

The following special procedure applies to certain candidates filing petitions to qualify for the August 4, 2020 ballot. The prior requirement that candidates file a statement of organization with the Federal Election Commission or the BOE no longer applies. The procedure pertains only to offices that **do not** include an option to file with a filing fee. This means that the order doesn't apply to any county or township office, nor does it apply to the office of State Representative. The only offices affected are:

- U.S. Senate
- U.S. Congress
- Wayne County Community College Trustee
- All Judicial Offices (only for candidates who are not the current incumbent)
- Any city office where the city charter does not allow the option to file with a fee

For these offices and candidates only, the procedure:

- A. Extends the filing deadline to **May 22nd at 4:00 p.m.** for candidates that did not file nominating petitions by 5:00 p.m. on May 8, 2020. Signatures must have been obtained on or before May 8, 2020. The candidate listing will be updated as soon as possible after the filing deadline.
- B. Reduces the signature requirement by 50 percent. For example, a Congressional candidate required by statute to provide at least 1,000 signatures would now have to provide at least 500. The maximum number of signatures that may be submitted is unaffected.
- C. Allows candidates to collect signature images and submit petition sheets electronically.

The procedure also adjusts the **challenge deadline**. Copies of these petitions for challenge purposes must be submitted to Elections@Michigan.gov and must be received by **May 22nd**. Challenges must be submitted to the Bureau of Elections by **May 26th at 9:00 a.m.** This filing deadline is extended only for candidates submitting nominating petitions between May 20th and May 22nd. Challenges should be submitted by email to Elections@Michigan.gov with a hard copy to follow.

This process is being implemented consistent with a May 20, 2020, federal district court [order](#).