

ALL CANDIDATES MUST:

Be a qualified elector (registered voter) of the State of Mississippi and of the district, county or municipality of the office for which he seeks election;

Never have been convicted of bribery, perjury or other infamous crime, being a crime punishable by a minimum of one (1) year confinement in the state penitentiary, i.e., all felonies, unless pardoned for the offense, *Miss. Const. of 1890, Article IV, § 44*; and

Never have been convicted of a felony in a court of this state, or, on or after December 8, 1992, of a felony in a federal court, or of an offense in the court of another state which is a felony under the laws of this state, as provided in Section 44 of the Mississippi Constitution; excluding, however, convictions of manslaughter and violations of the United States Internal Revenue Code or any violations of the tax laws of this state, unless the offense also involved the misuse or abuse of an office or money coming into a candidate’s hands by virtue of an office.

Please note, qualifying fees are now required to be paid by both political party and independent candidates for regularly scheduled and special elections. For the current schedule of most fees, see *Miss. Code Ann. §§23-15-297, 23-15-299, 23-15-359 and 23-15-977*.

All signatures on petitions for independent or special election candidates **MUST** be certified by the signer’s circuit or municipal clerk respectively before filing with the appropriate office.

FEDERAL OFFICES

<i>Office</i>	<i>Party Candidate Form</i>	<i>Independent Candidate Form</i>	<i>Special Elections Form</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
UNITED STATES PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT				No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States at the time of the adoption of the Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that office who shall not have attained to the age of thirty-five (35) years, and been fourteen (14) years a resident within the United States. <i>U.S. Const. Art., § 1</i> . Certificates of Nomination must be accompanied by a list of Presidential electors including the electors’ addresses and signed electors’ certificates, submitted with a qualifying fee of \$2,500 to the Secretary of State’s Office. Independent Candidates’ nominating petitions, containing signatures of not less than 1,000 qualified electors of this state, must also be accompanied by a list of Presidential electors including the electors’ addresses and signed electors’ certificates and submitted with a qualifying fee of \$2,500 to the Secretary of State’s Office. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §23-15-785</i> .
UNITED STATES SENATOR		 		Each senator must be at least 30 years old, must have been a citizen of the United States for at least the past nine years, and must be, at the time of the election, an inhabitant of the state they seek to represent. <i>U.S. Const., Art. 1, § 3</i> . Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and a \$1,000 qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 1,000 qualified electors of the state and a \$1,000 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State’s Office.
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE		 	 	Each congressional district shall be entitled to one (1) representative, who shall have attained the age of twenty-five (25) years, and been seven (7) years a citizen of the United States, and who shall, when elected, be an inhabitant of the state. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §23-15-1035</i> . Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and a \$500

qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 200 qualified electors of the district and a \$500 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.

STATE OFFICES

<i>Office</i>	<i>Party Candidate Form</i>	<i>Independent Candidate Form</i>	<i>Special Elections Form</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
GOVERNOR		 	 	<p>A qualified elector, at least 30 years old, a citizen of the United States 20 years, and a resident of the state five years next preceding the day of election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V, §117, Art. XII, §250.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$1,000 qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee.</p> <p>Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 1,000 qualified electors of the state, and \$1,000 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR		 	 	<p>Same as required of the Governor. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V, §128, Art. XII, § 250.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$500 qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 1,000 qualified electors of the state, and a \$500 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>
SECRETARY OF STATE		 	 	<p>A qualified elector, at least 25 years old, and a citizen of the state five years next preceding the day of election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V, §§133 and 134, Art. XII, §250; Miss. Code Ann. §83-1-3.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$500 qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 1,000 qualified electors of the state, and a \$500 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>
STATE AUDITOR		 	 	<p>A qualified elector, at least 25 years old, and a citizen of the state five years next preceding the day of election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V, §§133 and 134, Art. XII, §250; Miss. Code Ann. §83-1-3.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$500 qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 1,000 qualified electors of the state, and a \$500 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>
STATE TREASURER		 	 	<p>A qualified elector, at least 25 years old, and a citizen of the state five years next preceding the day of election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V, §§133 and 134, Art. XII, §250; Miss. Code Ann. §83-1-3.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$500 qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 1,000 qualified electors of the state, and a \$500 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE		 	 	<p>A qualified elector, at least 25 years old, and a citizen of the state five years next preceding the day of election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V, §§133 and 134, Art. XII, §250; Miss. Code Ann. §83-1-3.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$500 qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 1,000 qualified electors of the state, and a \$500 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>
STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL		 	 	<p>A qualified elector, practicing attorney for five years, at least 26 years old, and a citizen of the state five years. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. VI, §173, Art. XII, §250.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$500 qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 1,000 qualified electors of the state, and a \$500 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>
COMMISSIONER OF AG. & COMMERCE		 	 	<p>A qualified elector with a general knowledge of agriculture, mining, manufacturing, statistics, and general industries and an experienced and practical agriculturist. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §69-1-1; Miss. Const. of 1890, art. XII, §250.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$500 qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 1,000 qualified electors of the state, and a \$500 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>

JUDICIAL OFFICES

<i>Office</i>	<i>Party Candidate Form</i>	<i>Independent Candidate Form</i>	<i>Special Elections Form</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE		 	 	<p>A qualified elector for and from the Supreme Court District in which election is sought (residency), at least 30 years of age, a practicing attorney, and a citizen of the state for five years immediately preceding the election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. 6, §§145, 145-A, 145-B and 150.</i></p> <p>Non-Partisan Judicial Candidates file a Statement of Intent, Affidavit of Judicial Candidate and a \$200 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>
COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE		 	 	<p>A qualified elector for and from the Court of Appeals District in which election is sought (residency), at least 30 years of age, a practicing attorney, and a citizen of the State for five years immediately preceding the election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. 6, §150.</i></p> <p>Non-Partisan Judicial Candidates file a Statement of Intent, Affidavit of Judicial Candidate and a \$200 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>
CIRCUIT & CHANCERY COURT JUDGE		 	 	<p>A qualified elector for and from the chancery or circuit court district (residency), at least 26 years of age, a practicing attorney for five years, and a citizen of the state for five years. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. 6, §§153 and 154; Miss. Code Ann. §§9-5-1, 9-7-1.</i></p> <p>Non-Partisan Judicial Candidates file a Statement of Intent, Affidavit of Judicial Candidate and a \$200 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>

STATE DISTRICT OFFICES

<i>Office</i>	<i>Party Candidate Form</i>	<i>Independent Candidate Form</i>	<i>Special Elections Form</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER		 	 	<p>A qualified elector, at least 25 years old, a resident of the Supreme Court district in which he/she seeks election, and a citizen of the state five years preceding the day of election. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §77-1-1; Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. VII, §186, Art. XII, §250.</i></p> <p>Political Party candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$500 qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 300 qualified electors of district, and a \$500 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER		 	 	<p>A qualified elector and a resident of the Supreme Court district in which he/she seeks election. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §65-1-3.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$500 qualifying to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 300 qualified electors of district, and a \$500 qualifying fee paid to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>
DISTRICT ATTORNEY		 	 	<p>A qualified elector of the district and a practicing attorney admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Mississippi for two years. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §25-31-1.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$250 qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 100 qualified electors of district, and a \$250 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>
SENATOR		 	 	<p>A qualified elector of the state four years, at least 25 years old, and an actual resident of the district or territory represented for two years before the election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. IV, §42.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$250 qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of district, and a \$250 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>
REPRESENTATIVE		 	 	<p>A qualified elector and resident citizen of the state four years, at least 21 years old, and a resident of the district represented for two years before the election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. IV, §41.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$250 qualifying fee to the appropriate state party executive committee. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of district, and a \$250 qualifying fee to the Secretary of State's Office.</p>

COUNTY OFFICE

Office	Party Candidate Form	Independent Candidate Form	Special Elections Form	Qualifications
SHERIFF		 	 	<p>Not a defaulter to the state or any county or municipality or to the United States and a qualified elector. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §19-25-3; Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V, §§135 and 138.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$100 qualifying fee to the appropriate county party executive committee via the Circuit Clerk.</p> <p>Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the county and a \$100 qualifying fee to the county via the Circuit Clerk.</p>
CHANCERY CLERK		 	 	<p>A qualified elector of the county in which he/she seeks election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V §§135 and 138; Art. VI, §168; Art. XII, §250.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$100 qualifying fee to the appropriate county party executive committee via the Circuit Clerk.</p> <p>Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the county, and a \$100 qualifying fee to the county via the Circuit Clerk.</p>
CIRCUIT CLERK		 	 	<p>A qualified elector of the county in which he/she seeks election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V §§135 and 138; Art. VI, §168; Art. XII, §250.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$100 qualifying fee to the appropriate county party executive committee via the Circuit Clerk.</p> <p>Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the county, and a \$100 qualifying fee to the county via the Circuit Clerk.</p>
TAX ASSESSOR		 	 	<p>A qualified elector of the county in which he/she seeks election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V §§135 and 138; Art. VI, §168; Art. XII, §250.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$100 qualifying fee to the appropriate county party executive committee via the Circuit Clerk.</p> <p>Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the county, and a \$100 qualifying fee to the county via the Circuit Clerk.</p>
TAX COLLECTOR		 	 	<p>A qualified elector of the county in which he/she seeks election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V §§135 and 138; Art. VI, §168; Art. XII, §250.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$100 qualifying fee to the appropriate county party executive committee via the Circuit Clerk.</p> <p>Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the county, and a \$100 qualifying fee to the county via the Circuit Clerk.</p>
SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION		 	 	<p style="color: red;">From and after January 1, 2019, in all public school districts, the local school board shall appoint the superintendent of education in such district in the manner provided in <i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-9-25.</i></p> <p>A qualified elector, the holder of a valid Administrator's license issued by the State Department of Education, and not less than four years of classroom and or administrative experience. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §37-9-13; Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. VIII, §§202, 203, and 204; Art. XII, §250.</i></p> <p>Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$100 qualifying fee to the appropriate county party executive committee via the Circuit Clerk.</p> <p>Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the county, and \$100 qualifying fee to the county via the Circuit Clerk.</p>

COUNTY COURT JUDGE	 	 	A qualified elector for and from the county court district (residency), at least 26 years old, a practicing attorney for five years, and a citizen of the state for five years preceding the election. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §9-9-5.</i> Non-Partisan Judicial Candidates file a Statement of Intent, Affidavit of Judicial Candidate and a \$15 qualifying fee to the county via the Circuit Clerk.	
SURVEYOR		 	 	A registered land surveyor and a qualified elector of the county in which he/she seeks election. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §19-27-1; Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V §§135 and 138; Art. XII, §250.</i> Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$100 qualifying fee to the appropriate county party executive committee via the Circuit Clerk. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the county, and a \$100 qualifying fee to the county via the Circuit Clerk.
CORONER		 	 	A qualified elector, at least 21 years of age, possessing a high school diploma or its equivalent, of the county in which he/she seeks election. The minimum education requirement shall not apply to any Coroner holding office on July 1, 1986, who is re-elected in the 1987 general election and thereafter as long as he/she maintains continuous active service. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §19-21-103; Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. V, §§135 and 138; Art. XII, §250.</i> Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$100 qualifying fee to the appropriate county party executive committee via the Circuit Clerk. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the county, and a \$100 qualifying fee to the county via the Circuit Clerk.

COUNTY DISTRICT OFFICE

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SUPERVISOR		 	 	A qualified elector of the county and a resident in the district in which he/she seeks election. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §19-3-3; Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. XII, §250.</i> Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$100 qualifying fee to the appropriate county party executive committee via the Circuit Clerk. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 15 qualified electors of the district, and a \$100 qualifying fee to the county via the Circuit Clerk.
JUSTICE COURT JUDGE		 	 	A qualified elector, a resident of the county two years preceding the day of election, a high school graduate or its equivalent, and completion of a course of training required by law within six months of the beginning of the term of office. <i>Miss. Code Ann. §9-11-3; Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. VI, §171 and Art. XII, §250.</i> Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$100 qualifying fee to the appropriate county party executive committee via the Circuit Clerk. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing signatures of not less than 15 qualified electors of the district, and a \$100 qualifying fee to the county via the Circuit Clerk.
CONSTABLE		 	 	A qualified elector in the county and district in which he/she seeks election. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. VI, §171 and Art. XII, §250.</i> Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and \$100 qualifying fee to the appropriate county party executive committee via Circuit Clerk. Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent, petition containing

signatures of not less than 15 qualified electors of the district, and a \$100 qualifying fee to the county via the Circuit Clerk.

ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER



A qualified elector in the county and district in which he/she seeks election. *Miss. Code Ann. §23-15-213.*
All candidates file a Statement of Intent and petition containing the signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the district with the Chancery Clerk. No qualifying fee is paid.

SCHOOL BOARD



A candidate shall be a qualified elector of the district in which election is sought, and have a high school diploma or its equivalent. *Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. XII, §250; Miss. Code §§ 37-5-1, 37-7-306.*
All candidates file a Statement of Intent and petition containing the signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the district with the Circuit Clerk. No qualifying fee is paid.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

<i>Office</i>	<i>Party Candidate Form</i>	<i>Independent Candidate Form</i>	<i>Special Elections Form</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
MAYOR				Generally, a qualified elector in the municipality and ward in which he/she seeks election. Political Party Candidates submit a Statement of Intent and a \$10 qualifying fee to the appropriate municipality party executive committee via the Municipal Clerk. <i>Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-309.</i>
ALDERMAN				Independent Candidates file a Statement of Intent and petition containing the signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the municipality, if the municipality has a population of 1,000 residents or more, of not less than 15 qualified electors of the municipality, if the municipality has a population of less than 1,000, with the Municipal Clerk. <i>Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-361.</i> If the office sought is elected by ward or district, the petition must contain the signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the ward/district, if the ward/district has a population of 1,000 residents or more, or of not less than 15 qualified electors of the ward/district, if the ward/district has a population of less than 1,000.
COUNCILMAN				
MUNICIPAL OFFICE				

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

<i>Office</i>		<i>Qualifications</i>
MUNICIPAL SEPARATE		A candidate shall be a qualified elector of the district in which election is sought, and have a high school diploma or its equivalent. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. XII, §250; Miss. Code §§ 37-7-201, 37-7-203, 37-7-306.</i> All candidates file a Statement of Intent, Affidavit of the Candidate and petition containing the signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the district with the Circuit Clerk. If there are less than one hundred (100) qualified electors of the area to be represented, the petition must contain the signatures of not less than 20% of the qualified electors of the area. No qualifying fee is paid.
CONSOLIDATED AND CONSOLIDATED LINE		A candidate shall be a qualified elector of the district in which election is sought, and have a high school diploma or its equivalent. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. XII, §250; Miss. Code § 37-7-306.</i> All candidates file a Statement of Intent and petition containing the signatures of not less than 50 qualified electors of the district with the Circuit Clerk. If there are less than one hundred (100) qualified electors of the area to be represented, the petition must contain the signatures of not less than 20% of the qualified electors of the area. No qualifying fee is paid.
SPECIAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE		A candidate shall be a qualified elector of the district in which election is sought, and have a high school diploma or its equivalent. <i>Miss. Const. of 1890, Art. XII, §250; Miss. Code § 37-7-306.</i> All candidates file a Statement of Intent and petition containing the signatures of not

less than 50 qualified electors of the district with the Circuit Clerk. If there are less than one hundred (100) qualified electors of the area to be represented, the petition must contain the signatures of not less than 20% of the qualified electors of the area. No qualifying fee is paid.

