

March 17, 2020 General Primary Election Local Petition Information

Established Party petitions may be **circulated** for signatures **beginning** Tuesday, **September 3, 2019**, (90 days before last day to file), and may be picked up in my office on or after that date, from your Party Chairman, or printed from County web site. County Offices up for *nomination* are Circuit Clerk of the Court, State's Attorney, Coroner (Form P-10) and County Board Members (Form P-26) from Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13 and unexpired term for District 11. All Precinct Committeemen (Form P-27) will be up for *election*. There are a minimum number of signatures you must obtain from Jefferson County registered voters of your political party:

	Democrat	Republican	<i>Independent*</i>
County-Wide Offices	57	50	713
County Board Districts:			
District 2	6	7	59
District 3	6	7	85
District 4	6	6	81
District 5	6	7	81
District 9	4	4	53
District 11	5	3	63
District 12	4	4	58
District 13	3	1	33
Precinct Committeemen	10	10	n/a

**Independent and New Party candidates first day to circulate is March 24, 2020, and they file June 15-22, 2020 (different form numbers, also).*

You are urged to submit more than the minimum number of signatures in case of a challenge. Petition forms may be photocopied, but must have original signatures, addresses, and city.

The top part of each petition signature page must be completed before it is circulated for signatures. Each signature page should have identical information at the top.

Your name will appear on the ballot exactly as is shown inside the box on the Statement of Candidacy (Form P-1). You should ensure your name is listed the same way on the Statement of Candidacy, each petition page, and optional Loyalty Oath (Form P-1C).

Every individual who circulates a petition on your behalf (including yourself) must complete the certification at the bottom of the page and sign in the presence of a Notary Public, who will also sign and seal each page.

The candidate must complete the Statement of Candidacy, Statement of Economic Interest Form (except Precinct Committeemen), and if desired the Loyalty Oath. (The Statement of Economic Interest form is to be filed prior to the close of petition filing.)

All forms must be “fastened together in a secure manner”, as prescribed by State law, and filed with your petition sheets. Each petition sheet must be numbered consecutively at the bottom of each page. (Failure to do these things can result in a challenge of your candidacy.) **Please attach the Statement of Candidacy on top as this is how you want your name to appear on the ballot.**

All local established party petitions and other forms may be **filed** from Monday, **November 25, 2019**, thru Monday, **December 2, 2019**, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except on December 2nd until 5:00 p.m. (Note: the Courthouse will be closed on November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.)

Candidates for each office of the same party will be listed on their party's primary ballot in the order of their petition filing. When two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party, a **lottery** will be held to determine ballot placement order as of the opening hour (8:00 a.m.) of the first day of the filing period (November 25th) for first, second, etc., and/or within the last hour of the filing period (4-5 p.m. on December 2nd) for last on the ballot.

Once your papers have been filed and stamped, you can not change, alter, delete or add anything to those documents unless you file a completely new set of petitions with original signatures. You are strongly encouraged to examine all your completed documents carefully before filing.

Additional information can be obtained by referring to the **2020 Candidate's Guide** (*frequently asked questions starts on page 60*) and the **2020 Election and Campaign Finance Calendar** which will be available on the Illinois State Board of Elections web site www.elections.il.gov and our County web site www.jeffersoncountyillinois.com .