

CANDIDATE ELECTION INFORMATION SHEET

2024 ELECTION CYCLE

All offices on this sheet are up for election in the 2024 Election Cycle. Candidates for offices listed on this sheet qualify and file campaign reports with the Leon County Supervisor of Elections Office. Forms listed in this document are available on our website.

Disclaimer

The following information is provided for general reference and does not constitute legal advice. Interested parties should refer to the Florida Statutes and applicable case law.

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New Information for 2024

Legislation from the 2024 Florida legislative session has made several changes to statutes affecting candidates. The information in this packet has been updated to conform to the revisions.

- SB1110/HB477 set eight-year term limits for school board members.
- SB444/HB411 requires that school board candidates must reside in their district at the time of assuming office, rather than at the time of qualifying.
- SB774/HB37 revised financial disclosure requirements by requiring that mayors and elected members of the governing body of a municipality, and candidates for those offices, must file a full and public disclosure of their finances. In addition, at the time of qualifying, candidates may provide a verification or receipt of electronic filing of their financial disclosure records with the Commission Ethics instead of the financial disclosure itself.
- SB666/HB707 requires that candidates provide their residential address on the candidate oath.
- SB7050/HB7067 further revised the candidate oath by requiring that candidates affirm on their oath whether they owe any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties. In addition, the oath now solicits further details regarding the candidate's name and provides further procedures for the use of nicknames. Finally, the bill revised the timeline for campaign finance reports.



Filing for Office

Filing is the first step in becoming a candidate. Filing allows you to solicit contributions and make expenditures for your campaign. You must file for office before opening your campaign depository. To file for office, you must complete the Appointment of Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates (form DS-DE 9).

The DS-DE 9 requires you to list:

- The office for which you are running (including seat or district number).
- Which bank will hold your campaign account.
- Your treasurer (who may be yourself).
- Your political party affiliation (constitutional offices only).

Additionally, once you file the DS-DE9, you have 10 days to turn in a Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84). You may turn in your DS-DE 84 at the same time you file your other paperwork.

Judicial candidates must also turn in a Statement of Candidate for Judicial Office (DS-DE 83). You may turn in your DS-DE 83 at the same time you file your other paperwork.

Campaign Finance Reporting

After filing for office and designating a treasurer, you must begin submitting regular treasurer's reports. From the time the campaign treasurer is appointed up until qualifying, you must file reports by the 10th day following the end of each quarter.

Following the last day of qualifying, you must file reports:

- On the 60th day immediately preceding the Primary Election.
- Biweekly on each Friday through, and including, the 4th day immediately preceding the General Election.
- On the 25th and 11th days before the Primary and General Elections.
- Finally, you must file a termination report within 90 days after you become unopposed, eliminated, withdrawn, or elected to office.



Qualifying

During qualifying, you will finalize your ballot readiness by submitting required forms and fees. You may submit qualifying forms starting with the pre-qualifying period, 14 days before the start of qualifying. If you try and submit your qualifying documents before the start of pre-qualifying, we cannot accept them. You must submit complete qualifying documents before the end of the qualifying period. If you fail to qualify, your candidacy ends.

We strongly recommend that you visit our office during the qualifying period so that you can complete the process directly with one of our staff members. Our staff can assist you in completing your qualifying paperwork, and notify you of any incomplete or missing items.

We perform only a ministerial role during qualifying – we may not determine whether the contents of the qualifying papers are accurate. Instead, we only review them for completeness within the four corners of each document.

Candidate Oath

To qualify, you must complete the **Candidate Oath and Statement of Party** for the office you are seeking.

- Partisan Office
 - Filing with party affiliation: DS-DE 301A
 - Filing with no-party affiliation: DS-DE 301B
 - Filing as write-in: DS-DE 301C
- Nonpartisan Office: DS-DE 302NP
- County Judge: DS-DE 303JU
- School Board: DS-DE 304SB

Soil and water conservation district candidates must also file a statement affirming they meet the requirements of section 582.19(1), F.S.

Financial Disclosure Requirements

As part of qualifying, you must satisfy financial disclosure requirements. The specific form depends on the office sought. If you have already filed your financial disclosure paperwork with the Commission on Ethics, you may provide a verification or receipt of electronic filing of your financial disclosure records with the Commission.

- Constitutional Office: Form 6
- Mayor and City Commissioner: Form 6
- County Commission: Form 6
- School Board: Form 6
- County Judge: Form 6
- Soil and Water Conservation: Form 1
- Community Development District: Form 1



Candidate Qualifying Fee

Your qualifying fee is determined by the office you are seeking. If you are running for office with a party affiliation, there is an additional party assessment fee.

The qualifying fee must be:

- Paid by a properly executed check drawn on the campaign account. Personal checks, cashier's checks, or cash are not acceptable.
 - However, Soil and Water Conservation Commission and Community Development District candidates can pay by personal check, cashier's check, or cash.
- Signed by the campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer. A check signed by a candidate who has not been designated as the treasurer or deputy treasurer is not acceptable.
- Made payable to the Leon County Supervisor of Elections Office.

We cannot return the qualifying fee unless you withdraw, with a signed written statement, before the close of qualifying.

We will immediately notify you if your qualifying fee check is returned by the bank for any reason. Notwithstanding the end of qualifying, you will have 48 hours from the time such notification is received, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account.

You can waive the qualifying fee (and party assessment, if applicable) by gathering the signatures of voters on candidate petitions.

If you intend to qualify as a write-in candidate, there is no qualifying fee.



Petitioning

You can waive the qualifying fee by gathering petition forms signed by voters. The number of petitions you need to collect to waive the fee depends on which office you are seeking. Voters must live within the district for your office to sign your petitions. The "Running for Local Office in Leon County" section at the end of this document lists the minimum number of valid petitions for each office. If you are unable to collect the required number of signatures, you can choose to pay the qualifying fee instead.

You are strongly encouraged to gather more petitions than the minimum. Plan for some of your petitions to be invalid due to errors. If a petition form contains incorrect information or it is not complete, it will not count towards qualifying.

Our office will verify that your petitions are complete and correct. The deadline to submit petitions for verification is noon, 28 days before the start of qualifying. We strongly encourage you to submit your petitions well in advance of the deadline.

You must pay a petition verification fee of ten cents per petition to our office. The verification fee is due at the time you submit your petitions. If you are unable to pay the verification fee, you may file an Affidavit of Undue Burden (Form DS-DE 19A).

You may either have each individual petition reviewed or have only a random sample reviewed. If you decide to use random sampling, you only pay the verification fee for the sample of your petitions that we review. To use random sampling, you must provide 15% more petitions than the minimum, and all petitions must be dropped off at one time.



KEY DATES

Judicial Candidates

- Petition Deadline: Noon, 3/25/2024
- Qualifying Deadline: Noon, 4/22/2024 - Noon 4/26/2024

Starting on 4/8/2024 we can accept and hold qualifying documents. The documents will not be processed until qualifying begins.

Local and State Candidates

- Petitions Deadline: Noon 5/13/2024
- Qualifying Deadline: Noon 6/10/2024 - Noon 6/14/2024

Starting on 5/27/2024 we can accept and hold qualifying documents. The documents will not be processed until qualifying begins.

Campaign Finance Reporting Calendar

Report Code	Cover Period	Due Date
2023 M6	06/01/23 - 06/30/23	7/10/2023
2023 Q3	07/01/23 - 09/30/23	10/10/2023
2023 Q4	10/01/23 - 12/31/23	1/10/2024
2024 Q1	01/01/24 - 03/31/24	4/10/2024
2024 Q2	04/01/24 - 05/31/24	6/10/2024
2024 P1	06/01/24 - 06/14/24	6/21/2024
2024 P2	06/15/24 - 06/28/24	7/5/2024
2024 P3	06/29/24 - 07/12/24	7/19/2024
2024 P4	07/13/24 - 07/19/24	7/26/2024
2024 P5	07/20/24 - 07/26/24	8/2/2024
2024 P6	07/27/24 - 08/02/24	8/9/2024
2024 P7	08/03/24 - 08/15/24	8/16/2024
2024 G1	08/16/24 - 08/23/24	8/30/2024
2024 G2	08/24/24 - 09/06/24	9/13/2024
2024 G3	09/07/24 - 09/20/24	9/27/2024
2024 G4	09/21/24 - 10/04/24	10/11/2024
2024 G5	10/05/24 - 10/18/24	10/25/2024
2024 G6	10/19/24 - 10/31/24	11/1/2024
2024 T1	After April Qualifying	7/25/2024
2024 T2	After June Qualifying	9/12/2024
2024 T3	Primary Election	11/18/2024
2024 T4	General Election	2/3/2025



Constitutional Officer, Partisan Elected, 4-Year Term

Elected by: Leon County voters

Petition submission deadline: Noon 05/13/24**Qualifying dates:** Noon 06/10/24 - Noon 06/14/24**Contribution Limit:** \$1,000 per Florida Statute

Candidate must reside within the County at the time of assuming office. (OP. Div. Elect 94-04; 92-10)

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Salary: \$159,988.00 Takes Office: 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January Incumbent: Gwen Marshall	Minimum # of Valid Petitions Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (4%) Partisan Qualifying Fee (6%)	2,043 2,350 \$6,399.52 \$9,599.28
Property Appraiser Salary: \$159,988.00 Takes Office: 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January Incumbent: Akin Akinyemi	Minimum # of Valid Petitions Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (4%) Partisan Qualifying Fee (6%)	2,043 2,350 \$6,399.52 \$9,599.28
Sheriff Salary: \$195,838.00 Takes Office: 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January Incumbent: Walt McNeil	Minimum # of Valid Petitions Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (4%) Partisan Qualifying Fee (6%)	2,043 2,350 \$7,833.52 \$11,750.28
Superintendent of Schools Salary: \$159,988.00 Takes Office: 2nd Tuesday after General Election Incumbent: Rocky Hanna	Minimum # of Valid Petitions Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (4%) Partisan Qualifying Fee (6%)	2,043 2,350 \$6,399.52 \$9,599.28
Note about this office: * Superintendent of Schools takes office 2nd Tuesday after General Election		
Supervisor of Elections Salary: \$159,988.00 Takes Office: 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January Incumbent: Mark S. Earley	Minimum # of Valid Petitions Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (4%) Partisan Qualifying Fee (6%)	2,043 2,350 \$6,399.52 \$9,599.28
Tax Collector Salary: \$159,988.00 Takes Office: 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January Incumbent: Doris Maloy	Minimum # of Valid Petitions Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (4%) Partisan Qualifying Fee (6%)	2,043 2,350 \$6,399.52 \$9,599.28

County Judge, Non-Partisan Elected, 6-Year Term

Elected by: Leon County voters

Petition submission deadline: Noon 03/25/24**Qualifying dates:** Noon 04/22/24 - Noon 04/26/24**Contribution Limit:** \$1,000 per Florida Statute

Candidate must reside within the County at the time of assuming office. (OP. Div. Elect 94-04; 92-10)

Seat 3 Salary: \$172,015.00 Takes Office: 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January Incumbent: Monique Richardson	Minimum # of Valid Petitions Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (4%)	2,043 2,350 \$6,880.60
Seat 4 Salary: \$172,015.00 Takes Office: 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January Incumbent: Augustus D. Aikens, Jr.	Minimum # of Valid Petitions Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (4%)	2,043 2,350 \$6,880.60



County Commission, Non-Partisan Elected, 4-Year Term

Elected by: Group 1 & 2 elected county-wide; Seats 1-5 elected by district

Petition submission deadline: Noon 05/13/24**Qualifying dates:** Noon 06/10/24 - Noon 06/14/24**Contribution Limit:** \$1,000 per Florida Statute

All candidates must reside within the County at time of qualifying. Additionally, district candidates must reside within the district at time of qualifying. (Leon County Charter)

At Large, Group 1	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	2,043
Salary: \$90,577.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	2,350
Takes Office: 2nd Tuesday after General Election	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (4%)	\$3,623.08
Incumbent: Carolyn Cummings		

District 2	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	409
Salary: \$90,577.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	470
Takes Office: 2nd Tuesday after General Election	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (4%)	\$3,623.08
Incumbent: Christian Caban		

District 4	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	409
Salary: \$90,577.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	470
Takes Office: 2nd Tuesday after General Election	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (4%)	\$3,623.08
Incumbent: Brian Welch		

School Board, Non-Partisan Elected, 4-Year Term (8-Year Term Limit)

Elected by: Leon County voters in each district

Petition submission deadline: Noon 05/13/24**Qualifying dates:** Noon 06/10/24 - Noon 06/14/24**Contribution Limit:** \$1,000 per Florida Statute

Candidate must reside within the district at time of assuming office. (F.S. 1001.361)

District 2	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	409
Salary: \$44,092.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	470
Takes Office: 2nd Tuesday after General Election	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (4%)	\$1,763.68
Incumbent: Rosanne Wood		

District 4	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	409
Salary: \$44,092.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	470
Takes Office: 2nd Tuesday after General Election	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (4%)	\$1,763.68
Incumbent: Laurie Lawson Cox		

Tallahassee City Commission, Non-Partisan Elected, 4-Year Term

Elected by: City of Tallahassee voters

Petition submission deadline: Noon 05/13/24**Qualifying dates:** Noon 06/10/24 - Noon 06/14/24**Contribution Limit:** \$1,000 per Florida Statute

Candidate must reside within the City at time of qualifying. (City of Tallahassee Charter)

Seat 1	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	1,288
Salary: \$45,288.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	1,482
Takes Office: 13th day after General Election	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (1%)	\$452.88
Incumbent: Jacqueline "Jack" Porter		

Seat 2	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	1,288
Salary: \$45,288.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	1,482
Takes Office: 13th day after General Election	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee (1%)	\$452.88
Incumbent: Curtis Richardson		



Leon Soil and Water Conservation District, Non-Partisan Elected, 4-Year Term

Elected by: Leon County voters

Petition submission deadline: Noon 05/13/24**Qualifying dates:** Noon 06/10/24 - Noon 06/14/24**Contribution Limit:** \$1,000 per Florida Statute

Candidate must reside within the County at time of qualifying. (582.19, F.S.)

District 2 Supervisor	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	25
Salary: \$0.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	29
Takes Office: 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee	\$25.00
Incumbent: Cara Fleischer		

District 3 Supervisor	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	25
Salary: \$0.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	29
Takes Office: 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee	\$25.00
Incumbent: Tabitha Frazier		

Note about this office: Although normally a 4-year term, the District 3 seat will be up for election again in 2026.

District 4 Supervisor	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	25
Salary: \$0.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	29
Takes Office: 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee	\$25.00
Incumbent: Alexander Eric Lucien Bouchard		

Capital Region Community Development District, Non-Partisan Elected, 4-Year Term

Elected by: Capital Region CDD voters

Petition submission deadline: Noon 05/13/24**Qualifying dates:** Noon 06/10/24 - Noon 06/14/24**Contribution Limit:** \$1,000 per Florida Statute

Candidate must reside within the district at time of qualifying

Seat 2 Supervisor	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	25
Salary: \$2,400.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	29
Takes Office: 2nd Tuesday after General Election	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee	\$25.00
Incumbent: Brian Kelley		

Seat 4 Supervisor	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	25
Salary: \$2,400.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	29
Takes Office: 2nd Tuesday after General Election	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee	\$25.00
Incumbent: Andrew Wiggins		

Piney-Z Community Development District, Non-Partisan Elected, 4-Year Term

Elected by: Piney-Z CDD voters

Petition submission deadline: Noon 05/13/24**Qualifying dates:** Noon 06/10/24 - Noon 06/14/24**Contribution Limit:** \$1,000 per Florida Statute

Candidate must reside within the district at time of qualifying

Seat 2 Supervisor	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	25
Salary: \$1,200.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	29
Takes Office: 2nd Tuesday after General Election	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee	\$25.00
Incumbent: Gerry Cashin		

Seat 4 Supervisor	Minimum # of Valid Petitions	25
Salary: \$1,200.00	Minimum # of Petitions for Random Sampling	29
Takes Office: 2nd Tuesday after General Election	Non- Partisan Qualifying Fee	\$25.00
Incumbent: Arthur Kirby		

