

Petitions & Election Information For Potential Candidates Bedford Township, Michigan

(Packets should be picked up at the Bedford Township Clerk's Office)

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**PREPARING, CIRCULATING AND
FILING PETITIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE
(REGULARLY SCHEDULED ELECTIONS)**

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OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FIRST!

If you are interested in seeking a public office in Michigan, you should first contact the election official who is designated by law as responsible for receiving filings for the specific office sought. The election official will provide complete information on the applicable filing requirements and the qualifications you must meet to seek the office.

OFFICE	CONTACT
Federal or State Office (district comprised of multiple counties) Supreme Court Justice Appeals Court Judge Circuit Court Judge District Court Judge Probate District Judge	Michigan Department Of State Bureau Of Elections Post Office Box 20126 Lansing, Michigan 48901-0726 Phone: (517) 373-2540 (800) 292-5973 Fax: (517) 373-0941 Email: elections@michigan.gov
Federal or State Office (district lies within a single county) Probate Judge County Office District Library Board	County Clerk
City Office Municipal Court Judge	City Clerk
Township Office	Township Clerk
Village Office	Township Clerk <i>Note: If the village lies in two or more townships, contact the clerk of the township in which the largest number of the village's registered electors reside.</i>
School Office (district lies within a single city or township)	City or Township Clerk

OFFICE	CONTACT
School Office (district comprised of multiple cities, townships, or counties)	School District Election Coordinator (contact County Clerk for information) <i>Note: If the district lies in two or more counties, contact the clerk of the county in which the largest number of the district's registered electors reside.</i>
Metropolitan District Office	Metropolitan District Election Coordinator (contact County Clerk for information) <i>Note: If the district lies in two or more counties, contact the clerk of the county in which the largest number of the district's registered electors reside.</i>

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

State and local candidates are required to comply with the financial disclosure requirements of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), P.A. 388 of 1976, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* The designated filing official for financial disclosure reports may be the Secretary of State or County Clerk, depending on the office sought. The Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections has published a brief step-by-step guide for MCFA compliance, available [here](#). Additional information is available from your county clerk or the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections.

A candidate who seeks a school board position in a school district with a pupil enrollment count of 2,400 or less is exempt from the Act's filing requirements as long as the candidate does not spend or receive more than \$1,000.00 for the election.

Candidates who seek a federal office should contact the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463 for information regarding their financial disclosure obligations. Toll free line: (800) 424-9530. Web: www.fec.gov.

GENERAL FILING INFORMATION

Candidates with political party affiliation who seek a partisan office: A candidate affiliated with a political party who seeks a partisan office must file an Affidavit of Identity and a Partisan Nominating Petition which bears the required number of valid signatures. If the petition is sufficient, the candidate's name is placed on the primary ballot. The following exceptions apply:

- A candidate affiliated with a major political party (Republican Party or Democratic Party) who seeks the office of State Senator, State Representative, or a county office may pay a \$100.00 fee in lieu of filing a nominating petition. (The fee is refunded to the nominated candidate and the runner up candidate.)
- A candidate affiliated with a major political party (Republican Party or Democratic Party) who seeks the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regent, Michigan State University Trustee or Wayne State University Governor must be nominated to the office at the party's state convention. A nominating petition cannot be filed. Candidates nominated for these offices are placed on the general election ballot.
- A candidate affiliated with a minor political party that is authorized by law to appear on the general election ballot – but not on the primary ballot – must seek nomination at the minor party's nominating convention or caucus. A nominating petition cannot be filed. Such candidates must file the Certificate of Acceptance in addition to the Affidavit of Identity. Candidates nominated by a minor political party are placed on the general election ballot.

Candidates without political party affiliation who seek a partisan office: A candidate who is not affiliated with a political party who seeks a partisan office must file an Affidavit of Identity and a qualifying petition which bears the required number of valid signatures. If the petition is sufficient, the candidate's name is placed on the general election ballot.

Candidates who seek a non-partisan office: A candidate who seeks a non-partisan office must file an Affidavit of Identity and a Non-Partisan Nominating Petition which bears the required number of valid signatures. If the petition is sufficient, the candidate's name is placed on the primary ballot if a primary is held for the office sought. If a primary is not held for the office sought, the candidate's name is placed on the general election ballot. The following exceptions apply:

- An incumbent judge who is running for re-election to the office he or she holds may file an Affidavit of Candidacy in lieu of a nominating petition.
- A candidate who seeks the office of Supreme Court Justice must be nominated at a party convention. As an alternative, an incumbent Supreme Court Justice who is running for re-election may file an Affidavit of Candidacy - Supreme Court Justice; a

non-incumbent candidate may file a qualifying petition. Candidates nominated to the office of Supreme Court Justice are placed on the general election ballot.

- A candidate who seeks a judicial office and is not an incumbent must also file the Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification or Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification - Supreme Court Justice.
- A candidate who seeks a local school board position, an intermediate school board position, or a community college trustee position may pay a nonrefundable \$100.00 fee in lieu of filing a nominating petition.
- A candidate who seeks a position on the city library board, township library board, or village library board or a position on the district library board may pay a nonrefundable \$100.00 fee in lieu of filing a nominating petition.

PETITION FORMS

All petitions used by candidates must be in the format prescribed by the Michigan Election Law, P.A. 116 of 1954, MCL 168.1 *et seq.* Petition forms are available from county and local election officials. Upon request, the election official will provide a reasonable number of petition sheets at no charge. Petition forms may also be purchased from commercial suppliers that produce election materials.

The different types of petitions provided for candidates are described below. Candidates must use the proper petition form. The use of the wrong petition form can result in the candidate's disqualification.

Countywide Partisan Nominating Petition: May be used by any major party candidate who seeks a partisan office. Exception: The form cannot be used by a candidate who seeks the office of County Commissioner.

City/Township Partisan Nominating Petition: May be used by any major party candidate who seeks a partisan office. Must be used by a major party candidate who seeks the office of County Commissioner.

Countywide Qualifying Petition: May be used by any candidate without political party affiliation who seeks a partisan office. Exception: The form cannot be used by a candidate who seeks the office of County Commissioner.

City/Township Qualifying Petition: May be used by any candidate without political party affiliation who seeks a partisan office. Must be used by a candidate without party affiliation who seeks the office of County Commissioner.

Countywide Non-Partisan Nominating Petition: May be used by any candidate who seeks a nonpartisan office. Exceptions: The form cannot 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.

City/Township Non-Partisan Nominating Petition: May be used by any candidate who seeks a nonpartisan office. Exceptions: The form cannot be used by any candidate who seeks a school board position, intermediate school board position or community college trustee position.

Village Non-Partisan Nominating Petition: Use restricted to candidates who seek a village office.

School Nominating Petition: Use restricted to candidates who seek a school board position. Specially designed versions of the petition form are available for candidates who seek a position on an intermediate school board or a community college board of trustees.

Metropolitan District Nominating Petition: Use restricted to candidates who seek a metropolitan district office.

PETITION CIRCULATORS

Individuals who circulate nominating and qualifying petitions are no longer required to reside or be registered to vote in Michigan.

However, petition circulators who are not residents of Michigan must mark the nonresident box in the Certificate of Circulator and provide their county of registration (if registered to vote in their home state). A petition sheet is invalid and none of the signatures affixed to the sheet shall be counted as valid if the circulator is not a resident of Michigan and fails to mark the nonresident box in the Certificate of Circulator.

PREPARATION OF PETITION SHEETS

All offices: The heading of each petition sheet must include the candidate's name, address, political party affiliation (if required), the office sought, the district served by the office (if any), the date of the election, and any other required information.

Judicial offices: In addition to the above, petitions circulated by candidates seeking a judicial office must bear the appropriate designation (listed below) to indicate the particular position sought by the candidate:

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

* Note: A candidate must include the term expiration date if more than one partial term will be filled at the election. The phrase "partial term" is used to refer to a judicial position which will be filled at an election for less than the full term.

Obtaining information on judicial office designations: Under the Michigan Election Law, if a candidate for Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, District Court Judge, Probate Court Judge or Probate District Court Judge seeks election in a district where there are a combination of "new" positions, "incumbent" positions, and/or "nonincumbent" positions to fill, he or she must apply to the Department of State's Bureau of Elections for a "written statement of office designation to correspond to the judgeship sought by the candidate."

Positions are designated as follows:

- A judicial position will be designated as an "incumbent" position if: 1) there is an incumbent judge who is eligible to seek re-election to the position, and 2) the deadline for an incumbent judge to file the Affidavit of Candidacy has not yet elapsed. (The designation will remain "incumbent" position if the incumbent judge files the Affidavit of Candidacy by the filing deadline.)
- A judicial position will be designated as a "nonincumbent" position if an incumbent judge who is otherwise eligible for re-election does not file an Affidavit of Candidacy for re-election by the deadline. In this situation, the Bureau of Elections must: 1) Re-designate the position as a "nonincumbent" position, and 2) Notify all candidates who are known to be seeking election to the office that a "nonincumbent" position exists. It is important to note that all nominating petition sheets circulated for the "nonincumbent" position subsequent to the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline "shall bear an office designation of nonincumbent position. Any signatures collected *prior* to the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline "may be filed with the nonincumbent nominating petitions." Note: the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline elapses 134 days prior to the date of the August primary election.

PETITION CIRCULATION

The following summary provides general information on the procedures for circulating a nominating or qualifying petition. For additional information regarding the standards used to judge the sufficiency of petitions, contact the election official who is designated by law as responsible for receiving filings for the specific office sought.

- Before circulating a **countywide petition sheet**, the circulator must enter the county of circulation in the space provided at the top of the sheet. All voters who sign the sheet must be registered to vote within the county listed in the heading. Only one county can be listed on a sheet.
- Before circulating a **city/township, village, school, or metropolitan district petition sheet**, the circulator must enter the county and the city, township or village of circulation in the space provided at the top of the sheet. All voters who sign the sheet must be registered to vote within the city, township or village listed in the heading. Only one county and one city, township or village can be listed on a sheet. If listing a city or township that shares its name with another city or township in the county, the circulator must indicate whether the jurisdiction listed is the "city" or the "township."
- A petition sheet must be circulated by a single person.
- The circulator must complete and date the certificate at the bottom of the sheet after gathering the last signature he or she intends to collect on the sheet. Signatures on a petition sheet which are dated after the date on the circulator's certificate are invalid.
- Special note for nonresident circulators only: A petition sheet is invalid if the circulator is not a resident of Michigan and fails to mark the nonresident box in the certificate of circulator.

PETITION SIGNERS

Each petition signer must affix his or her signature and name (cursive and printed); street address or rural route number; Zip Code; and the date on which the signer's signature was affixed to the petition sheet.

- The signers of a **countywide petition** must be registered to vote in the county and electoral district listed in the heading of the petition sheet. The signers must also be registered to vote in the city or township preceding the signature. If listing a city or township that shares its name with another city or township in the county, the signer must indicate whether the jurisdiction listed is the "city" or the "township." If the signer lives in a city that lies in multiple counties, the circulator must make sure the

signer affixes his or her signature on a petition sheet which lists the signer's county of residence.

- The signers of a **city/township, village, school, or metropolitan district petition** must be registered to vote in the city, township or village and electoral district listed in the heading of the petition sheet. If the signer lives in a city, village or school district that lies in multiple counties, the circulator must make sure that the signer affixes his or her signature on a petition sheet which lists the signer's county of residence.
- While it is not necessary for petition signers to sign their name exactly as it appears on their voter registration record, petition signers should be encouraged to do so. This will assist election officials in verifying the signer's registration status.
- A person cannot sign a petition on behalf of another person, sign a petition more than once, or sign more petitions for the same office than there are persons to be elected to the office.
- All signatures on a petition sheet must be obtained in a face-to-face exchange with the petition circulator. A circulator cannot leave a petition unattended.

ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

- The law establishes a maximum number of signatures which may be submitted and considered in determining whether a petition contains a sufficient number of valid signatures. Further information can be obtained by contacting the election official who is designated by law as responsible for receiving filings for the specific office sought.
- In addition to containing the required number of valid signatures, a nominating petition filed for the offices of **Governor or U.S. Senator** must be signed by at least 100 registered electors in each of at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of the congressional districts in the state.
- In addition to containing the required number of valid signatures, a qualifying petition filed for the offices of **U.S. Senator, Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regent, Michigan State University Trustee, Wayne State University Governor, or Supreme Court Justice** must be signed by at least 100 registered electors in each of at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of the congressional districts in the state.
- All signatures submitted on a qualifying petition must have been collected within a 180 day period immediately preceding the date of filing; signatures which are dated more than 180 days prior to the date of filing are invalid.

ADDITIONAL FILING REQUIREMENTS

The election official with whom you file can supply you with any of the required affidavits described below upon request.

Affidavit of Identity: All candidates must submit an Affidavit of Identity in duplicate when filing for office. Candidates who fail to file this form are ineligible to appear on the ballot. The Michigan Election Law requires any candidate filing an Affidavit of Identity to certify under penalty of perjury that on 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.” Exceptions: The campaign finance compliance statement is not required of candidates seeking the offices of U.S. Senator or U.S. Representative in Congress. In addition, a candidate seeking the office of school board member in a district having 2,400 or fewer pupils is not required to complete the campaign finance compliance statement as long as the candidate spends or receives \$1,000.00 or less for the election. (Note: the school board exemption does not apply if candidate spends or receives over \$1,000.00 for the election.)

Affidavit of Candidacy: An incumbent judge who is running for re-election to the office he or she holds may submit an Affidavit of Candidacy or Affidavit of Candidacy - Supreme Court Justice in lieu of a nominating petition.

Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification: A candidate who files a petition for a judicial office must submit an Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification or Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification - Supreme Court Justice (one copy) when filing for the office.

Certificate of Acceptance: A candidate nominated by a minor political party that is authorized by law to appear on the general election ballot must file the Certificate of Acceptance.

Gubernatorial Candidates: A candidate without political party affiliation who seeks the office of Governor is required to comply with additional filing requirements related to his or her candidacy. For complete information, contact the Michigan Department of State’s Bureau of Elections in Lansing.

Post-Election Campaign Finance Compliance Statement: The Michigan Election Law requires any candidate elected to office on the state, county or local level to file an affidavit certifying under penalty of perjury that on 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.” The Compliance Affidavit - Post-Election must be filed before assuming office. Exceptions: the affidavit is not required of an elected candidate who 1) is exempt from the filing requirements of Michigan’s Campaign Finance Act or 2) did not receive or expend more than \$1,000.00 during the election cycle.

THE FINAL CHECK BEFORE FILING

Before filing, carefully review each petition sheet for errors and defects. You may find that additional signatures are needed!

- If a signature is invalid for any reason, strike the signature by using a pen or marker to cross out the entire entry (city/township where registered – if applicable; signature; printed name; street address or rural route; Zip Code; and date of signing).
- If the circulator did not complete the Certificate of Circulator, remove the sheet from the filing as the entire sheet is invalid.
- If you are filing more than one petition, make sure that sheets from one filing are not mixed in with another filing.
- If the petition sheets have detachable stubs with instructions or advertising, remove the stubs before filing the petitions.

MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHERE AND WHEN TO FILE. LATE FILINGS ARE NOT ACCEPTED!

Petitions and affidavits are due on the date and at the time specified by law. Any filings that are tendered after the applicable deadline will be rejected and the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot.

Petitions and affidavits must be submitted to the election official designated by law as responsible for receiving filings for the specific office sought. Any filings that are presented to the wrong election official will be rejected and the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot.

If you want a copy of your petition, copy it before you file. The filing official with whom you file may not have available staff or the equipment needed to make a copy of your petition for you.

IMPORTANT

The information in this brochure is offered as a summary of the provisions which govern the preparation, circulation and filing of petitions for public office; it is not a complete description of the governing laws. If any errors are found, it the law, itself, which must be followed. Questions may be addressed to:

Michigan Department of State
Bureau of Elections
P.O. Box 20126
Lansing, Michigan 48901-0726
Telephone: (517) 373-2540 or (800) 292-5973
Fax: (517) 373-0941

Email: elections@michigan.gov
Web: www.michigan.gov/elections



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SUMMARY CALENDAR FOR CANDIDATE AND PROPOSAL DEADLINES

August 2, 2016 Primary and November 8, 2016 General Election

Important Dates and Filing Deadlines

Refer to Michigan compiled law for cited provisions (www.michiganlegislature.org.) Dates are subject to change through legislative action. If any errors are found, it is the law, itself, which must be followed.

Election Dates

August 2, 2016	State Primary
November 8, 2016	State General Election

Registration Deadlines

July 5, 2016	Last day to register for August primary. (168.497)
Oct. 11, 2016	Last day to register for November general election. (168.497)

Filing Deadlines: Candidates

By 5:00 p.m., March 21, 2016	Incumbent Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court judges file Affidavit of Candidacy and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 24. (168.409b, 413a, 414, 433a, 434, 467c and 467d)
By 4:00 p.m., April 19, 2016	Candidates seeking Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court or Probate Court judgeships file nominating petitions, Affidavit of Identity and Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on April 22. (168.409b, 409c, 413, 414, 433, 434, 467b and 467d)
By 4:00 p.m., April 19, 2016	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) file nominating petitions (or fees if applicable) and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on April 22. (168.53, 93, 133 and 163 for federal and state-level offices; assorted other statutes for local offices)
By 4:00 p.m., May 3, 2016	Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) file an Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Filing submitted to the clerk of the county in which candidate resides. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 6. (168.624, 624a)
By 4:00 p.m., May 10, 2016	Candidates seeking a Wayne County Community College Trustee position file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 13. (389.83)
By 5:00 p.m., July 5, 2016	Incumbent Supreme Court Justices file Affidavit of Identity and Affidavit of Candidacy forms for the November general election. (168.392a and 558)

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

168.544f Number of signatures required.

Sec. 544f.

The number of signatures of qualified and registered electors necessary for nominating petitions under this act, based upon the population of the district involved according to the most recent federal census, is as follows:

Partisan		Non Partisan		Qualifying		
Petition	Petition	Petition	Petition	Petition	Petition	
Population	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
0 - 9,999	3	10	6	20	9	30
10,000 - 24,999	20	50	40	100	60	150
25,000 - 49,999	50	100	100	200	150	300
50,000 - 74,999	100	200	200	400	300	600
75,000 - 99,999	200	400	400	800	600	1,200
100,000 - 199,999	300	500	600	1,000	900	1,500
200,000 - 499,999	500	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,500	3,000
500,000 - 999,999	1,000	2,000	2,000	4,000	3,000	6,000
1,000,000 - 1,999,999	2,000	4,000	4,000	8,000	6,000	12,000
2,000,000 - 4,999,999	4,000	8,000	6,200	12,000	12,000	24,000
Over 5 million (statewide)	15,000	30,000	30,000	60,000	30,000	60,000

History: Add. 1999, Act 218, Eff. Mar. 10, 2000
Popular Name: Election Code

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Michigan Compiled Laws Complete Through PA 2 of 2008
Courtesy of www.legislature.mi.gov

PLEASE COMPLETE SECTIONS I, II, III AND IV BELOW (Print or Type) – See Reverse Side for Important Notifications

*Not applicable to School Board Candidates

AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY

All candidates seeking elective office in Michigan must submit an Affidavit of Identity (two copies) when filing. A candidate who fails to file Affidavits of Identity as required is ineligible to appear on the ballot (MCL 168.558 as amended under PA 163 of 2002).

A. CHANGE OF NAME

Michigan election law, MCL 168.558, stipulates that a candidate who is "not using a name, whether a given name, a surname, or otherwise, that is not a name that he or she was given at birth" must indicate his or her full former name on the Affidavit of Identity. The requirement to indicate a name change on the Affidavit of Identity does *not* apply if:

- The candidate's name was formally changed 10 or more years ago.
- The candidate's name was changed in a Certificate of Naturalization issued by a federal district court 10 or more years ago.
- The candidate's name was changed because of marriage.
- The candidate's name was changed through divorce to a "legal name by which the individual was previously known."

Michigan election law provides that a candidate required to indicate a name change on the Affidavit of Identity must be listed on the ballot "with his or her current name and former name as prescribed by the Secretary of State." (MCL 168.560b)

B. APPEARANCE OF NAME ON BALLOT

Michigan election law provides the following stipulations regarding the manner in which a candidate can have his or her name printed on the ballot:

- A candidate "may specify that both his or her given name and middle name, or only a middle name, shall appear on the ballot."
- A candidate "may specify that either an initial or a recognized diminutive for the candidate's given name or middle name, or for both, shall appear on the ballot."
- A candidate may *not* use a "nickname that is not a recognized diminutive of the candidate's given name or middle name" on the ballot.
- A married person may *not* use his or her spouse's given name, middle name or a diminutive of his or her spouse's given name or middle name on the ballot.
- A candidate may specify a name that constitutes a common law name in accordance with Michigan Department of State Guidelines.

C. MAILING ADDRESS

A candidate who wishes to receive communications from the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections at an address other than his or her residential address should enter a "mailing address" where indicated. (Note: A candidate may list a P.O. Box for his or her "mailing address"; a candidate may *not* list a P.O. Box for his or her residential address.)

If a "mailing address" is listed, it will be shown on the candidate listings prepared and distributed by the Bureau. If a "mailing address" is *not* listed, the candidate's residential address will be shown on the candidate listings prepared and distributed by the Bureau. All candidate listings prepared by the Bureau are posted on the Bureau's website for public access.

D. JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Place a check in the box before "Incumbent Position" if the candidate is seeking a judicial office for which the incumbent is seeking reelection. Place a check in the box before "Non-Incumbent Position" if the candidate is seeking a judicial office for which the incumbent is *not* seeking reelection. Place a check in the box before "New Judgeship" if the candidate is seeking a newly created judicial seat.

E. CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACT COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Do not sign or submit this affidavit unless you are able to agree with the facts set forth in the "Campaign Finance Compliance Statement" which appears under Section IV on the reverse side of this form. If you need information on your current compliance status under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, contact the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections and/or the appropriate county clerks as necessary.

Candidates who are exempt from Michigan's Campaign Finance Act are limited to those individuals who seek 1) the office of U.S. Senator or U.S. Representative in Congress 2) a precinct delegate position and 3) a school board position in a district with a pupil count of 2,400 or less. (School board position exemption does not apply if candidate spends or receives over \$1,000.00 for election.)

For information concerning your campaign finance filing obligations, the following resources are provided:

- Candidates running for a federal position should contact the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. Toll free line: 800.424.9530. Website: www.fec.gov
- Candidates running for a state or judicial position should contact the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections, PO Box 20126, Lansing, Michigan 48901-0726. Phone (517)373-2540. Website: www.michigan.gov/elections
- Candidates running for a local position should contact their local County Clerk's office.

F. WITHDRAWAL OF FILING

Candidates who wish to withdraw a filing submitted for an elective office must submit a written withdrawal statement to their filing official no later than the third day after the applicable filing deadline.

For more information regarding filing for office, visit the Michigan Department of State – Bureau of Elections website at www.michigan.gov/elections and click on Information for Candidates or use the QR code to the right.



NOMINATING PETITION
(CITY/TOWNSHIP PARTISAN)

We, the undersigned, registered and qualified voters of City
Township of
[STRIKE ONE]
, in the County of
, and State of Michigan,

nominate,
(Name of Candidate)
(Street Address or Rural Route)
(City or Township)

as a candidate of the
Party for the office of
(Title of Office / Term Expiration Date)
(District, if any)
to be voted for at the Primary Election

to be held on the
day of
, 20

WARNING - A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY SIGNS MORE PETITIONS FOR THE SAME OFFICE THAN THERE ARE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE,
SIGNS A PETITION MORE THAN ONCE, OR SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN IS VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW.

Table with 6 columns: SIGNATURE, PRINTED NAME, STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE, ZIP CODE, and DATE OF SIGNING (Month, Day, Year). It contains 12 numbered rows for signatures.

CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 18 years of age or older and a United States citizen; that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence; that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the City or Township listed in the heading of the petition, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

[] If the circulator is not a resident of Michigan, the circulator shall make a cross [x] or check mark [v] in the box provided, otherwise each signature on this petition sheet is invalid and the signatures will not be counted by a filing official. By making a cross or check mark in the box provided, the undersigned circulator asserts that he or she is not a resident of Michigan and agrees to accept the jurisdiction of this state for the purpose of any legal proceeding or hearing that concerns a petition sheet executed by the circulator and agrees that legal process served on the Secretary of State or a designated agent of the Secretary of State has the same effect as if personally served on the circulator.

CIRCULATOR - DO NOT SIGN OR DATE
CERTIFICATE UNTIL AFTER CIRCULATING PETITION.

(Signature of Circulator)
(Date)

(Printed Name of Circulator)

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

(City or Township, State, Zip Code)

(County of Registration, if Registered to Vote, of a Circulator who is not a Resident of Michigan)

WARNING-A CIRCULATOR KNOWINGLY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT IN THE ABOVE CERTIFICATE, A PERSON NOT A CIRCULATOR WHO SIGNS AS A CIRCULATOR, OR A PERSON WHO SIGNS A NAME OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN AS CIRCULATOR IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

READ BEFORE CIRCULATING PETITION

The validity of signatures placed on this petition may be affected if the following is not observed.

Complete the heading of the petition before circulating it.

- Enter the city or township and county where the petition will be circulated. Indicate whether the jurisdiction listed is a "city" or a "township." Do not list more than one city or township.
- Enter the candidate's complete name and address, the office the candidate seeks, the term expiration date and the candidate's political party. Include the district number of the office if there is one.
- Enter the date of the primary election.

Make sure that all signers properly complete the petition.

- Each signer must be registered to vote in the city or township listed in the heading.
- Each signer must sign and print his or her first and last name. ¹
- Each signer must enter his or her full address. A rural route number is acceptable. A post office box is not acceptable.
- Each signer must enter his or her Zip Code. ²
- Each signer must date his or her signature with the month, day and year.

Complete the circulator's certificate after circulating the petition.

- Sign and print your full name and enter the month, day and year. ¹ Signatures on the petition which are dated after the date on the circulator's certificate are invalid.
- Enter your complete residence address (street and number or rural route - do not enter a P.O. Box), city or township, state, and zip code. ²
- If you do not reside in Michigan, enter your county of registration if you are registered to vote in your home state, and make a cross or a check mark in the box that precedes the final paragraph of the circulator certificate statement on the left side of the form.

Circulate the petition properly.

- Do not fail to question signers on their city or township of registration.
- Do not complete the heading of the petition after signatures have been affixed on the petition.
- Do not leave the petition unattended.

¹The failure of the circulator or an elector who signs the petition to print his or her name or to print his or her name in the proper location does not affect the validity of the circulator's or signer's signature. However, a printed name located in the space designated for printed names does not constitute the signature of the circulator or elector.

²The failure of the circulator or an elector who signs the petition to enter a Zip Code or to enter his or her correct Zip Code does not affect the validity of the circulator's or signer's signature.



STATE OF MICHIGAN
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

2015 and 2016 Campaign Finance Filing Schedule

Overview of Statements and Reports Owed by Committees

- **Candidate Committees** registered with the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections (State Level) or are registered with a county clerk's office (Local Level) are required to file:
 - Annual Campaign Statements
 - Pre Election and Post Election Campaign Statements for elections where the candidate appears on the ballot or spends or receives money to influence voters in a write-in campaign
 - Pre-Election and Post-Election Campaign Statements for party conventions or caucus' where the candidate seeks nomination.
 - Quarterly Campaign Statements due in July and October of years in which the candidate is not on the ballot.
 - Late Contribution Reports (See Appendix G)
- **PACs** including Super PACs registered with the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections (State Level) are required to file:
 - Quarterly Campaign Statements in February, April, July and October
 - Late Contribution Reports (See Appendix G)
 - Special Election Independent Expenditure Reports (See Appendix G)
- **Caucus PACs** registered with the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections (State Level) are required to file:
 - Quarterly Campaign Statements in January, April, July and October
 - Late Contribution Reports (See Appendix G)
 - Special Election Independent Expenditure Reports (See Appendix G)
 - 24 Hour Reports (Caucus Committees Only) (See Appendix G)
- **PACs** including Super PACs registered with a county clerk's office (Local Level) are required to file:
 - Annual Campaign Statements
 - Pre-Election and/or Post-Election Campaign Statements for elections where the committee spends money to influence voters
 - Quarterly Campaign Statements due in July and October of years in which the committee does not support or oppose candidates on the ballot during the calendar year.
 - Late Contribution Reports (See Appendix G)

- **Political Party Committees (Democratic Party, Republican Party and Minor Parties WITH ballot access in Michigan)** registered with the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections (State Level) are required to file:
 - Annual Campaign Statements
 - Pre Election and/or Post Election Campaign Statements for elections where the committee spends money to influence voters
 - Quarterly Campaign Statements due in July and October of years in which the committee does not support or oppose candidates on the ballot during the calendar year.
 - Late Contribution Reports (See Appendix G)
- **Political Party Committees (WITHOUT ballot access in Michigan)** registered with the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections (State Level) are required to file:
 - Quarterly Campaign Statements in January, April, July and October
 - Late Contribution Reports (See Appendix G)
 Contact the Bureau of Elections for specific filing dates.
- **Ballot Question Committees** registered with the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections (State Level) or are registered with a county clerk's office (Local Level) are required to file:
 - Annual Campaign Statements
 - Quarterly Campaign Statements in February, April, July of every year and October Quarterly Campaign Statements in odd years only
 - Pre Election and Post Election Campaign Statements for elections where the committee spends money to influence voters
 - Late Contribution Reports (See Appendix G)
 - Ballot Question Committees on the State Level are also required to file a Petition Proposal Statement once a petition proposal is filed under MCL 168.483a (Michigan Election Law). This statement is not waived by the Reporting Waiver.
- **Political Party Conventions committees and candidates (excluding State PACs)** that participate in a Political Party Convention are be required to file:
 - Pre-Election Campaign Statements
 - Post-Election Campaign Statements
 - Late Contribution Reports (See Appendix G)

Definition of an Election

An election includes a primary, general, special, millage or recall election held in this state or a convention or caucus of a political party held in this state to nominate a candidate.

A Political Party **Convention or Caucus** is an election therefore pre and post election campaign statements must be filed for committees that participate in a convention. The dates for conventions during even years are included to the extent that they are known by this office. This document will be updated as the additional dates are known.

Waived Campaign Statements

Committees that maintain a Reporting Waiver are not required to file Annual Campaign Statements, Pre and Post Election Campaign Statements or Quarterly Campaign Statements. **Late Contribution Reports and Petition Proposal Campaign Statements are not waived by the Reporting Waiver.**

An Annual Campaign Statement is not required of a committee

- that has been granted a Reporting Waiver,
- that files a Post Election Campaign Statement due in December,
- of an incumbent judge/justice or
- of an officer whose salary is less than \$100.00 a month and whose committee has had no activity.

Due Dates and Deadlines

All campaign statements are due no later than **5:00 p.m.** on the due date. Campaign statements and Late Contribution Reports due dates are calculated based on the requirements set out by the MCFA and are detailed in the chart contained in this document. Committees are encouraged to contact your filing official if your committee participates in a primary, general, political party convention/caucus or other election not provided in this document for the applicable filing deadlines. Calculate due dates for an election not covered in this document using the formula outlined below.

Statement	Pre and Post Election Campaign Statements	
	Close of Books	Statement is Due
Pre-Election	16 days before election date	11 days before election date
Post-Election	20 days following election date	30 days following election date
Late Contribution Reports	Period begins the day following the close of books and ends the 3 rd day before the election	48 hours after receipt

Questions? If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. The address below should also be used for first class mail, registered mail or certified mail.

Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections
Post Office Box 20126
Lansing, Michigan 48901-0726
Phone: 517-373-2540

Email: Disclosure@Michigan.gov
Follow us on Twitter @MichCFR

If you would like to visit our office or use an overnight delivery service, the address below is provided.

Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor
430 West Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan 48933

CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

Candidate Committees registered with the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections (State Level) or are registered with a county clerk's office (Local Level) are required to file:

- Annual Campaign Statements
- Pre Election and Post Election Campaign Statements for elections where the candidate appears on the ballot or spends or receives money to influence voters in a write-in campaign
- Pre-Election and Post-Election Campaign Statements for party conventions or caucus' where the candidate seeks nomination (See **Political Party Convention** dates for applicable filing dates)
- Quarterly Campaign Statements due in July and October of years in which the candidate is not on the ballot.
- Late Contribution Reports (See Appendix G)

Will the candidate's name appear on a ballot during the calendar year?

- **Yes, the candidate will appear on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year; See 2015 Schedule A**
- **No, the candidate will not appear on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year; See 2015 Schedule B:**
- **Yes, the candidate will appear on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year; See 2016 Schedule A**
- **No, the candidate will not appear on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year; See 2016 Schedule B**

2015 Schedule A

Yes, the candidate will appear on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2014	February 2, 2015

February 24, 2015 Election

Pre-Election	February 8	February 13
Post-Election	March 16	March 26
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Feb. 9 – Feb. 21	48 hours after receipt

May 5, 2015 Election

Pre-Election	April 19	April 24
Post-Election	May 25	June 4
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: April 20 – May 2	48 hours after receipt

August 4, 2015 Primary Election

Pre-Election	July 19	July 24
Post-Election	August 24	September 3
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: July 20 – August 1	48 hours after receipt

November 3, 2015 General Election

Pre-Election	October 18	October 23
Post-Election	November 23	December 3
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Oct. 19 – Oct. 31	48 hours after receipt

2015 Schedule B**No, the candidate will not appear on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year**

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2014	February 2, 2015
July Statement	July 20	July 27
October Statement	October 20	October 26

2016 Schedule A**Yes, the candidate will appear on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year**

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2015	February 1, 2016

February 23, 2016 Election

Pre-Election	February 7	February 12
Post-Election	March 14	March 24
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Feb. 8 – Feb. 20	48 hours after receipt

May 3, 2016 Election

Pre-Election	April 17	April 22
Post-Election	May 23	June 2
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Apr. 18 – Apr. 30	48 hours after receipt

August 2, 2016 Primary Election

Pre-Election	July 17	July 22
Post-Election	August 22	September 1
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: July 27 – July 30	48 hours after receipt

November 8, 2016 General Election

Pre-Election	October 23	October 28
Post-Election	November 28	December 8
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Oct. 24 – Nov. 5	48 hours after receipt

2016 Schedule B**No, the candidate will not appear on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year**

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2015	February 1, 2016
July Statement	July 20	July 25
October Statement	October 20	October 25

PACS ON STATE LEVEL 2015 and 2016

PACs including Super PACs registered with the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections (State Level) are required to file:

- o Quarterly Campaign Statements in February, April, July and October
- o Late Contribution Reports (See [Appendix G](#))
- o Special Election Independent Expenditure Reports (See [Appendix G](#))

2015 Quarterly Statements

Statement	Close of Books	Due
February Statement	February 10	February 17
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Feb. 11 – Feb. 21	48 hours after receipt

April Statement	April 20	April 27
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Apr. 21 – May 2	48 hours after receipt

July Statement	July 20	July 27
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: July 21 – August 1	48 hours after receipt

October Statement	October 20	October 26
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Oct. 21 – Oct. 31	48 hours after receipt

2016 Quarterly Statements

February Statement	February 10	February 16
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Feb. 11 – Feb. 20	48 hours after receipt

April Statement	April 20	April 25
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Apr. 21 – Apr 30	48 hours after receipt

July Statement	July 20	July 25
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: July 21 – July 30	48 hours after receipt

October Statement	October 20	October 25
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Oct. 21 – Nov. 5	48 hours after receipt

CAUCUS PACS ON STATE LEVEL 2015 and 2016

Caucus PACs registered with the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections (State Level) are required to file:

- Quarterly Campaign Statements in January, April, July and October
- Late Contribution Reports (See Appendix G)
- Special Election Independent Expenditure Reports (See Appendix G)
- 24 Hour Reports (Caucus Committees Only) (See Appendix G)

2015 Quarterly Statements

Statement	Close of Books	Due
January Statement	December 31, 2014	February 2, 2015
Late Contribution Reports	N/A	N/A

April Statement	April 20	April 27
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Apr. 21 – May 2	48 hours after receipt

July Statement	July 20	July 27
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: July 21 – August 1	48 hours after receipt

October Statement	October 20	October 26
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Oct. 21 – Oct. 31	48 hours after receipt

2016 Quarterly Campaign Statements

January Statement	December 31, 2015	February 1, 2016
Late Contribution Reports	N/A	N/A

April Statement	April 20	April 25
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Apr. 21 – Apr 30	48 hours after receipt

July Statement	July 20	July 25
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: July 21 – July 30	48 hours after receipt

October Statement	October 20	October 25
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Oct. 21 – Nov. 5	48 hours after receipt

PACS ON LOCAL LEVEL 2015 and 2016

PACs including Super PACs registered with a county clerk's office (Local Level) are required to file:

- Annual Campaign Statements
- Pre Election and/or Post Election Campaign Statements for elections where the committee spends money to influence voters
- Quarterly Campaign Statements due in July and October of years in which the committee does not support or oppose candidates on the ballot during the calendar year.
- Late Contribution Reports (See Appendix G)

Will the committee support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot during the calendar year?

- Yes, the committee will support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year; See 2015 Schedule A
- No, the committee will not support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year; See 2015 Schedule B
- Yes, the committee will support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year; See 2016 Schedule A
- No, the committee will not support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year; See 2016 Schedule B

2015 Schedule A

Yes, the committee will support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2014	February 2, 2015

February 24, 2015 Election

Pre-Election	February 8	February 13
Post-Election	March 16	March 26
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May 5, 2015 Election

Pre-Election	April 19	April 24
Post-Election	May 25	June 4
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August 4, 2015 Primary Election

Pre-Election	July 19	July 24
Post-Election	August 24	September 3
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: July 20 – August 1	48 hours after receipt

November 3, 2015 General Election

Pre-Election	October 18	October 23
Post-Election	November 23	December 3
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Oct. 19 – Oct. 31	48 hours after receipt

2015 Schedule B

No, the committee will not support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2014	February 2, 2015
July Statement	July 20	July 27
October Statement	October 20	October 26

2016 Schedule A

Yes, the committee support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2015	February 1, 2016

February 23, 2016 Election

Pre-Election	February 7	February 12
Post-Election	March 14	March 24
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Feb. 8 – Feb. 20	48 hours after receipt

May 3, 2016 Election

Pre-Election	April 17	April 22
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August 2, 2016 Primary Election

Pre-Election	July 17	July 22
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Late Contribution Reports	Period from: July 18 – July 30	48 hours after receipt

November 8, 2016 General Election

Pre-Election	October 23	October 28
Post-Election	November 28	December 8
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Oct. 24 – Nov. 5	48 hours after receipt

2016 Schedule B

No, the committee will not support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2015	February 1, 2016
July Statement	July 20	July 25
October Statement	October 20	October 25

POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES 2015 and 2016

Political Party Committees (Democratic Party, Republican Party and Minor Parties WITH ballot access in Michigan) registered with the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections (State Level) are required to file:

- Annual Campaign Statements
- Pre Election and/or Post Election Campaign Statements for elections where the committee spends money to influence voters
- Pre Election and/or Post Convention/Caucus Campaign Statements for elections where the committee spends money to influence voters
- Quarterly Campaign Statements due in July and October of years in which the committee does not support or oppose candidates on the ballot during the calendar year. (NEW!)
- Late Contribution Reports (See Appendix G)

Will the committee support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot during the calendar year?

- Yes, the party committee will support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year; See 2015 Schedule A
- No, the party committee will not support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year; See 2015 Schedule
- Yes, the party committee will support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year; See 2016 Schedule A
- No, the party committee will not support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year; See 2016 Schedule B

2015 Schedule A

Yes, the party committee will support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2014	February 2, 2015

February 24, 2015 Election

Pre-Election	February 8	February 13
Post-Election	March 16	March 26
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Feb. 9 – Feb. 21	48 hours after receipt

May 5, 2015 Election

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November 3, 2015 General Election

Pre-Election	October 18	October 23
Post-Election	November 23	December 3
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Oct. 19 – Oct. 31	48 hours after receipt

2015 Schedule B

No, the party committee will not support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2014	February 2, 2015
July Statement	July 20	July 27
October Statement	October 20	October 26

2016 Schedule A

Yes, the party committee support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2015	February 1, 2016

February 23, 2016 Election

Pre-Election	February 7	February 12
Post-Election	March 14	March 24
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Feb. 8 – Feb. 20	48 hours after receipt

May 3, 2016 Election

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Pre-Election	October 23	October 28
Post-Election	November 28	December 8
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Oct. 24 – Nov. 5	48 hours after receipt

2016 Schedule B

No, the party committee will not support or oppose a candidate appearing on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2015	February 1, 2016
July Statement	July 20	July 25
October Statement	October 20	October 25

Political Party Committees that are attempting ballot access in Michigan must contact the Bureau of Elections at 517-335-2790 or email us at Disclosure@Michigan.gov for a detailed filing schedule.

BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEES 2015 and 2016

Ballot Question Committees registered with the Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections (State Level) or are registered with a county clerk's office (Local Level) are required to file:

- Annual Campaign Statements
- Quarterly Campaign Statements in February, April, July and October
- Pre Election and Post Election Campaign Statements for elections where the committee spends money to influence voters
- Late Contribution Reports (See Appendix G)

Ballot Question Committees registered on the State Level are also required to file a Petition Proposal Statement once a petition proposal is filed under MCL 168.483a (Michigan Election Law). This statement is not waived by the Reporting Waiver.

Will the committee support or oppose a ballot proposal appearing on a ballot during the calendar year?

- **Yes, the party committee will support or oppose a ballot proposal appearing on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year; See 2015 Schedule A**
- **No, the party committee will not support or oppose a ballot proposal appearing on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year; See 2015 Schedule**
- **Yes, the party committee will support or oppose a ballot proposal appearing on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year; See 2016 Schedule A**
- **No, the party committee will not support or oppose a ballot proposal appearing on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year; See 2016 Schedule B**

2015 Schedule A

Yes, the committee will support or oppose a ballot proposal appearing on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year.

File the following statements except for the election(s) that the committee participates in during the calendar year. For election based filings, determine the election date and follow the Pre/Post schedule below.

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2014	February 2, 2015
February Statement	February 10	February 17, 2015
April Statement	April 20	April 27
July Statement	July 20	July 27
October Statement	October 20	October 26

February 24, 2015 Election

Pre-Election	February 8	February 13
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Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Feb. 9 – Feb. 21	48 hours after receipt

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November 3, 2015 General Election

Pre-Election	October 18	October 23
Post-Election	November 23	December 3
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Oct. 19 – Oct. 31	48 hours after receipt

2015 Schedule B

No, the committee will not support or oppose a ballot proposal appearing on a ballot in the 2015 calendar year

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2014	February 2, 2015
February Statement	February 10	February 17, 2015
April Statement	April 20	April 27
July Statement	July 20	July 27
October Statement	October 20	October 26

2016 Schedule A

Yes, the committee support or oppose a ballot proposal appearing on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year

File the following statements except for the election(s) that the committee participates in during the calendar year. For election based filings, determine the election date and follow the Pre/Post schedule below.

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2015	February 1, 2016
February Statement	February 10	February 16, 2016
April Statement	April 20	April 25, 2016
July Statement	July 20	July 25, 2016
October Statement	EVEN YEAR	N/A

February 23, 2016 Election

Pre-Election	February 7	February 12
Post-Election	March 14	March 24
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Feb. 8 – Feb. 20	48 hours after receipt

May 3, 2016 Election

Pre-Election	April 17	April 22
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August 2, 2016 Primary Election

Pre-Election	July 17	July 22
Post-Election	August 22	September 1
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: July 18 – July 30	48 hours after receipt

November 8, 2016 General Election

Pre-Election	October 23	October 28
Post-Election	November 28	December 8
Late Contribution Reports	Period from: Oct. 24 – Nov. 5	48 hours after receipt

2016 Schedule B

No, the committee will not support or oppose a ballot proposal appearing on a ballot in the 2016 calendar year

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Annual	December 31, 2015	February 1, 2016
February Statement	February 10	February 16, 2016
April Statement	April 20	April 25, 2016
July Statement	July 20	July 25, 2016
October Statement	EVEN YEAR	N/A

POLITICAL PARTY CONVENTIONS 2016

This document will be updated as dates become available in 2016.

2016 Republican Party Conv. Campaign Statements

Statement	Close of Books	Due
Pre-Election	N/A	N/A
Post-Election	N/A	N/A
Late Contribution Reports	N/A	48 hours after receipt

2016 Democratic Party Conv. Campaign Statement

Pre-Election	N/A	N/A
Post-Election	N/A	N/A
Late Contribution Reports	N/A	48 hours after receipt

2016 Libertarian Party Convention Campaign Statement

Pre-Election	N/A	N/A
Post-Election	N/A	N/A
Late Contribution Reports	N/A	48 hours after receipt

2016 US Taxpayer Party Convention Campaign Statement

Pre-Election	N/A	N/A
Post-Election	N/A	N/A
Late Contribution Reports	N/A	48 hours after receipt

2016 Green Party Convention Campaign Statement

Pre-Election	N/A	N/A
Post-Election	N/A	N/A
Late Contribution Reports	N/A	48 hours after receipt

2016 Natural Law Party Convention Campaign Statement

Pre-Election	N/A	N/A
Post-Election	N/A	N/A
Late Contribution Reports	N/A	48 hours after receipt

Political Signs

1. Political Signs are permitted in all zoning districts.
2. Political signs located on residentially zoned property may not exceed 16 square feet in area per sign with a total permitted aggregate area of 80 square feet.
3. Political signs in all other zoning districts may not exceed the limits contained in the chart below:

Zoning District	Number of Signs	Maximum Area	Maximum height
Agricultural	Unlimited	Max 16 s.f. for each sign and 80 s.f. total	4'
R-1 - MHP	Unlimited	Max 16 s.ft for each sign and 80 s.f. total	4'
PBO1 – PBO	1	40 s.f.	7'
C-1 – C-3	1	50 s.f.	7'
I-1 – I-3	1	50 s.f.	7'

4. Political signs may not be erected until 30 days prior to an election per Township policy.
5. Political signs must be removed no later than the tenth day after an election is held.
6. No political signs may be installed on any publicly owned property.
7. No political signs may be installed on any lot whether public or private that is being used as a polling place.
8. Political signs may only advertise candidates for office, proposition or issue and may not be used for any other purpose.
9. No political signs may be located on a trailer or vehicle or other portable apparatus which is parked on a lot or parcel. Political signs intended for a lot or parcel must be attached to or sitting on the ground of the lot or parcel.
10. No sign permit is required for political signs.
11. Political Signs may not be placed in the road right-of-way and may not be attached to telephone or power poles.