



**Filing for Office: Judicial Elective Offices
Michigan Supreme Court Justice, Judge
of the Court of Appeals, Circuit Court,
District Court, Probate Court and Probate
District Court**

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I. Introduction

This manual outlines relevant legal requirements and provides guidance to individuals interested in running for certain judicial offices.

Filing deadlines and requirements in effect for the current election cycle can be found in Appendix A.

Candidate ballot access is governed by the [Michigan Election Law](#) and overseen by the [Secretary of State](#) and [Board of State Canvassers](#). Once a petition is filed with the Secretary of State, signatures are subjected to a verification process and the Board of State Canvassers determines whether the petition contains enough valid signatures to qualify for placement on the ballot.

Changes in this publication from 2023 include:

- Updated filing deadlines.
- Reorganization of material.
- Addition of sections to clarify Board of State Canvassers petition review and procedure for evaluating petitions.
- Addition of Appendices C–F to provide additional examples.
- Updated Bureau of Elections (BOE) contact information.

There are no substantive changes to processes.

If you have any questions regarding this publication, contact the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, at (800) 292-5973 or File-Canvass@Michigan.gov, or visit our website Michigan.gov/elections.

Correspondence may be mailed, hand delivered or sent via overnight delivery to the Richard H. Austin Building – 1st Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

Note: Candidates for office are subject to the registration and reporting requirements of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. For questions regarding these obligations, please refer to the publication, [Michigan Campaign Finance Candidate Manual](#) or email Campaignfinance@Michigan.gov. The Bureau does not interpret the judicial canons or their application. Such questions should be addressed to the State Court Administrative Office.



II. Petitions

Non-incumbent candidates who seek the following offices obtain ballot access by collecting valid signatures using the **Nonpartisan Nominating Petition** form prescribed by the Secretary of State:

- Court of Appeals
- Circuit Court
- District Court
- Probate District Court
- Probate Court

Supreme Court Justice candidates seeking a party's nomination do not utilize petitions but are nominated by convention. Non-incumbent candidates without party affiliation seeking the office of Michigan Supreme Court Justice may obtain ballot access by collecting valid signatures using the **Countywide Qualifying Petition** form prescribed by the Secretary of State. For more information on qualifying petitions, please refer to the [Petition Manual: Candidates Without Political Party Affiliation](#).

Nonpartisan nominating petition

There are two versions of the **Nonpartisan Nominating Petition** 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 any 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 or the "countywide" nonpartisan nominating petition.

Best Practice: Non-incumbent candidates who seek judgeships that are elected on a countywide or multi-county basis are strongly encouraged to use the countywide form when collecting signatures.

Non-incumbents seeking a District Court judgeship may wish to use the city/township form if the judicial district (and division, if applicable) lies within a single city or township.



NOMINATING PETITION (COUNTYWIDE NONPARTISAN)

* The "Countywide" Nonpartisan Petition form may be used by any nonpartisan candidate. Exceptions: the form may not be used by a candidate who seeks a school board position, intermediate school board position, community college trustee position, library board position or a district library board position.

We, the undersigned, registered and qualified voters of the County of _____ and State of Michigan, nominate _____
(Name of Candidate) _____
(Street Address or Rural Route)
_____ as a candidate for the office of _____
(City or Township) _____ (Title of Office/Term Expiration Date) _____
to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 20_____. (District, if any)

Preparing the nonpartisan nominating petition heading

The heading of the petition must include the name of the county where the petition sheet will be circulated, the candidate's name, the candidate's street address or rural route, the candidate's city or township, the title of office, term expiration date, and district if applicable. Enter the **date of the primary**.

Office designation

Exercise **extreme caution** when completing the Title of Office/Term Expiration Date, and District (if any) fields in the petition heading.

The Secretary of State must provide an appropriate written description or "office designation" for any judicial offices appearing on the ballot at the August and or November election, and petitions filed by non-incumbents must include an accurate office designation. **Refer to the designations listed in Appendix B for the Secretary of State's office designations for this election cycle.** Errors or omissions in the office designation may result in the invalidation of signatures, the candidate's disqualification, or both.

Best Practice: Prior to placing your nonpartisan nominating petition in circulation and well in advance of the filing deadline, a copy of your petition heading may be submitted to the Bureau of Elections for review. Review typically takes approximately 2 business days.

Judicial position types (office designations)

Petitions for a judicial office must bear the appropriate office designation (listed in the following). The office designation indicates the office sought by the candidate. The office designation categories refer to the **type of judicial position to be filled** at the election, not the **candidate's status** as a non-incumbent or new judge (if elected). Any petition sheets filed by candidates using an improper office designation are invalid.

- Regular Term – Incumbent Position



- Regular Term – Non-Incumbent Position
- Partial Term – Incumbent Position*
- Partial Term – Non-Incumbent Position*
- New Judgeship

* Add the expiration date of the 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.

Incumbent position	Used when an existing position is held by a judge who is eligible to seek re-election to their seat.
Non-Incumbent position	Used when an existing position is held by a judge who is not seeking re-election to their seat, or when an existing position is vacant.
New judgeship	Describes a position that will be filled for the very first time at this election; used when a new position is created by legislative enactment.

Please Note: Judicial office designations published by the Secretary of State **may change** during the petition circulation period, at the incumbent filing deadline, or when a vacancy is filled by gubernatorial appointment. Appendix B will be updated regularly to reflect the office designation.

1. An “incumbent position” designation may change to “non-incumbent position” if an incumbent judge who is eligible to seek re-election fails to file the Affidavit of Candidacy by the incumbent filing deadline (See Appendix A for all filing deadlines.).
 - a. All petition sheets circulated *after* the incumbent filing deadline when the incumbent fails to file must include the office designation “non-incumbent position” in the heading.
 - b. Signatures on petition sheets circulated *before* the incumbent filing deadline when the incumbent fails to file that contain the “incumbent position” designation are valid¹ and count toward the candidate’s total number of signatures filed.
2. A “non-incumbent position” designation may change to “incumbent” position if the Governor fills a vacant position prior to the non-incumbent filing deadline (See Appendix A for all filing deadlines).

¹ Unless another defect renders the signature invalid, such as the failure of a petition signer or circulator to date their signature, omission of the street address or rural route, etc.



- a. All petition sheets circulated *after* the vacancy is filled must include the office designation “incumbent position” in the heading.
- b. Signatures on petition sheets circulated *before* the appointment containing the “non-incumbent position” designation are valid² and count toward the candidate’s total number of signatures filed.

Best Practice: Review Appendix B frequently for any change in the office designation that may occur during the petition circulation period.

- **It may also be necessary to differentiate positions by the length of the term of office** if there are multiple positions of varying durations available on the same court. In these circumstances, the petition heading must clearly indicate which term of office applies to the office sought. The terms “vacancy,” “partial term” and “unexpired term” are used interchangeably to reference a judicial position which will be filled at an election for less than the full term.

Regular term	Used when the position sought is for the full term of office.
Partial term	Used when the position sought is for less than the full-term length.
Partial term ending _____	Used when there are multiple partial terms of varying lengths available on the same court; include the term ending date for the position sought.

Examples of proper office designations include but are not limited to the following:

“...as a candidate for the office of Court of Appeals Judge, District X, Incumbent position, Regular term to be voted for...”

“...as a candidate for the office of Xth Circuit Court Judge, Non-incumbent position, partial term ending January 1, 20XX to be voted for ...”

“...as a candidate for the office of Circuit Court Judge, Xth Circuit, New judgeship to be voted for ...”

² Unless another defect renders the signature invalid, such as the failure of a petition signer or circulator to date their signature, omission of the street address or rural route, etc.



- **Refer to Appendix B for the office designations and signature requirements applicable in this election cycle.** In a judicial district with any combination of “new,” “incumbent,” or “non-incumbent” positions available, candidates shall “apply to the Bureau of Elections for a written statement of office designation to correspond to the judgeship sought by the candidate.” See MCL 168.409b (Court of Appeals), MCL 168.424a (Circuit Court), MCL 168.467b (District Court), MCL 168.433 (Probate and Probate District Courts). **The office designations listed in Appendix B are provided to fulfill this statutory information requirement** without requiring the candidate to apply to the Bureau of Elections.

Signature requirements

The petition signature requirements imposed on candidates who seek the office of Appeals Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge, Probate District Court Judge and Probate Court Judge are listed in Appendix B. See also MCL 168.544f. The Bureau of Elections has made every effort to ensure that the signature requirements listed in Appendix B 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.

Write-in candidates

Individuals who possess the qualifications for office may run as write-in candidates for Court of Appeals Judge or Judge of the Circuit, District, Probate, and Probate District Courts by filing a [Write-In Candidate Declaration of Intent](#) form by the deadline listed in Appendix A.



III. Filing instructions

All candidates for judgeships must file required forms in **duplicate, along with required valid petitions**, where applicable. Follow the form instructions carefully as errors or omissions may result in candidate disqualification.

The required forms can be obtained from county clerks, or the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections in Lansing, or on the Bureau's [Ballot Access](#) webpage. A candidate who fails to file the required documents by the filing deadline in the table in Appendix A is ineligible to appear on the ballot. All documents must be filed at the same time.

Michigan Supreme Court Justice

Ballot access requirements for the office of Michigan Supreme Court Justice are distinct and different from other judicial offices. There are multiple ways a candidate may have their name placed on the ballot for the office of Michigan Supreme Court Justice.

Non-Incumbent (candidates not currently elected to that seat)

- **Nominated at party convention.** Unlike other judicial offices, a non-incumbent candidate seeking election to the Michigan Supreme Court may be placed on the ballot through party nomination. In this case the nominee will submit the following documents to the Michigan Secretary of State, Bureau of Elections:
 - Non-Incumbent Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification Form (one form), in duplicate.
 - Certification of Party Nomination
 - Certificate of Acceptance
 - The Certificate of Acceptance is only required for minor party candidates. See MCL 168.686a.

- **Placed on ballot by petition.** Non-incumbent candidates for Michigan Supreme Court without party affiliation may also be placed on the ballot through **qualifying petition**. In this instance candidates will submit the following documents to the Michigan Secretary of State, Bureau of Elections:



- Non-Incumbent Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification Form (one form), in duplicate.
- Qualifying Petitions containing required number of valid signatures.

Incumbent (Judges seeking reelection to the same seat)

- **Placed on ballot by affidavit.** All Incumbent Michigan Supreme Court Justices seeking reelection must file:
 - Incumbent Judicial Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Candidacy Form (one form), in duplicate.
 - An incumbent Supreme Court Justice seeking reelection must submit the form above by the deadline in Appendix A. The incumbent will also submit the following documents after their nomination at their party's convention.
 - Certification of Party Nomination.*
 - Certificate of Acceptance.*
 - The Certificate of Acceptance is only required for minor party candidates. See MCL 168.686a.

*An incumbent Michigan Supreme Court Justice filing for reelection **without** party nomination is only required to file the Incumbent Judicial Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Candidacy Form.

Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, District Court, Probate District Court, and Probate Court

Non-Incumbent (candidates not currently elected to that seat)

Non-incumbent candidates seeking a judgeship for the Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, District Court, and Probate District Court will submit the following documents to the Michigan Secretary of State, Bureau of Elections:

- Non-Incumbent Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification Form (one form), in duplicate.
- Non-Partisan Nominating Petition containing required number of valid signatures.

Non-incumbent candidates seeking a judgeship for **Probate Court** submit the above documents to their **county clerk**.



Incumbent (Judges seeking reelection to the same office)

Incumbent candidates seeking a judgeship for the Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, District Court, and Probate District Court will submit the following documents to the Michigan Secretary of State, Bureau of Elections:

- Incumbent Judicial Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Candidacy Form (one form), in duplicate.
- Incumbent candidates seeking a judgeship for **Probate Court** submit the above document to their **county clerk**.

Please see Appendix A: *Filing Dates, Forms, and Petitions* for all documents and deadlines required to file for each judicial office.

Please Note: As of June 1, 2023, the Judicial Affidavit of Identity has been added to the Affidavit of Candidacy and the Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification forms to create two, combined forms. The two new forms are:

- Incumbents seeking re-election to the same seat file the [Incumbent Judicial Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Candidacy](#) form.
- Non-incumbents file the [Non-Incumbent Judicial Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification](#) form.

Primary elections

Judicial positions listed in this publication, except for Michigan Supreme Court Justice, appear on the primary ballot if more than twice the number of persons to be elected file for the office. A judicial position for which only one person is to be elected must have at least 3 candidates file for the office to appear on the primary ballot and in this circumstance, the top two candidates who receive the most votes will advance to the general election.

If an insufficient number of candidates file to trigger a primary, all candidates will appear on the general election ballot. Regardless of whether a primary is triggered, the heading of the petition must still contain the date of the primary election.

Candidates for the Michigan Supreme Court, regardless of whether they are a non-incumbent nominated by a party, utilize qualifying petitions, or are an incumbent, only appear on the general election ballot.



Candidate qualifications

All candidates seeking a judgeship must:

- be licensed to practice law in Michigan;
- have practiced law for at least five years, and;
- be younger than age 70 on Election Day.

Additional qualifications include the following:

Supreme Court Justice	Registered and qualified elector of the State of Michigan by the filing deadline or the date the Incumbent Judicial Affidavit and Affidavit of Candidacy form is filed.
Court of Appeals Judge Circuit Court Judge District Court Judge Probate Court Judge Probate District Court Judge	Registered and qualified elector of the jurisdiction by the filing deadline or the date the Incumbent Judicial Affidavit and Affidavit of Candidacy form is filed.

Filing location

Candidates for Michigan Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Probate District 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 48933.

Candidates for Probate Court Judge file with the local county clerk's office.

Withdrawal

Judicial candidates who wish to withdraw must submit a written statement of withdrawal to the appropriate filing official within the statutory deadline. See Appendix A, which lists the deadlines.



IV. Board of State Canvassers petition review

Nominating and qualifying petitions must be timely filed with the filing official designated by law to accept filings for the elective office sought. Petitions for judicial offices other than Probate Court are canvassed by the Board of State Canvassers.

Requesting copies of the petition

Copies of a petition may be requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq.* In 2023, the BSC approved an electronic scanning and numbering plan that makes the sampling process more efficient and facilitates the fulfillment of FOIA requests quickly and at lower expense for the requestor.

A request should be submitted through the Department's FOIA portal at <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/resources/transparency>. Payment can be made through the portal. Petitions requested through the portal will be provided through the portal.

Submitting the challenge

A sworn complaint (challenge) alleging that the nominating or qualifying petition contains an insufficient number of valid signatures or is otherwise defective may be submitted to the appropriate filing official within 7 days of the filing deadline. Challenges are resolved by the Board of State Canvassers and processed by the Bureau of Elections as staff to the Board. To be considered at a meeting, the Board must receive material at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Signature challenges must be presented in a **notarized document** and submitted to the Bureau of Elections. **It is strongly encouraged** that challenges be submitted by sending a scanned notarized document by email to BOERegulatory@Michigan.gov.

The challenge **must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the date of the deadline, irrespective of postmark**. Therefore, the Bureau strongly recommends that challenges submitted close to the deadline be submitted by email rather than mail.



Challenge procedure

The challenge must specify each signature being challenged and the reason why the validity of the signature is being questioned. To specify a signature, indicate the sheet number (stamped or written on each sheet) and the line number bearing the signature. To expedite processing, the Bureau of Elections asks that challenges be organized in **sheet number order** as opposed to an alphabetical listing of the signers' names or any other organizational format and be contained in an excel or csv file.

Best Practice: The challenge submission should contain rows and columns that refer to the codes used by the Board of State Canvassers in as well as a column to track the total number of signatures challenged. The submission should be submitted as an excel spreadsheet to facilitate review. For example:

# of Signatures challenged	Sheet Number	Line Number	Challenge Reason	Explanation
1	1	4	NR	Voter not registered
2	56	9	IA	Invalid address listed
3	72	1	Date	Voter signed with date of birth

See Appendix C: Signature Verification Examples for examples of valid and invalid signatures.

To challenge anything other than specific signatures, a full written description of what is being challenged must be submitted. A challenge must specify the sheet numbers appearing on the petition sheets involved.

V. Procedure for evaluating petitions

Validation of signatures by face review

See Appendix E: Signature Coding for a list of fatal defects.

BOE staff review each page of all petitions that are not sampled for facial defects that would render the entire page invalid. Every signature on each



valid page is also reviewed for facial defects. Signatures found to be invalid are reviewed a second time by another BOE staff member. Signatures challenged during the challenge period are reviewed by BOE staff.

BOE staff tally the number of valid/invalid sheets and valid/invalid signatures in the sample. For challenged petitions and petitions determined to be insufficient, a staff report is drafted for the Board of State Canvassers with statistical analysis and the Board makes a recommendation whether to approve or deny the petition for placement on the ballot. The staff report, including the Board-approved statistical analysis, is posted online at least 3 business days before the Board of State Canvassers meets to make a final determination on challenges to and sufficiency of a petition.

Petition sheet validity

Imperfections in the petition sheet heading, certificate of circulator, or body of the petition sheet may jeopardize the validity of signatures appearing on the sheet.

Defects in the petition heading which render an entire sheet invalid.

If circulating on a countywide form, a petition sheet is invalid if it contains one or more of the following defects in the heading:

- The county of circulation is omitted.
- Two or more counties or a county not located in Michigan are listed.
- Required information concerning candidate or office sought omitted, including the candidate's name, residence address, party affiliation or indication of no party affiliation, the office sought, and the district served by the office (if any).

Note: In addition, candidates seeking judicial offices must follow the instructions for completing the heading that is printed on the reverse side of the Nominating Petition (Countywide Non-partisan) form.

Defects in the certificate of circulator which render an entire sheet invalid.

A petition sheet is invalid if it contains one or more of the following defects in the circulator's certificate:

- The petition sheet is not signed by the circulator or is signed by more than one circulator.



- The circulator's date of signing is omitted, incomplete or earlier than the date entered by every petition signer.

Note: The petition sheet is invalid if the circulator merely prints their name and fails to sign the petition.

- The circulator's residence address is omitted, incomplete or includes a P.O. Box in place of a street address or rural route.

Note: The circulator's failure to include the correct zip code, by itself, is not a fatal defect.

- Attention nonresident petition circulators: A petition sheet is invalid if the circulator is not a Michigan resident and fails to mark the nonresident box in the certificate of circulator.

Other fatal defects that render an entire petition sheet invalid.

- Damaged, mutilated or torn petition sheets where any of the mandatory elements (heading, warning statements, circulator certificate, signer entries) are illegible or omitted.
- Sheets where any of the mandatory elements (heading, warning statements, circulator certificate, signer entries) are obscured or covered by white-out, permanent marker, stickers or other opaque material.

Acceptable sheet variations

The following variations will not cause an entire petition sheet to be rejected:

- For all offices except certain judicial offices, the failure to include the "Term Expiration Date" does not render a petition sheet invalid if the filing official can ascertain which position the candidate is seeking. For example, if a candidate is seeking nomination or election to the office of County Clerk, the candidate is not required to include the "Term Expiration Date" because there is only one position to be elected. If there are multiple positions available with different term ending dates, the candidate must include the "Term Expiration Date."
- The circulator's signature is illegible.
- The circulator prints their name in space provided for the signature and signs in the space for printed name.
- The circulator omits their printed name.



- The circulator enters their cursive signature in space provided for printed name.
- The circulator omits their zip code or enters an incorrect zip code.
- An out-of-state circulator omits the county of registration.
- The circulator is a resident of Michigan and inadvertently checks the out-of-state circulator checkbox and/or writes the name of the Michigan county where he or she is registered to vote.

Validity of individual signatures

A signature entry is valid if the voter signs the petition and prints their street address or rural route, city or township where registered to vote, and date of signing. (The signer's omission of their printed name or zip code is an acceptable variation.) Filing officials use the code "R" (registered) for valid entries. A signature is invalid if it contains one or more of the defects or omissions. The codes used to mark defects and omissions on petition sheets are shown in Appendix E.

Acceptable signature entries

The following variations are acceptable and will not result in the rejection of an individual signature:

- The signature includes one or more of the signer's initials plus their last name. Acceptable entries include but are not limited to: J. Smith; J.B. Smith; Mrs. J. Jones; A. John Doe.
- The signature is illegible.³
- All of the following variations are acceptable: The signer prints their name in the space provided for the signature and signs in the space for printed name; signer omits their printed name; signer enters their cursive signature in the space provided for printed name.

Note: A signature is invalid if the signer merely prints their name in the space provided for printed name yet fails to sign the petition, and the signature on file is a cursive signature.

³ Note, however, that if *all* the personally identifiable information in the petition entry is illegible and cannot be validated (signature, printed name, address, city or township), the signature may be coded as invalid.



- The signer is unable to sign their name and uses a signature stamp (instead of a pen-and-ink signature).
- The signer enters ditto marks in the space(s) provided for address, city or township, zip code or date of signing.
- On the date of signing, the signer was registered to vote in the city or township indicated but at a different street address within the same city or township.
- The signer writes the community’s name appearing in their “postal address”⁴ in the space for city or township of registration.
- The signer omits their zip code or enters an incorrect zip code.
- The signer writes the name of a village or unincorporated place in the space for city or township of registration.

Example 1: Individuals who are registered to vote in Genesee Township, Richfield Township and Vienna Township have a Mt. Morris postal address. When signing a countywide petition, these voters may write the name of the township where they are registered to vote or Mt. Morris in the “City or Township” column of the petition sheet, and either entry is valid.

Example 2: Parts of Texas Township are served by the Kalamazoo post office (zip code 49001) while other parts of the township are served by the Mattawan post office (zip code 49071). If a Texas Township registrant writes “Kalamazoo” in the city or township column but his or her postal address is Mattawan, the entry is invalid.

Example 3: A signature is valid if the signer provides the name of an unincorporated place in the place for city or township of registration, and the signer is registered to vote in the township containing that unincorporated place. Examples of unincorporated places include but are not limited to: Hemlock (Saginaw County), Kincheloe (Chippewa County), Lambertville (Monroe County), Okemos (Ingham County), Union Lake (Oakland County), and Walloon Lake (Charlevoix County).

⁴ The term “postal address” refers to the name of the local post office. In some instances, the post office name will correspond to the name of the person’s city or township, but in other cases, the post office name differs. As a result, the jurisdiction written on the petition may not always correspond to the name of the city or township where the signer is registered to vote. See [Usps.com](https://usps.com) for a list of local post offices by state.



Jurisdiction name variations

Abbreviations for jurisdiction names are acceptable if the abbreviation reasonably corresponds to the name of the appropriate city, township, local post office, unincorporated place, or village. Examples of some commonly used abbreviations are listed in Appendix F.

Signature verification

Circulators should encourage voters to sign petitions in a way that reasonably resembles the signature given for driver's license/state ID or voter registration purposes, but it is not necessary for the voter's signature to perfectly match the signature on file. When performing their signature verification duties, filing officials should keep in mind that there are numerous legitimate reasons that may explain an apparent mismatch:

- Petition signatures are often written on a clipboard, which may cause the signature to appear more slanted or less precise than the signature on file, or cause breaks or pauses in a cursive signature.
- Petition signatures (or voter registration or pin-pad signatures collected during the driver's license/state ID application process) could have been written in haste.
- A medical condition or advancing age may cause the signature to be different.
- The electronic signature on file may be smaller or larger than the signature given on a petition sheet.
- The signature may have been written using a pen with a finer tip or one with fading ink as compared to the signature on file.

None of these differences will result in the invalidation of the petition signature. **If there are redeeming qualities in the petition signature as compared to the signature on file, the filing official should treat the signature as valid.** Redeeming qualities may include but are not limited to similar distinctive flourishes, more matching features than nonmatching features, and the examples in numbers 1-5 in Appendix C: Signature verification examples.

A voter's signature should be considered questionable only if it differs in significant and obvious respects from the signature on file; see the examples in numbers 6-7 in Appendix C: Signature verification examples. Slight dissimilarities should be resolved in favor of the voter whenever possible.



VII. Important

The information presented in this publication is offered as a summary of the provisions governing the requirements to file as a candidate for elective office; it is not a complete description of all the controlling laws. In the case of any discrepancy between this manual and Michigan election law, the law must be followed. Questions may be addressed to:

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Appendix A:

2026 filing Dates, forms, and petitions

August 4, 2026, Primary Election
November 3, 2026, General Election

Office	Incumbency	Type of Nomination	Forms and Petitions (if any) Required	Filing Location	Filing Deadline	Withdrawal Deadline
Justice of the Supreme Court	Incumbent - Party Nomination	Convention Nomination	Incumbent Judicial Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Candidacy form	SOS	7/6/2026 5 p.m.	4 business days following convention by 4 p.m.
			Certification of Party Nomination AND Certificate of Acceptance* *required only for minor party candidates	SOS	1 business day following convention	4 business days following convention by 4 p.m.
	Incumbent - Non-partisan	Affidavit	Incumbent Judicial Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Candidacy form in duplicate	SOS	7/6/2026 5 p.m.	4 business days following convention by 4 p.m.
	Non-Incumbent - Party Nomination	Convention	Non-Incumbent Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification Form AND Certification of Party Nomination AND Certificate of Acceptance* *required only for minor party candidates	SOS	1 business day following convention	4 business days following convention by 4 p.m.
	Non-Incumbent - No Party Affiliation	Affidavit AND Qualifying Petition*	Non-Incumbent Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification form in duplicate AND Qualifying Petitions	SOS	7/16/2026 4 p.m.	7/20/2026 4 p.m.



Office	Incumbency	Type of Nomination	Forms and Petitions (if any) Required	Filing Location	Filing Deadline	Withdrawal Deadline
Court of Appeals Judge	Incumbent	Affidavit	Incumbent Judicial Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Candidacy form in duplicate	SOS	3/23/2026 5 p.m.	3/26/2026 5 p.m.
	Non-Incumbent	Nominating Petition	Non-Incumbent Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification form in duplicate AND Non-Partisan Nominating Petition	SOS	4/21/2026 4 p.m.	4/24/2026 5 p.m.
Circuit Court Judge	Incumbent	Affidavit	Incumbent Judicial Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Candidacy form in duplicate	SOS	3/23/2026 5 p.m.	3/26/2026 5 p.m.
	Non-Incumbent	Nominating Petition	Non-Incumbent Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification form in duplicate AND Non-Partisan Nominating Petition	SOS	4/21/2026 4 p.m.	4/24/2026 5 p.m.
District Court Judge	Incumbent	Affidavit	Incumbent Judicial Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Candidacy form in duplicate	SOS	3/23/2026 5 p.m.	3/26/2026 5 p.m.
	Non-Incumbent	Nominating Petition	Non-Incumbent Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification form in duplicate AND Non-Partisan Nominating Petition	SOS	4/21/2026 4 p.m.	4/24/2026 5 p.m.



Office	Incumbency	Type of Nomination	Forms and Petitions (if any) Required	Filing Location	Filing Deadline	Withdrawal Deadline
Probate District Court Judge	Incumbent	Affidavit	Incumbent Judicial Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Candidacy form in duplicate	SOS	3/23/2026 5 p.m.	3/26/2026 5 p.m.
	Non-Incumbent	Nominating Petition	Non-Incumbent Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification form in duplicate AND Non-Partisan Nominating Petition	SOS	4/21/2026 4 p.m.	4/24/2026 5 p.m.
Probate Court Judge	Incumbent	Affidavit	Incumbent Judicial Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Candidacy form in duplicate	County Clerk	3/23/2026 5 p.m.	3/26/2026 5 p.m.
	Non-Incumbent	Nominating Petition	Non-Incumbent Affidavit of Identity & Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification form in duplicate AND Non-Partisan Nominating Petition	County Clerk	4/21/2026 4 p.m.	4/24/2026 5 p.m.
Write-In Candidate - All Judgeships - Primary Ballot	Non-Incumbent	N/A	Write-in Candidate Declaration of Intent	SOS	7/24/2026 4 p.m.	N/A
Write-In Candidate - All Judgeships - General Election Ballot	Non-Incumbent	N/A	Write-in Candidate Declaration of Intent	SOS	10/23/2026 4 p.m.	N/A

*See [Petition Manual: Candidates Without Party Affiliation](#) for more information.



Appendix B:

Office designations for incumbent and non-incumbent judicial candidates & petition signature requirements

August 4, 2026, Primary Election
November 3, 2026, General Election

The Bureau of Elections has made every effort to ensure the information provided below is complete and accurate. **This document will be revised as changes occur. Updates will be posted at Michigan.gov/SOS/Elections/Ballot-Access.** For your convenience, use these links to refer to the Michigan Election Law chapters addressing elections for the [Court of Appeals](#), [Circuit Court](#), [District Court](#), and [Probate Court and Probate District Court](#).

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	2033
1	6,200	12,000	1 Partial Term	Non-Incumbent ²²	2031
2	6,200	12,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
3	6,200	12,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
4	6,200	12,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033

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	2033



Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
3	4,000	8,000	16 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
3	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
3	4,000	8,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ²	2031
4	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
4	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Non-Incumbent ²¹	2031
5	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
6	4,000	8,000	6 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
6	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
7	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
7	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent ³	2033
8	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ²³	2033
9	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
10	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
11	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
12	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
13	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
14	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
15	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹⁸	2033
16	2,000	4,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
16	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent ¹⁹	2033
16	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
17	2,000	4,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
18	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
19	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
20	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
22	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033



Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
24	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
25	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
26	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
28	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
29	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
30	1,000	2,000	3 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
30	1,000	2,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ⁸	2029
31	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
32	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
33	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
35	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
36	400	800	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ²³	2033
37	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
38	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
39	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
40	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
41	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
42	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
44	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
46	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
48	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
49	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ²³	2033
51	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
52	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
55	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
56	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent ⁴	2033

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Circuit	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	

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	2033
2A	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
2B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
3A	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
3B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
4	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
5	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
5	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ²³	2033
7	400	800	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
8	1,000	2,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
8	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
10	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
12	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
12	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
14A	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
14B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
15	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent ¹⁷	2033
16	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
17	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
18	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
19	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
20	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
21	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033



District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	Number To Be Elected		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
23	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent ¹⁶	2033
24	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
25	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
28	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
31	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
32A	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
34	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
35	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
36	2,000	4,000	6 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
36	2,000	4,000	2 Regular Terms	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
36	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ²³	2033
36	2,000	4,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ¹²	2031
36	2,000	4,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ¹³	2031
36	2,000	4,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ¹⁴	2031
37	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
38	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
39	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
40	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
41A	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
41B	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
42-1	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
43	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
45	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
46	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
47	400	800	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
48	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
50	200	400	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
51	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ²³	2033
52-1	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
52-2	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
52-3	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
52-4	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033



District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	Number To Be Elected		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
53	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
54A	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
55	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
56A	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent ⁵	2033
56A	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ⁶	2029
57	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
57	600	1,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ¹¹	2031
58	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
58	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
60	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
61	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
62A	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
62B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
63	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
63	1,000	2,000	1 Partial Term	Incumbent ⁹	2029
64A	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
64B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
65A	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
65B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
67-1	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
67-2	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
67-3	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
67-4	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
67-5	400	800	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
70-2	600	1,000	2 Regular Terms	Incumbent	2033
71A	400	800	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
71B	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
72	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
74	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
75	400	800	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
76	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
77	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
78	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033



District	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
79	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
80	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
82	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
84	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent ⁷	2033
89	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
90	200	400	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
92	40	100	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
94	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
95A	40	100	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ²³	2033
95B	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
96	200	400	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
97	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033

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	2033
Chippewa	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
Genesee	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
Huron	100	200	1 Regular Term	Incumbent ¹⁰	2033
Ingham	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
Kalamazoo	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
Kent	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
Macomb	2,000	4,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
Monroe	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent ¹⁵	2033



Probate	Min. Sig. Required	Max. Sig. Required	<u>Number To Be Elected</u>		Term Ending January 1, of
			Term	Designation	
Oakland	4,000	8,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
Oakland	4,000	8,000	1 Partial Term	Non-Incumbent ²⁰	2029
Saginaw	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
St. Clair	600	1,000	1 Regular Term	Incumbent	2033
Sanilac	100	200	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033
Washtenaw	1,000	2,000	1 Regular Term	Non-Incumbent ²³	2033
Wayne	4,000	8,000	3 Regular Terms	Non-Incumbent ¹	2033

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

²Governor made an appointment effective June 9, 2025.

³Governor made an appointment effective October 14, 2024.

⁴Governor made an appointment effective July 2, 2024.

⁵Governor made an appointment effective July 22, 2024.

⁶Governor made an appointment effective January 6, 2025.

⁷Governor made an appointment effective January 22, 2025.

⁸Governor made an appointment effective March 3, 2025.

⁹Governor made an appointment effective August 12, 2024.

¹⁰Current judge retired effective July 18, 2025, and Governor made an appointment to fill the vacancy effective September 18, 2025.

¹¹Current judge retired effective August 1, 2025, and Governor made an appointment to fill the vacancy effective August 4, 2025.

¹²Vacancy due to resignation effective June 8, 2025, and Governor made an appointment effective September 15, 2025.

¹³Vacancy due to passing of judge effective June 23, 2025, and Governor made an appointment effective September 15, 2025.

¹⁴Vacancy due to resignation effective June 27, 2025, and Governor made an appointment effective September 15, 2025.

¹⁵Current judge retired effective September 30, 2025, and Governor made an appointment effective November 6, 2025.

¹⁶Current judge retired effective November 4, 2025 and Governor made an appointment effective February 26, 2026.

¹⁷Current judge retired effective December 15, 2025, and Governor made an appointment effective January 6, 2026.

¹⁸Current judge retired effective January 3, 2026.

¹⁹Current judge retired effective January 9, 2026 and Governor made an appointment effective January 9, 2026.

²⁰Current judge retired effective January 30, 2026.

²¹Current judge retired effective February 28, 2026.

²²Current judge retired effective January 3, 2026.

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²³Current judge did not file by the March 23, 2026 filing deadline, changing the designation from incumbent to non-incumbent.

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Appendix C: Signature verification examples

#	Petition Signature Verification Examples	Recommended Result
1.	Signature appears as if voter's hand is trembling or shaking, possibly due to a health condition or advancing age: <i>Catherine Metzger</i> versus 	Valid signature
2.	Only part of the signature matches the signature on file such as only the first letters of the first and last name match, but rest of signature does not match: <i>J. D.</i> versus <i>Jane Doe</i> <i>J. Doe</i> versus <i>Jane Doe</i>	Valid signature
3.	Signature is partially printed but at the same time, partially matches the signature on file: <i>Alice Robinson</i> versus <i>Alice Robinson</i>	Valid signature
4.	Signature is a recognized diminutive of the voter's full legal name: <i>Bill Smith</i> versus <i>William Smith</i>	Valid signature
5.	Signature style has changed slightly over time: <i>Lucinda Jones</i> versus <i>Lucinda Jones</i>	Valid signature
6.	Signature is entirely printed but signature on file is entirely written in cursive: JAMES DAVIS versus <i>James Davis</i>	Questionable signature
7.	Signature differs in multiple, significant and obvious respects: <i>John Hancock</i> vs 	Questionable signature
	 vs. 	Questionable signature



Appendix D: Circulator best practices

A: Circulators

Train your petition circulators, whether they are paid or volunteer circulators. Informing petition circulators of the requirements described in this publication can minimize the likelihood that whole petition sheets and individual signatures are rejected. Errors may be averted if circulators take the following actions:

- Write the name of the county of circulation in the heading of the petition and verify the signers are registered to vote in the county listed.
- Ask potential signers whether they are registered to vote.
- Instruct signers to provide their street address or rural route where indicated; a P.O. Box is invalid.
- Remind signers to write the date of signing, not their date of birth.
- Review each signer's entry for completeness. If information is omitted, ask the signer to fill in the blank(s).
- Encourage signers to sign in a way that reasonably resembles the signature given for driver's license or voter registration purposes. It is not necessary for the signer's petition signature to be a perfect match with the signature on file. See Appendix C: Signature Verification Examples.
- Once circulation of a petition sheet is complete, ensure that the circulator signs and dates the certificate of circulator and provides the required information. If the circulator is not a Michigan resident, they must also check the nonresident box in the bottom left corner of the petition sheet and write the name of the county where registered to vote, if any.

If hiring paid circulators, petition sponsors and candidates should research circulator companies and check their work. Candidates and petition sponsors should be sure they are hiring reputable companies or circulators that will collect and submit valid signatures as required by law. Petition sponsors and circulators should review petition sheets collected by circulators periodically during the collection period to ensure valid signatures



are being collected and all required components are accurately completed to maintain signature and petition sheet validity.

B: Crossing county lines

Exercise care when circulating in or near cities and villages that cross county lines.

Several cities and villages in Michigan overlap county boundary lines. When obtaining a signature from a voter who is registered in a city or village that crosses county boundaries, make sure the voter signs the petition sheet that aligns with the signer's county of registration.

C: Quality control

Implement a quality control process before filing the petition.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of the Qualified Voter File (QVF) for pre-filing verification purposes. Any petition signatures found to be invalid during the quality control process (i.e., because the street address or date is omitted) can be crossed out prior to filing; crossed out signatures are excluded when determining the maximum number of signatures filed.

Review all petition sheets prior to filing for completeness, especially the name of the county of circulation and the certificate of circulator.

File enough signatures. Candidates are strongly encouraged to gather and file substantially more signatures than the minimum number required. The number of excess signatures needed will vary depending on the vigorousness of the candidate's quality control process. Even if the petition has been verified by a professional signature gathering firm prior to filing, note that (1) A challenge may be filed against the sufficiency of the nominating or qualifying petition, and (2) There is a likelihood that some signatures or whole petition sheets may be found to be invalid during the canvass process. However, note that there is an upper limit on the maximum number of signatures that may be filed; see MCL 168.544f for further information.

Note: This information is offered as a summary of the provisions governing the validity of petition signatures; it is not a complete description or interpretation of all pertinent laws. Questions may be addressed to: file-canvass@Michigan.gov.



D: Facilitating efficient review

Submitting petition signatures to facilitate efficient review. The Michigan Board of State Canvassers is responsible for canvassing petitions to determine whether a petition has sufficient valid signatures for placement on the ballot. The Michigan Bureau of Elections (BOE) supports the Board in this responsibility by reviewing petition signatures and producing a staff report for the Board's review. The thorough review of petition signatures is a labor intensive and time-consuming process requiring as many as 1,900 personnel hours to sort, review, number, count and review the sample for a single petition.

The guidance below is offered to aid petition filers in submitting petition signatures to streamline the review process for placement before the BSC for determination.

- All petition sheets should be unfolded, flattened, and neatly organized.
- If petition sheets contain tear-off sections, tear-off sections must be completely removed prior to submission.
- All petition sheets should be sorted by number of valid signatures per sheet.
- All petition sheets should be sorted into bundles, with consistent numbers of sheets per bundle easily combined into a bundle of 100; for example, 25 or 50 per bundle.
- All bundles should be sorted into boxes, with a consistent number of bundles per box.
- Each box should include cover sheets containing estimates of the number of signatures and sheets per box.
- Petition filers should cross out signatures (using a single strikethrough line with a ballpoint pen) and remove wholly invalid signature sheets filers have identified prior to submission.

Note: The BOE cannot provide a specific estimate on how long it will take to complete each canvass. These timelines are also affected by staff availability and other responsibilities.



Appendix E: Signature coding

ENTRY CODE	CODE NAME	EXPLANATION										
SIGNATURE ERRORS												
CO	Crossed off	Signature was crossed out prior to filing.										
DUP	Duplicate	Voter signed petition multiple times, or signed nominating petitions for more candidates than there are persons to be elected to the office (e.g. 3 judicial candidates when there are 2 vacant positions).										
IS	Invalid Signature	The petition signature is omitted or does not sufficiently agree with the signature on file.										
NR	Not Registered	<p>On the date of signing, the signer was not registered to vote anywhere in the city or township indicated. Note: If a signer is registered to vote at a different address within the same city or township as written on the petition, the signature is valid. See examples below:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Petition Address</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Registration Address</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>456 Maple St., Flint</td> <td>456 Maple St., Mt. Morris</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Invalid [NR]</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>123 Main St., Mason</td> <td>987 Maple St., Mason</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Valid [R]</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Petition Address	Registration Address	456 Maple St., Flint	456 Maple St., Mt. Morris	Invalid [NR]		123 Main St., Mason	987 Maple St., Mason	Valid [R]	
Petition Address	Registration Address											
456 Maple St., Flint	456 Maple St., Mt. Morris											
Invalid [NR]												
123 Main St., Mason	987 Maple St., Mason											
Valid [R]												
ADDRESS AND JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES												
IA	Invalid Address	Address is blank, missing house number or street name, or PO Box listed.										
IC	Invalid City or Township	There is no city or township by that name located within the county listed at the top or the city or township field was left blank.										
NC	Nonexistent County	County listed does not exist (misspelled county is not "NC").										
OD	Outside District	The address given is located within the city or township listed, but outside of the electoral district for the office sought.										
R	Registered/Registered at Other Address in Jurisdiction	Registered at address provided on petition or registered at another address within city/township listed on the petition.										
DATE ERRORS												



DATE	Invalid Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signature is dated before the first date signatures may be circulated. For example, the signor provides the date of birth. Note: For qualifying petitions only, any signature that is dated more than 180 days prior to the date of filing is invalid. • Signature is dated before the filing of the petition (483a filing). • Signer's signature is dated after the circulator dated their signature. • Date is incomplete, illegible or missing.
HEAD	Invalid Heading Entries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to include candidate name, address, name of office, party affiliation (if applicable), and date of primary. • Failure to include whether incumbent, non-incumbent, or new position, or incorrect designation as such. • Font size deviates from requirements (Certain items are 24-point or 12-point font; everything else is 8-point font.)
FORM ISSUES		
DMG	Damaged	Damaged, mutilated or torn petitions sheets that are damaged in a way that interferes with the presence of any of the mandatory elements (heading, warning statements, circulator certificate, signer entries).
FORM	Form Error	Incorrect form used or incorrect petition submitted with filing.
MRE	Missing Required Element	Missing a required element, e.g., warning cut off when printed, illegible words (crossed out with marker).
CIRCULATOR ISSUES		
CIRC	Circulator Information Missing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to include the circulator name, complete residential address (street or rural route number (PO Box is invalid), city or township and state). • Not signed by circulator. • Circulator date is omitted or illegible.
OS	Out-of-State Box Blank	Out-of-state circulator failed to check non-residency box in the Certificate of Circulator.
PV	Paid/Volunteer Box Blank	Circulator did not mark paid/volunteer box.
MISCELLANEOUS ERRORS		
IL	Illegible	Unable to read enough information provided by the signer(s) to identify the signer.
MC	Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous errors identified not provided above.



Appendix F: Jurisdiction name variations

Abbreviation	Corresponds to ...	County
AA, A ²	Ann Arbor city, Ann Arbor Township	Washtenaw
BC	Battle Creek	Calhoun
BH	Benton Harbor	Berrien
BH, Blfd Hlls	Bloomfield Hills	Oakland
D'born	Dearborn	Wayne
D'born Hts	Dearborn Heights	Wayne
Det	Detroit	Wayne
EL, E Lan	East Lansing	Ingham
Farm	Farmington	Oakland
FH, Farm Hlls	Farmington Hills	Oakland
Fnt	Flint city, Flint Township	Genesee
GR	Grand Rapids	Kent
GP	Grosse Pointe	Wayne
GPF	Grosse Pointe Farms	Wayne
GPP	Grosse Pointe Park	Wayne
GPS	Grosse Pointe Shores	Wayne
GPW	Grosse Pointe Woods	Wayne
HP	Highland Park	Wayne
Kal, K'zoo	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
Lan	Lansing	Ingham
Musk	Muskegon	Muskegon
Sag	Saginaw city, Saginaw Township	Saginaw
SSM	Sault Ste. Marie	Chippewa
SH	Shelby Township	Macomb
SH, Ster Hgts	Sterling Heights	Macomb
S'fld	Southfield	Oakland
SCS	St. Clair Shores	Macomb
St. Joe	St. Joseph	Berrien
TC	Traverse City	Grand Traverse
WB	West Bloomfield	Oakland
Ypsi	Ypsilanti	Washtenaw



Appendix G: Invalid sheet examples

Examples 1-13 are considered fully invalid sheets, where no signature will be considered valid.

1. The out of state circulator box is blank when the circulator's address is out of state.

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Signature	Printed Name	Street Address or Rural Route	Name of City or Township	Zip Code	DATE OF SIGNING Month Day Year
<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>111 S Main St</u>	<u>Detroit</u>	<u>48211</u>	<u>08/04/23</u>

CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

The undersigned circulator, a Michigan resident and a United States citizen, that each signature on this petition was made in the presence of the undersigned circulator and that each signature is the genuine signature of the person signing a registered voter of the City or Township indicated.

Out of state circulator box is not checked.

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Sally Jones (Signature of Circulator) 03/04/23 (Date)
Sally Jones (Printed Name of Circulator)
444 First St (Complete Residence Address [Street and Number or Rural Route]) - (Do not enter a post office box)
Chicago IL 60601 (City or Township, State, Zip Code)
 (County of Registration, if Registered to Vote, of a Circulator who is not a Resident of Michigan)

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2. Circulator did not sign the petition.

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224 S Michigan Ave (Street Address or Rural Route) Detroit (City or Township)

3rd Circuit (District, if any)

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<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>111 S Main St</u>	<u>Detroit</u>	<u>48211</u>	<u>03/04/23</u>

Circulator Signature Missing

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Sally Jones (Signature of Circulator) 03/04/23 (Date)

Sally Jones (Printed Name of Circulator)

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Michigan MI 48201 (City or Township, State, Zip Code)

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3. Circulator dated petition before the date of all the signatures on the sheet.

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224 S Michigan Ave (Street Address or Rural Route) Detroit (City or Township)

3rd Circuit (District, if any)

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<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>111 S Main St</u>	<u>Detroit</u>	<u>48211</u>	<u>03/04/23</u>

Circulator date is prior to the date of all signatures.

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Sally Jones (Signature of Circulator) 03/01/23 (Date)

Sally Jones (Printed Name of Circulator)

444 First St (Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route)) - [Do not enter a post office box]

Michigan MI 48201 (City or Township, State, Zip Code)

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4. Circulator fails to date the petition.

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We, the undersigned, registered and qualified voters of the County of Wayne and State of Michigan, nominate Billy McQuif as a candidate for the office of 3rd Circuit Court Judge, Incumbent, Regular.

224 S Michigan Ave (Street Address or Rural Route) Detroit (City or Township) _____ (Title of Office/Term Expiration Date)

_____, to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

(District, if any)

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Signature	Printed Name	Street Address or Rural Route	Name of City or Township	Zip Code	DATE OF SIGNING Month Day Year
<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>111 S Main St</u>	<u>Detroit</u>		<u>03 04 23</u>

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Sally Jones (Signature of Circulator) _____ (Date)

Sally Jones (Printed Name of Circulator) _____

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Circulator date is missing

5. Circulator address missing or incomplete.

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224 S Michigan Ave (Street Address or Rural Route) Detroit (City or Township) _____ (Title of Office/Term Expiration Date)

3rd Circuit (District, if any), to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on the 6th day of August, 2024.

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Signature	Printed Name	Street Address or Rural Route	Name of City or Township	Zip Code	DATE OF SIGNING Month Day Year
<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>111 S Main St</u>	<u>Detroit</u>	<u>48211</u>	<u>03 04 23</u>

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Mandatory elements are cut off due to a tear on the sheet

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 Signature of Circulator: Sally Jones (Date) 03 04 23
 Printed Name of Circulator: Sally Jones
 Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route) - [Do not enter a post office box]: 444 First St
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8. Stickers are covering up mandatory elements in the heading.

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A sticker was used for the Title of Office. When placed, it covers "Name of Candidate" and "Title of Office/Expiration Date".

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 Signature of Circulator: Sally Jones (Date) 03 04 23
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 Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route) - [Do not enter a post office box]: 444 First St
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9. Incomplete title of office.



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10. The partial term office is missing the term expiration date.

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Partial "Term Expiration Date" is missing

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1. <u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>111 S Main St</u>	<u>Detroit</u>	<u>48211</u>	<u>03/04/23</u>
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CIRCULATOR — DO NOT SIGN OR DATE

Sally Jones (Signature of Circulator) 03/04/23 (Date)

Sally Jones (Printed Name of Circulator)

417 First St (Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route)) - (Do not enter a post office box)

Detroit MI 48211 (City or Township, State, Zip Code)

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12. Incorrect election date.

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13. District number missing.

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224 S Michigan Ave (Street Address or Rural Route) Detroit (City or Township) as a candidate for the office of District Court Judge, Incumbent, Regular (Title of Office/Term Expiration Date)

Leith to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on the Leith day of August, 20 24.

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Examples 14-18 invalidate the signature, not the entire sheet.

14. City/township is not within the county listed in the heading.

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224 S Michigan Ave (Street Address or Rural Route) Detroit (City or Township) as a candidate for the office of 3rd Circuit Court Judge, Incumbent, Regular (Title of Office/Term Expiration Date)

Leith to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on the Leith day of August, 20 24.

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Signature	Printed Name	Street Address or Rural Route	Name of City or Township	Zip Code	DATE OF SIGNING Month Day Year
<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>111 S Main St</u>	<u>Saginaw</u>	<u>48602</u>	<u>03/04/23</u>

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15. Signer's street address is missing or a PO Box is listed.

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224 S Michigan Ave (Street Address or Rural Route) Detroit (City or Township)

3rd Circuit (District, if any)

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Signature	Printed Name	Street Address or Rural Route	Name of City or Township	Zip Code	DATE OF SIGNING Month Day Year
<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>Jane Smith</u>	[Redacted]	<u>Detroit</u>	<u>48211</u>	<u>03 04 23</u>
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224 S Michigan Ave (Street Address or Rural Route) Detroit (City or Township)

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<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>Jane Smith</u>	<u>111 S Main St</u>	<u>Detroit</u>	<u>48211</u>	[Redacted]
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Sally Jones (Signature of Circulator) 03 04 23 (Date)

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224 S Michigan Ave (Street Address or Rural Route) Detroit (City or Township)

3rd Circuit (District, if any) to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on the 6th day of August, 2024 (Title of Office; Term Expiration Date)

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		Jane Smith	111 S Main St	Detroit	48211	03	04	23
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18. Signer put their date of birth rather than the date of signing. This would only render the entire sheet invalid if every signer entered their date of birth.

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224 S Michigan Ave (Street Address or Rural Route) Detroit (City or Township)

3rd Circuit (District, if any) to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on the 6th day of August, 2024 (Title of Office; Term Expiration Date)

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