

November 5, 2024 General Local Office Independent Candidate Ballot Access Quick Look One Pager



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Additional information can be found in the candidate bulletin: [https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/candidatesandpacs/2024-candidate-bulletins/2024-11-05-Gen-Bulletin-Local-Offices-\(11-6-23\).pdf](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/candidatesandpacs/2024-candidate-bulletins/2024-11-05-Gen-Bulletin-Local-Offices-(11-6-23).pdf)

File the following with your local General Registrar between **1/2/24** and **7 pm 6/18/24**.

(Find your General Registrar: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PublicContactLookup>)

1. Certificate of Candidate Qualification

https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/campaign-finance/2018/candidates/SBE_501_4-rev7-18.pdf

- May be postmarked by 6/18/24 deadline if mailed registered or certified USPS mail. Be prepared to provide a copy of the receipt on 6/18/24.

2. Statement of Economic Interests*

**Not required for incumbents -or- counties, cities, or towns with a population of 3,500 or less.*

http://ethics.dls.virginia.gov/SLSOEI_Fillable_FINAL_July2022.pdf

- May be postmarked by 6/18/24 deadline if mailed registered or certified USPS mail. Be prepared to provide a copy of the receipt on 6/18/24.

3. Declaration of Candidacy

https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/ballot-access-candidate-qualification/sbe-505-520-declaration-of-candidacy/SBE-505_520-Declaration-of-Candidacy-rev-1-15.pdf

- Must be filed with your first set of Petition pages.

4. Petitions of Qualified Voters*

https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/campaign-finance/2018/candidates/Petition-of-Qualified-Voters-SBE-506_521_letter.pdf

- You may begin collecting signatures on 1/2/24.
- **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.
- The first set of Petition pages filed must be accompanied by your Declaration of Candidacy.
- Find more information on petitions in Virginia Administrative Code 1VAC20-50-20:

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

Special Elections Deadlines:

- If this is the **1st** November election after the office's vacancy, the filing deadline is 5 pm 8/16/2024
- If this is the **2nd** November election after the office's vacancy, the filing deadline is 7 pm 6/18/2024

While **not** part of ballot access, you do need to also ensure you comply with all campaign finance requirements. Contact your local General Registrar with questions or visit ELECT's website: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/campaign-finance/>.

General Election Candidate Flow Chart

