Identity](#), including but not limited to a false statement regarding the candidate's MCFA compliance status, may result in criminal prosecution, disqualification from the ballot, or both.

- *How can I determine my candidate committee's MCFA compliance status?* Candidate committee records for those currently seeking or who in the past have sought state-level offices are available [online](#). If you previously sought a local elective office, contact your County Clerk for information.
- *When am I required to file the Statement of Organization for my candidate committee?* A committee's failure to timely file the [Statement of Organization](#) may constitute noncompliance if not resolved by the time the candidate signs the Affidavit of Identity. A "candidate" is required to (1) form or organize a candidate committee within 10 days of meeting "candidate" status, and (2) file the [Statement of Organization](#) within 10 days of the committee formation date. "Candidate" status is met at the **earliest** of the following dates:
  - *The date on which the candidate receives a contribution or makes an expenditure (or gives consent for another person to do so) **in any amount** with a view to bringing about the individual's nomination or election. This rule applies regardless of whether the specific office to be sought is known at the time.*

"Contribution" includes but is not limited to the candidate's use of **his or her own personal funds** to further their candidacy.

"Expenditure" includes such costs as purchasing or printing **nominating or qualifying petitions** and hiring **paid petition circulators**, etc. There is no exemption for expenses incurred to "test the waters." In addition, an expenditure for polling, direct mail, or fundraiser invitations counts for purposes of determining when the [Statement of Organization](#) is due.

- *The date on which the candidate files a nominating petition or filing fee to qualify for the ballot.*

- *The date on which the candidate is nominated for elective office by a political party convention and certified to the Secretary of State or County Clerk.*
- *As to incumbents, “candidate” status continues unless the incumbent is prohibited from seeking reelection (or fails to file for reelection) to the same office by the filing deadline. “Candidate” also includes an incumbent who is subject to a recall.*
- *What should I do if my candidate committee is not in compliance? All outstanding campaign statements must be filed and late filing fees paid prior to signing the [Affidavit of Identity](#). Contact your candidate committee’s filing official if you are unsure of which disclosure statements or fees are owed.*

**Best practices/Affidavit of Identity:**

1. Be sure to perform your own research regarding the compliance status of any candidate committee formed to support your candidacy well in advance of the filing deadline.
2. Do **not** sign the [Affidavit of Identity](#) until you have brought your committee into compliance.
3. Once you have decided to run for office and research your MCFA compliance status, file the [Statement of Organization](#) as early as possible. If you do not expect to receive or spend more than \$1,000.00 before the current reporting period ends, you may request a Reporting Waiver from the Secretary of State.
4. Precinct Delegates may use either the (regular) Affidavit of Identity form or [Precinct Delegate Affidavit of Identity](#). The delegate-specific form omits the MCFA compliance statement.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATE-LEVEL PARTISAN OFFICES  
FOR ALL CANDIDATES**

All candidates seeking election to state-level partisan offices must be US citizens.

Additional qualifications are described below:

Governor Lieutenant Governor	Age 30 years or older Registered and qualified elector of MI $\geq$ 4 years by Election Day
Secretary of State Attorney General	Registered and qualified elector of MI by the date of nomination
US Representative in Congress	US citizen $\geq$ 7 years Age 25 years or older Inhabitant of MI by Election Day
State Senator State Representative	Registered and qualified elector of the district by the filing deadline
State Board of Education UM Regent, MSU Trustee, WSU Governor	Registered and qualified elector of MI by the date of nomination
State Supreme Court Justice	Registered and qualified elector of MI by the date of filing Licensed to practice law $\geq$ 5 years <sup>7</sup> Younger than age 70 on Election Day

A “qualified elector” means an individual who has resided in his or her city or township for at least 30 days.

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<sup>7</sup> Measured from the date of the general election; must have been admitted to the Bar by November 8, 2017.

**FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES**

**Partisan Nominating Petitions.** Democratic and Republican Party candidates who collect signatures to qualify for the following offices will use the Partisan Nominating Petition form:

Governor	State Senator
US Representative in Congress	State Representative

Two versions are available: A Countywide form, which must be circulated within a single county, and a City/Township form, which can only be circulated within a single city or township.

The heading of the petition must include the name of the county where the petition sheet will be circulated, the candidate’s name, his or her street address/rural route and city or township, the candidate’s political party, the name of the office sought (including the district number if applicable). Enter the **date of the primary (August 2, 2022)**.

INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE	<b>NOMINATING PETITION</b> (COUNTYWIDE PARTISAN)	* The "Countywide" Partisan Petition form may be used by any partisan candidate. Exception: the form may not be used by a partisan candidate who seeks the office of County Commissioner; such candidates must use the "City/Township" Partisan Petition form.
<p>We, the undersigned, registered and qualified voters of the County of _____ and State of Michigan, nominate _____</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Name of Candidate) (Street Address or Rural Route)</p> <p>_____ as a candidate of the _____ Party for the office of _____</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(City or Township) (Title of Office/Term Expiration Date) (District, if any)</p> <p>to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.</p>		

**Signature requirements.** Democratic and Republican candidates who file partisan nominating petitions must file at least the minimum number of valid signatures specified below. For information regarding signature review and validity standards, refer to the publication, [Circulating and Canvassing Countywide Petitions](#).

Governor	15,000-30,000
US Representative in Congress	1,000-2,000
State Senator	500-1,000
State Representative	200-400

Gubernatorial candidates are required to collect a minimum of 100 signatures in each of at least half of Michigan’s congressional districts.

**Filing fee option for State Senate, State House.** Democratic and Republican Party candidates seeking the office of State Senator or State Representative may pay a \$100.00 fee in lieu of filing a Partisan Nominating Petition.

**Designated filing official.** For the office of Governor and any Congressional or state legislative district that is comprised of two or more counties, the [Affidavit of Identity](#) and Partisan Nominating Petitions or filing fee must be filed with the Secretary of State. Petitions filed by Democratic and Republican candidates seeking statewide office or election to a district office containing multiple counties are canvassed under the authority of the Board of State Canvassers (Board).

If a Congressional or state legislative district is wholly contained within a single county, the [Affidavit of Identity](#) and Partisan Nominating Petitions or filing fees must be filed with the County Clerk. Petitions

are canvassed by the County Clerk.

This publication will be updated with a list of Congressional, State Senate and State House districts that file with the Secretary of State once the redistricting process is complete.

**Petition challenge process.** A sworn complaint or “challenge” claiming a candidate filed an insufficient number of valid signatures or whose nominating petition is alleged to suffer from a fatal defect may be submitted to the Board or County Clerk (as appropriate) within 7 days of the filing deadline;<sup>8</sup> the Board or Clerk is responsible for resolving any challenges and certifying qualified candidates to the ballot.

**Filing deadlines.** The following deadlines apply to Democratic and Republican Party candidates (all deadlines elapse at 5:00 pm unless otherwise noted):

Governor US Representative in Congress State Senator State Representative	April 19, 2022 at 4:00 pm
Challenges against nominating petitions filed by Democratic and Republican Party candidates seeking the above-named offices	April 26, 2022 at 5:00 pm
Incumbent Supreme Court Justice	July 5, 2022
Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Attorney General State Board of Education UM Regent, MSU Trustee, WSU Governor Supreme Court Justice	+1 business day following the conclusion of the party’s fall state convention

**Withdrawal.** Candidates are permitted to withdraw up until 4:00 pm on the third day after the filing deadline expires by filing a written statement with the appropriate filing official.

**Candidates nominated by party convention.** Democratic and Republican Party candidates who seek the offices of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Board of Education, UM Regent, MSU Trustee, WSU Governor and State Supreme Court Justice are nominated at the party’s fall state convention. Within one business day of the convention’s conclusion, the state central committee Chair and Secretary must certify the names and addresses of the nominees to the Secretary of State and file an [Affidavit of Identity](#) for each nominee.

Democratic and Republican Party fall state conventions must commence on or before September 9, 2022.

**Supreme Court Justice candidates only.** Non-incumbent candidates for Supreme Court who are affiliated with the Democratic or Republican Parties are nominated at their respective state conventions; in addition, non-incumbents are required to file the [Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification - Supreme Court](#).

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<sup>8</sup> In 2022, the challenge deadline for Democratic and Republican Party candidates for Governor, US Representative in Congress, State Senator and State Representative elapses on April 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Incumbent Supreme Court Justices qualify for the ballot by filing the [Affidavit of Candidacy - Supreme Court](#) form on or before July 5, 2022. Additionally, incumbents may be nominated at the Democratic or Republican Party state conventions.

**Election dates.** The names of qualified Democratic and Republican Party candidates for Governor, Congress, State Senate and State House of Representatives will appear on the August 2, 2022 ballot. The candidates who receive the most votes for each office and political party will advance to the November 8, 2022 general election.

Each major political party's nominees for Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Board of Education, UM Regent, MSU Trustee, WSU Governor and Supreme Court Justice will appear on the November 8, 2022 ballot.

Democratic and Republican candidates for Precinct Delegate appear on the August primary ballot only.

**Write-in candidates.** Democrats and Republicans who wish to run as write-in candidates for offices other than Precinct Delegate must file a [Write-In Candidate Declaration of Intent](#) form by 4:00 pm on July 22, 2022 for offices appearing on the August primary ballot and/or 4:00 pm on October 28, 2022 for offices appearing on the November general election ballot.

**Precinct Delegate candidates only.** Candidates for Precinct Delegate qualify for the August 2, 2022 primary ballot by filing an [Affidavit of Identity](#) with the County Clerk on or before 4:00 pm on May 3, 2022. Individuals running as write-ins for Precinct Delegate may qualify by filing a write-in declaration form with the County Clerk on or before July 29, 2022 at 4:00 pm or at his or her polling place on Election Day. Precinct Delegate candidates are strongly encouraged to use the [Precinct Delegate Affidavit of Identity](#) form.

Precinct Delegate candidates must be registered and qualified electors in the precinct where election is sought by the filing deadline and have their "actual bona fide residence" within the precinct by the filing deadline. In addition, Precinct Delegate candidates may hold or seek any other elective office in Michigan; therefore, they may appear as candidates for other elective offices on the August 2, 2022 primary ballot.

**Best practices for Democratic and Republican Candidates:**

1. Candidates are strongly encouraged to use the Partisan Nominating Petition (Countywide) form when filing for state-level offices.
2. Candidates are strongly encouraged to file a significant number of surplus signatures over the minimum required, as signatures may be found to be invalid during the petition canvass.
3. Candidates for the Michigan Legislature who pay the filing fee in lieu of filing nominating petitions cannot be challenged for filing insufficient signatures.

## FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR MINOR PARTY CANDIDATES

**Ballot-eligible minor parties.** The following minor political parties are eligible to nominate candidates for the November 8, 2022 ballot:

Libertarian Party  
US Taxpayers Party  
Green Party

Natural Law Party  
Working Class Party

**No authority to file nominating petitions or filing fees.** Minor party candidates do not submit nominating petitions or pay filing fees to obtain ballot access. Instead, all minor parties nominate candidates at state party conventions or county caucuses and nominees are certified to the appropriate filing official by the Chair and Secretary of the party's state central committee. Minor party nominees must also file the [Affidavit of Identity](#) and [Certificate of Acceptance](#).

**Filing official.** For statewide elective offices and any Congressional or state legislative districts that are comprised of two or more counties, the [Affidavit of Identity](#) and [Certificate of Acceptance](#) must be filed with the Secretary of State, along with the state party Chair and Secretary's certification of the candidate's nomination.

If a Congressional, or State Senate or State House district is wholly contained within a single county, the [Affidavit of Identity](#) and [Certificate of Acceptance](#) must be filed with the County Clerk, in addition to the Chair and Secretary's certification of the candidate's nomination.

**Filing deadline.** The filing deadline is 5:00 pm on the business day immediately following the conclusion of the state convention or county caucus for Libertarian, US Taxpayers, Green, Natural Law and Working Class Party candidates.

All minor party nominating conventions and caucuses must be held on or before August 2, 2022.

**Withdrawal.** Candidates are permitted to withdraw up until 4:00 pm on the third day after the filing deadline expires by filing a written statement with the appropriate filing official.

**Election dates.** The names of qualified minor party candidates will appear on the November 8, 2022 ballot.

**Write-in candidates.** Libertarian, US Taxpayers, Green, Natural Law and Working Class Party candidates who wish to run as write-ins must file a [Write-In Candidate Declaration of Intent](#) form by 4:00 pm on October 28, 2022.

## FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES WITHOUT POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION

**Qualifying petitions.** Candidates who are not affiliated with a political party collect signatures to qualify placement on the general election ballot using the Qualifying Petition form. These candidates are often referred to as “NPA” candidates (no party affiliation).

Two versions are available: A Countywide form, which must be circulated within a single county, and a City/Township form, which can only be circulated within a single city or township.

**Best practice:** Candidates are strongly encouraged to use the Countywide form when filing for state-level offices.

The heading of the petition must include the name of the county where the petition sheet will be circulated, the candidate’s name, his or her street address/rural route and city or township, the name of the office sought including the district number if applicable, and the date of the election (November 8, 2022).

Gubernatorial candidates without party affiliation are required to collect a minimum of 100 signatures in each of at least half of Michigan’s congressional districts.

INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

### QUALIFYING PETITION CANDIDATE WITHOUT PARTY AFFILIATION (COUNTYWIDE)

\* The “Countywide” Qualifying Petition form may be used by any candidate without political party affiliation who seeks a partisan office. Exception: the form may not be used by a candidate without political party affiliation who seeks the office of County Commissioner; such candidates must use the “City/Township” Qualifying Petition form.

We, the undersigned, registered and qualified electors of the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Michigan, nominate \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Candidate) \_\_\_\_\_ (Street Address or Rural Route) \_\_\_\_\_ (City or Township), as a candidate without party affiliation for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ (Title of Office/Term Expiration Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (District, if any) in order that the name of the candidate be placed without party affiliation on the ballot for the election to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**WARNING – A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY SIGNS MORE PETITIONS FOR THE SAME OFFICE THAN THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OR SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN IS VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW.**

**Signature requirements.** Candidates without political party affiliation must file at least the minimum number of valid signatures specified below. For information regarding signature review and validity standards, refer to the [Circulating and Canvassing Countywide Petitions](#) publication.

Governor	12,000-24,000 <sup>9</sup>
Lieutenant Governor	N/A
Secretary of State	12,000-24,000 <sup>9</sup>
Attorney General	12,000-24,000 <sup>9</sup>
US Representative in Congress	3,000-6,000
State Senator	1,500-3,000
State Representative	600-1,200
State Board of Education, UM Regent, MSU Trustee, WSU Governor	12,000-24,000 <sup>9</sup>
Supreme Court Justice	12,000-24,000 <sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup> See FN 2.

**Best practice:** Candidates are strongly encouraged to submit a significant number of surplus signatures over the minimum required, as signatures may be found to be invalid during the petition canvass.

**Designated filing official, petition canvass and challenge process.** For statewide offices and any Congressional or state legislative districts that are comprised of two or more counties, the [Affidavit of Identity](#) and Qualifying Petitions must be filed with the Secretary of State. Qualifying petition filers seeking statewide office or election to a district office containing multiple counties are canvassed under the authority of the Board of State Canvassers.

If the Congressional or state legislative district is wholly contained within a single county, the [Affidavit of Identity](#) and Qualifying Petitions must be filed with the County Clerk; petitions are canvassed by the County Clerk.

A sworn complaint or “challenge” alleging that the qualifying petition contains an insufficient number of valid signatures or is otherwise defective may be submitted to the Board of State Canvassers or County Clerk (as appropriate) within 7 days of the filing deadline;<sup>10</sup> the Board or Clerk is responsible for resolving any challenges and certifying qualified candidates to the ballot.

**Filing deadlines.** The following deadlines apply to candidates without party affiliation:

Governor Secretary of State Attorney General US Representative in Congress State Senator State Representative State Board of Education UM Regent, MSU Trustee, WSU Governor Supreme Court Justice	July 21, 2022 at 4:00 pm
Challenges against qualifying petitions filed by NPA candidates seeking the above-named offices	July 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm
Lieutenant Governor ( <i>see below</i> )	Sept. 9, 2022 at 5:00 pm

**Lieutenant Governor candidates only.** Gubernatorial candidates without party affiliation who qualify for the ballot must designate their Lieutenant Governor running mate by filing a written statement with the Secretary of State on or before September 9, 2022.

**Withdrawal.** Candidates are permitted to withdraw up until 4:00 pm on the third day after the filing deadline expires by filing a written statement with the appropriate filing official.

**Election dates.** The names of qualified candidates without political party affiliation will appear on the November 8, 2022 general election ballot. Note that for ballot printing purposes, NPA candidates are not listed as “independent” but instead are identified as not being affiliated with a political party:

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<sup>10</sup> In 2022, the challenge deadline for no party affiliation candidates elapses on July 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

<b>Attorney General</b>	
Vote for not more than 1	
<b>Tom Leonard</b> Republican	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Dana Nessel</b> Democrat	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Lisa Lane Gioia</b> Libertarian	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Gerald T. Van Sickle</b> U.S. Taxpayers	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Chris Graveline</b> No Party Affiliation	<input type="radio"/>

**Write-in candidates.** Candidates without political party affiliation who wish to run as write-ins must file a [Write-In Candidate Declaration of Intent](#) form by 4:00 pm on October 28, 2022.

## IMPORTANT

The information presented here is current as of the date of publication but is subject to change based on the enactment or repeal of legislation, litigation, or other legal developments. It is intended as a summary of requirements governing ballot access for candidates seeking state-level elective offices, not a complete presentation or explanation of all applicable laws. If the information presented in this publication is found to conflict with any applicable law, the law controls.

Questions may be addressed to:

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