



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Special Election Candidate Filing Requirements
-- 8th State Senate District --
-- 28th State Senate District --

Attached, please find the calls for special elections which must be conducted to fill vacancies in the offices of State Senator, District 8 and State Senator, District 28. Please notify the affected local clerks in the State Senate Districts of the call for the special elections if you have not done so already.

Nominating and qualifying petition signature requirements are as follows:

	Minimum	Maximum
Democratic Party Candidates	500	1,000
Republican Party Candidates	500	1,000
Candidates without Political Party Affiliation	1,500	3,000

Democratic and Republican Party candidates may file a \$100.00 filing fee in lieu of nominating petitions. Candidates without party affiliation must file qualifying petitions. At the time of filing, each candidate must submit an Affidavit of Identity (2 copies). The filing deadline for candidates seeking the Democratic and Republican Party nominations is 4:00 p.m. on April 20, 2021; the filing deadline for candidates without political party affiliation is August 4, 2021. As both districts are single-county districts, all filings must be submitted to the Macomb County Clerk’s office (8th District) or Kent County Clerk’s office (28th District).

Democratic and Republican candidates who file for the vacancies will be placed on the August 3, 2021 special primary ballot; the Democratic and Republican candidates nominated at the special primary will appear on the November 2, 2021 special election ballot, along with any candidates nominated by the minor parties qualified to participate in the special election and any candidates without party affiliation who file for the vacancies.

A listing of the various duties and deadlines associated with the special election is enclosed for your reference.