

November 4, 2025 General Local Office

Re-Opened Filing Window Ballot Access Quick Look One Pager



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of ELECTIONS

In accordance with Va. Code §§ 24.2-539 through 541 (<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacodefull/title24.2/chapter5/article5/>), if a political party nominee dies, withdraws, or has their nomination set aside, a new candidate and party filing window opens for that office with a filing deadline 60 days before the election. If any other party already has a nominee, they stay the nominee for that party.

Additional information on candidate ballot access requirements can be found in the November 4, 2025 Local Offices General Election candidate bulletin: https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/candidatesandpacs/2025-candidate-bulletins/2025-11-04_Gen_Bulletin_Local_rev_12-5-2024.pdf.

Find local General Registrar's Office information: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PublicContactLookup>

Political Party Nominees -and- Independent Candidates must file:

Mail or hand-deliver the following documents to your **local General Registrar** by **5:00 PM, Friday, September 5, 2025**.

1. Certificate of Candidate Qualification – Local Offices (SBE-501(4))
https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/campaign-finance/2018/candidates/SBE_501_4-rev7-18.pdf
2. Statement of Economic Interests – State and Local (SOEI)
https://ethics.dls.virginia.gov/SLSOEI_Fillable_FINAL_July2022.pdf

Independent Candidates must also file:

Mail or hand-deliver the following documents to your **local General Registrar** by **5:00 PM, Friday, September 5, 2025**.

1. Declaration of Candidacy (SBE-505/520)*
[https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/ballot-access-candidate-qualification/sbe-505-520-declaration-of-candidacy/ELECT-505-520-Declaration-of-Candidacy-\(Rev-7-1-24\).pdf](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/ballot-access-candidate-qualification/sbe-505-520-declaration-of-candidacy/ELECT-505-520-Declaration-of-Candidacy-(Rev-7-1-24).pdf)

**Must be filed with the first petition page filed.*

2. Petitions of Qualified Voters (SBE-506/521)*
[https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/ballot-access-candidate-qualification/sbe-506-521-petition-of-qualified-voters/ELECT-506-521-Petition-of-Qualified-Voters-letter-size-\(rev-5-8-24\).pdf](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/ballot-access-candidate-qualification/sbe-506-521-petition-of-qualified-voters/ELECT-506-521-Petition-of-Qualified-Voters-letter-size-(rev-5-8-24).pdf)

****Signature Requirement:** Outlined in the Candidate Bulletin or ask your local General Registrar how many signatures are required for the specific office you are seeking election*

** You do not need to file all petition pages at the same time.*

**First page filed must be filed with the Declaration of Candidacy.*

**Find more information on petitions can be found in Virginia Administrative Code 1VAC20-50-20:*

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title1/agency20/chapter50/section20/>

While **not** part of ballot access requirements, non-compliance with past and current campaign finance requirements could affect ballot access and/or taking office. Contact the ELECT Campaign Finance team at campaignfinance@elections.virginia.gov with questions or visit ELECT's website: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/campaign-finance/>.

Political Parties must file:

Email the following document to ELECT at EA@elections.virginia.gov -and- submit to the local General Registrar's Office by **5:00 PM, Friday, September 5, 2025**.

- Party Certification of Non-Primary Candidates (SBE-511)
<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/campaign-finance/2018/candidates/ELECT-511-Party-Certification-ofNon-Primary-Candidate-rev-1-9-18.pdf>

Contact local General Registrar's Office: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PublicContactLookup>