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**NOTE CHANGES TO 3<sup>RD</sup> CIRCUIT COURT effective April 15 and 16, 2014**

April 16, 2014

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

*Appeals Court Judge  
Circuit Court Judge*

*District Court Judge  
Probate Court Judge*

**\*\* IMPORTANT NOTE \*\***

This document will be revised as changes occur, especially with regard to pending legislation on court reorganization. **Updates** will be posted on the Bureau of Elections' website  
[www.michigan.gov/elections](http://www.michigan.gov/elections)

**ELECTION DATES:** The primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

**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 copies) and an Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification (one copy) no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.**

**FILING LOCATION:** Candidates for Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge and District Court Judge file with the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, P.O. Box 20126, Lansing, MI 48901-0726. Office location: Richard H. Austin Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918. Candidates for Probate Court Judge file with the local county clerk's office.

**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 judicial candidates may use the "city/township" nonpartisan nominating petition form or the "countywide" nonpartisan nominating petition form as convenient.

**REQUIRED AFFIDAVITS:** Non-incumbent candidates who file for the office of Appeals Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge or Probate Court Judge are required to file an Affidavit of Identity (two copies) and an Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification (one copy). 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](http://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 at 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.”

**AFFIXING OFFICE DESIGNATION ON PETITION:** Petitions for a judicial office must bear the appropriate designation listed below to indicate the 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 stipulates that in instances where a candidate for Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge, 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 amendment 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 amendment further stipulates 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 5, 2014 primary elapses at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2014.

**WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE:** Judicial candidates who file for the August 5, 2014 primary ballot with a petition who wish to withdraw from the election must submit a written notice of withdrawal to the filing official no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2014.**

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** The petition signature requirements imposed on candidates who seek the office of Appeals Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge, 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	Number To Be Elected		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
1	6,200	12,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
2	6,200	12,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
3	6,200	12,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
4	6,200	12,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021

**JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	Number To Be Elected		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
1	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
3	4,000	8,000	16 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
<b>3</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>4 Partial Terms</b>	<b>Incumbent<sup>20</sup></b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>2 Partial Terms</b>	<b>Incumbent<sup>21</sup></b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>1 Partial Term ELIMINATED<sup>24</sup></b>	<b>Non-Incumbent<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2017</b>

Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	Number To Be Elected		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
<b>3</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<del>1 Partial Term</del> <b>ELIMINATED<sup>20</sup></b>	<b>Non-Incumbent<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2019</b>
3	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>17</sup>	2021
4	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
5	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
6	4,000	8,000	7 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
6	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>4</sup>	2023
7	1,000	2,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
8	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
9	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
10	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
11	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
12	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
13	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
14	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
15	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
16	2,000	4,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
16	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
16	2,000	4,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2019
17	2,000	4,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
18	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
19	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
20	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
22	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
22	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
<del>23</del>	<del>200</del>	<del>400</del>	<del>1 Regular Term</del>	<b>ELIMINATED<sup>9</sup></b>	<del>2021</del>
24	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
25	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
26	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
28	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
29	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
30	1,000	2,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
31	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
32	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
33	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
35	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>10</sup>	2021

Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
36	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
37	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
37	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2017
38	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
39	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
40	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
41	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
42	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
42	400	800	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2019
46	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
48	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
49	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
51	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
52	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
55	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
56	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021

### JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
1	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
2A	400	800	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
2B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>11</sup>	2021
3A	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
3B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
4	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
5	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
5	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>12</sup>	2021
7	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
8	1,000	2,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
10	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
12	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
14A	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
14B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
15	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
16	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
17	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
18	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
19	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
20	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
21	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
23	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
24	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
25	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>13</sup>	2021
28	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
31	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
32A	40	100	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
33	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
34	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
35	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
36	2,000	4,000	9 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
36	2,000	4,000	<del>1 Regular Term</del>	<del>ELIMINATED<sup>18</sup></del>	<del>2021</del>
36	2,000	4,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent <sup>6</sup>	2017
37	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
37	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2017
38	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
39	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
40	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
41A	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
41B	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
42-1	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
43	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
44	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
45	100	200	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent <sup>3</sup>	2021, 2023
45A	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent <sup>5</sup>	2023
46	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
47	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
48	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
50	200	400	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
51	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
52-1	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
52-2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
52-3	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
52-4	400	800	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
53	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
54A	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
55	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
56A	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
57	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
58	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
60	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
61	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
62A	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
62B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
63-1	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>14</sup>	2021
63-2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
64A	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
64B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
65A	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
65B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
66	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
67-1	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
67-2	400	800	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
67-3	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
67-4	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
68	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
70-1	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
70-2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
<del>70-2</del>	<del>600</del>	<del>1,000</del>	<del>1 Partial Term</del>	<del>ELIMINATED<sup>19</sup></del>	<del>2017</del>
71A	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
71B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
72	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
74	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
75	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
76	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
77	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>15</sup>	2021
78	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
79	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
80	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
81	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
82	100	200	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
84	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
86	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
87A	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
89	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
90	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
92	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
93	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
94	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>16</sup>	2021
95A	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
95B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
96	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
97	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	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	
Berrien	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
Chippewa	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
Genesee	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
Huron	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
Ingham	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
Kalamazoo	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
Kalamazoo	1,000	2,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2017
Kent	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021

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	2021
Monroe	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
Monroe	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent <sup>8</sup>	2019
Oakland	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
Saginaw	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
St. Clair	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
Sanilac	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2021
Washtenaw	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
Wayne	4,000	8,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2021
Wayne	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent <sup>1</sup>	2021
Wayne	4,000	8,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2017

<sup>1</sup>Judge is scheduled to retire at the end of the term due to age.

<sup>2</sup>Position is vacant.

<sup>3</sup>The term of the candidate who receives the highest number of votes shall be 8 years, and the term of the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall be 6 years for 2014 election only.

<sup>4</sup>Position is vacant. The term for 2014 election only is an 8 year term.

<sup>5</sup>The term for 2014 election only is an 8 year term.

<sup>6</sup>Governor made an appointment effective 2/7/14. Designation switched to "Incumbent".

<sup>7</sup>Position is vacant effective 3/1/2014.

<sup>8</sup>Governor made an appointment effective 3/10/14. Designation switched to "Incumbent".

<sup>9</sup>Judge Ronald Bergeron did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 24, 2014 deadline. Section 524 of the Revised Judicature Act, 1961, PA 236, MCL 600.524 statute eliminates this position.

<sup>10</sup>Judge Gerald Lostracco did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 24, 2014 deadline. Position is designated as "Non-Incumbent" effective March 25, 2014.

<sup>11</sup>Judge Donald Sanderson did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 24, 2014 deadline. Position is designated as "Non-Incumbent" effective March 25, 2014.

<sup>12</sup>Judge Scott Schofield did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 24, 2014 deadline. Position is designated as "Non-Incumbent" effective March 25, 2014.

<sup>13</sup>Judge Michael Ciungan did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 24, 2014 deadline. Position is designated as "Non-Incumbent" effective March 25, 2014.

<sup>14</sup>Judge Steven Servaas did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 24, 2014 deadline. Position is designated as "Non-Incumbent" effective March 25, 2014.

<sup>15</sup>Judge Susan Grant did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 24, 2014 deadline. Position is designated as "Non-Incumbent" effective March 25, 2014.

<sup>16</sup>Judge Glenn Pearson did not file Affidavit of Candidacy by March 24, 2014 deadline. Position is designated as "Non-Incumbent" effective March 25, 2014.

<sup>17</sup>2014 PA 59 (HB 5124) signed by the Governor on March 26, 2014 reduces the number of judgeships (prior to the enactment of 2014 PA 59, there were 5 such positions formerly available). There remains one Regular Term, Non-Incumbent position available.

<sup>18</sup>2014 PA 58 (HB 5123) abolishes this position.

<sup>19</sup>2014 PA 60 (HB 5125) abolishes this position.

<sup>20</sup>Governor made an appointment effective April 15, 2014. Thomas Cameron, succeeding former Judge Amy Hathaway. Designation switched to “Incumbent” thus **ELIMINATING** the Partial Term, “Non-Incumbent, Ending in 2019. Candidates circulating petitions for the Partial Term, Non-Incumbent, Ending in 2019, will need to designate petition heading to read “Incumbent” effective April 15, 2014.

<sup>21</sup>Governor made an appointment effective April 16, 2014. Alexis Glendening, succeeding former Judge Jeanne Stempien. Designation switched to “Incumbent” thus **ELIMINATING** the Partial Term, “Non-Incumbent, Ending in 2017. Candidates circulating petitions for the Partial Term, Non-Incumbent, Ending in 2017, will need to designate petition heading to read “Incumbent” effective April 16, 2014.