

November 5, 2024 General **US House of Representatives** **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-US-House-of-Reps-\(11-6-23\).pdf](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/candidatesandpacs/2024-candidate-bulletins/2024-11-05-Gen-Bulletin-US-House-of-Reps-(11-6-23).pdf)

File the following with the **Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT)** between **1/2/24** and **7 pm 6/18/24**.

1. Certificate of Candidate Qualification

[https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formwarehouse/ballot-access-candidate-qualification/sbe-501-certificate-of-candidate-qualifications/ELECT-501\(FED\)-Certificate-of-Candidate-Qualification-Federal-Offices-rev-11-10-23.pdf](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formwarehouse/ballot-access-candidate-qualification/sbe-501-certificate-of-candidate-qualifications/ELECT-501(FED)-Certificate-of-Candidate-Qualification-Federal-Offices-rev-11-10-23.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. Declaration of Candidacy

https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formwarehouse/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.

3. Petitions of Qualified Voters*

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

- You may begin collecting signatures on 1/2/24.
- **Signature Requirement:** 1,000 signatures from qualified voters in the congressional district where 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/>

While **not** part of ballot access, you do need to also ensure you comply with all campaign finance requirements. The Federal Election Commission (FEC) is responsible for federal campaign disclosure laws. Contact the FEC for more information (<https://www.fec.gov/>).

Candidate Flow Chart

