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

*Appeals Court Judge
Circuit Court Judge*

*District Court Judge
Probate Court Judge*

**** IMPORTANT NOTE ****

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ELECTION DATES: The primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

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 April 19, 2022.**

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, 1st 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 county listed in the heading. All judicial candidates may use either the "city/township" nonpartisan nominating petition form or the "countywide" nonpartisan nominating petition form.

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: Michigan.gov/Elections. A candidate who fails to file the required documents by the filing deadline (no later than 4:00 pm on April 19, 2022) is ineligible to appear on the ballot. All documents must be filed at the same time.

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.” Failure to sign the statement or signing a false statement will result in your disqualification.

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 judge who is seeking reelection to his or her seat; “non-incumbent” position means a position held by a judge who is not seeking reelection to his or her seat or the position is vacant.

- 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 (March 21, 2022) 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

redesignate the position as a “non-incumbent” position and notify all candidates seeking election in the judicial district that a “non-incumbent” position exists. The Law further stipulates that in such instances, 1) nominating petition sheets circulated for the “non-incumbent” position after the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline (March 21, 2022) 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 along with the “non-incumbent” nominating petitions. The Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline established for the August 2, 2022 primary elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 21, 2022.

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE: Judicial candidates who file petitions for the August 2, 2022 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 22, 2022.**

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. It is the candidate’s responsibility to confirm the correct number of signatures.

- - 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	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
1	6,200	12,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent ²⁰	2029
1	6,200	12,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ¹⁰	2027
2	6,200	12,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
2	6,200	12,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ⁶	2027
3	6,200	12,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
3	6,200	12,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
3	6,200	12,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ²²	2025
4	6,200	12,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2029

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	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2029
3	4,000	8,000	15 Regular Terms	Incumbent ²⁰	2029

Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	Number To Be Elected		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
3	4,000	8,000	5 Regular Terms	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
3	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	New Judgeship ⁸	2029
3	4,000	8,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ^{11 22}	2027
4	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2029
6	4,000	8,000	5 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2029
6	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
6	4,000	8,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2025
6	4,000	8,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ⁸	2027
7	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2029
7	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
8	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
9	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
10	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
10	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ⁴	2029
13	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
14	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent ¹²	2029
14	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
14	600	1,000	8-Year Term	New Judgeship ⁹	2031
16	2,000	4,000	5 Regular Terms	Incumbent ²³	2029
16	2,000	4,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2025
17	2,000	4,000	4 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2029
18	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
20	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2029
20	1,000	2,000	8-Year Term	New Judgeship ³	2031
21	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
22	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
23	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
25	200	400	1 Regular Term	New Judgeship ²	2029
29	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
30	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
30	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
31	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
34	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
37	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2029
38	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹³	2029
40	400	800	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029

Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
41	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
43	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
44	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
46	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
47	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
48	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
53	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
57	100	200	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2025

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	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
2A	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
2A	400	800	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ²¹	2027
5	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
5	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
7	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
8	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
8	1,000	2,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2027
8	1,000	2,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2025
10	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
12	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent ²¹	2029
14A	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹⁷	2029
15	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
17	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
19	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
23	200	400	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2025
24	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
25	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
30	6	20	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
33	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
34	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029

District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	Number To Be Elected		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
35	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
36	2,000	4,000	8 Regular Terms	Incumbent ²²	2029
36	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
36	2,000	4,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2025
36	2,000	4,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2027
37	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
39	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
41A	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
41B	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
43	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
44	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
45	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
46	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
47	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
48	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
52-1	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
52-2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
52-3	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
52-4	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
53	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
54A	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent ²²	2029
54B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2029
54B	100	200	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2025
55	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
56A	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
58	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
59	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹⁸	2029
60	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
61	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent ²²	2029
67-2	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
70-1	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
72	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
74	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
82	100	200	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ²¹	2027
86	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
96	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029

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	
Alpena	100	200	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2025
Calhoun	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
Cass	200	4000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2025
Grand Traverse	400	800	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ¹⁴	2025
Kalamazoo	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
Kent	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
Kent	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	New Judgeship ¹⁵	2029
Macomb	2,000	4,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ²¹	2027
Montmorency	6	20	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2025
Muskegon	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
Oakland	4,000	8,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2029
Ogemaw	40	100	1 Partial Term	Incumbent	2025
Wayne	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2029
Wayne	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹⁶	2029

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

²Circuit 25 New Judgeship created August 2021 (PA 74 of 2021).

³Circuit 20 New Judgeship created February 2022 (PA 8 of 2022).

⁴PA 8 of 2022 restored judgeship.

⁵Judge retired effective February 26, 2022.

⁶Governor made an appointment effective February 28, 2022.

⁷Governor made an appointment effective February 28, 2022.

⁸C3 New Judgeship created February 2022 (PA 8 of 2022).

⁹C14 New Judgeship created February 2022 (PA 8 of 2022).

¹⁰Governor made an appointment effective March 7, 2022.

¹¹Vacancy effective March 7, 2022.

¹²Governor made an appointment effective March 7, 2022.

¹³Switched from Incumbent to Non-Incumbent effective March 4, 2022.

¹⁴Governor made an appointment effective March 7, 2022.

¹⁵Kent County Probate New Judgeship effective March 14, 2022 (PA 8 of 2022).

¹⁶Switched from Incumbent to Non-Incumbent effective March 18, 2022.

¹⁷Incumbent judge did not seek re-election.

¹⁸Incumbent judge did not seek re-election.

¹⁹C has 14 Incumbent and 6 Non-Incumbent positions due to Incumbent Judge withdrawal on March 24, 2022.

²⁰Governor made an appointment effective April 4, 2022.

²¹Governor made an appointment effective April 11, 2022.

²²Governor made an appointment effective April 18, 2022.

²³Governor made an appointment effective April 13, 2022.