

Candidate Handbook

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*for Escambia County
Local Candidates*



Explanation

The information contained in this handbook is intended as a quick reference guide only and is current upon publication. Chapters 97-106, Florida Statutes, the Constitution of the State of Florida, Division of Elections' Opinions and Rules, Attorney General Opinions, city charters and ordinances, special acts and other sources should be reviewed in their entirety for complete information regarding qualifying.

This handbook contains information relevant to running for local offices and who qualify with David H. Stafford, Escambia County Supervisor of Elections Office as party candidates, no party affiliation candidates, nonpartisan candidates and write-in candidates. It summarizes the qualifications for each office, with both the regular and petition methods of qualifying, along with write-in procedures (if applicable) for each local office that qualifies. It also indicates the number of signatures required for petition method candidates.

Please direct any questions to David H. Stafford, Escambia County Supervisor of Elections, Candidate Qualifying Department at (850) 595-3908.

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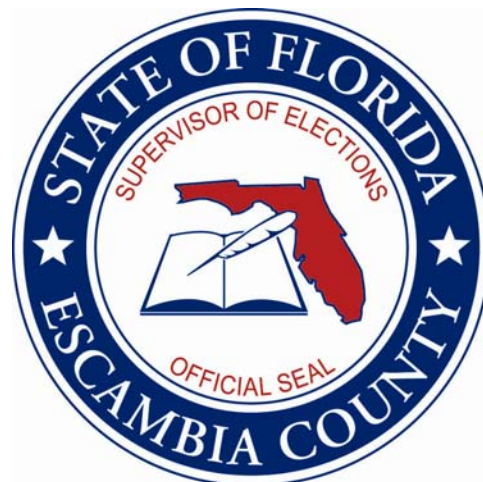




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2012 Important Dates

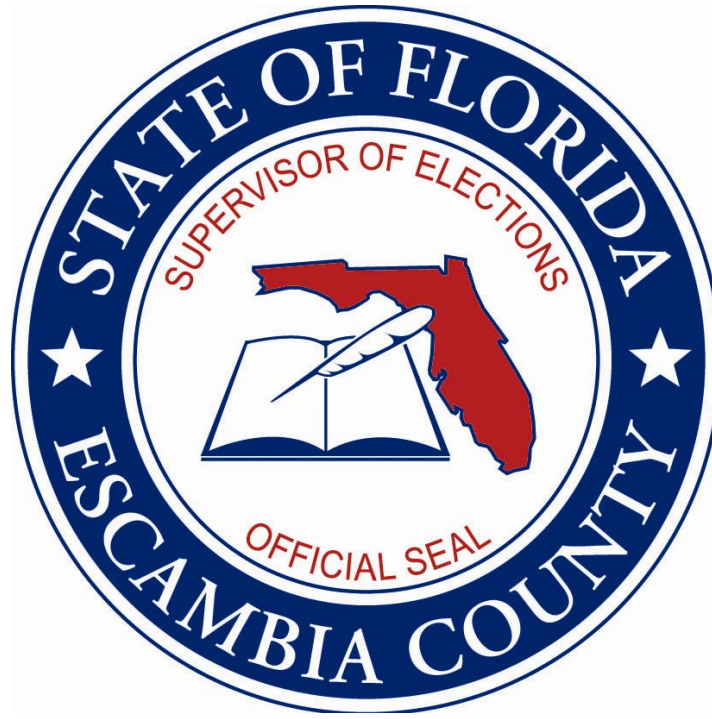
★ 2012 Election Dates ★	
Presidential Preference Primary Election	January 31, 2012
Registration Book Closing Date	January 3, 2012
Primary Election	August 14, 2012
Registration Book Closing Date	July 16, 2012
General Election	November 6, 2012
Registration Book Closing Date	October 9, 2012

★ Petition Deadlines ★	
Judicial, State Attorney and Public Defender Offices	Noon, March 19, 2012
Federal, State, Multi-County, Escambia County and City Offices	Noon, May 7, 2012

★ Qualifying Dates ★	
Judicial, State Attorney and Public Defender Offices	Noon, April 16, 2012 – Noon, April 20, 2012
<i>Per F.S. 99.061 (8) May accept qualifying papers 14 days prior to qualifying beginning</i>	<i>April 2, 2012</i>
*Federal, Statewide, Multi-County, Escambia County and City Offices	Noon, June 4, 2012 – Noon, June 8, 2012
<i>Per F.S. 99.061 (8) May accept qualifying papers 14 days prior to qualifying beginning</i>	<i>May 21, 2012</i>
* Please note that according to F.S. 99.061 (9), Federal office qualifying dates will be the same as Statewide, Multi-County, County, City and District due to reapportionment.	



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2012 Offices Up For Election and Terms

Federal/Congressional Offices (Partisan)	
Per U.S. Constitution, 20th Amendment, Section 1 20th day in January Term Begins Sunday, January 20, 2013	
President / Vice President	(4 year term)
Per U.S. Constitution, 20th Amendment, Section 2 3rd day in January Term Begins Thursday, January 3, 2013	
Representative in Congress, 1 st Congressional District	(2 year term)
United States Senator	(6 year term)

Multicounty and District Offices (Partisan)	
Per Florida Statutes 100.041 (4) 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January Term Begins Tuesday, January 8, 2013	
State Attorney	(4 year term)
Public Defender	(4 year term)
Per Florida Statutes 100.041 (1) - Upon Election Term Begins Tuesday, November 6, 2012	
State Senator (<i>Dependent upon Redistricting</i>)	(4 year term)
State Representative, Districts 1, 2 and 3	(2 year term)

Judicial (Nonpartisan)	
Per State Constitution - Article V, Section 10 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January Term Begins Tuesday, January 8, 2013	
Justice of the Supreme Court (Retention of those whose terms expire January 2013)	(6 year term)
Judge, District Court of Appeal (Retention of those whose terms expire January 2013)	(6 year term)
Circuit Judge Groups 1, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 15, 18, 23, 24	(6 year term)



2012 Offices Up For Election and Terms (Continued)

<i>Local Judicial (Nonpartisan)</i>	
<i>Per State Constitution - Article V, Section 10 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January Term Begins Tuesday, January 8, 2013</i>	
County Court Judge, Groups 2, 3, 4, 5	(6 year term)

<i>Local Constitutional Offices (Partisan)</i>	
<i>Per Florida Statutes 100.041 (1) 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January Term Begins Tuesday, January 8, 2013</i>	
Clerk of the Circuit Court	(4 year term)
Tax Collector	(4 year term)
Property Appraiser	(4 year term)
Sheriff	(4 year term)
Supervisor of Elections	(4 year term)
<i>Per Florida Statutes 100.041(3)(a) 2nd Tuesday following the General Election Term Begins Tuesday, November 20, 2012</i>	
Superintendent of Schools	(4 year term)

<i>Local Offices</i>	
<i>Per Florida Statutes 100.041(2)(a) and (3)(a) 2nd Tuesday following the General Election Term Begins Tuesday, November 20, 2012</i>	
County Commissioner, Districts 1, 3, 5 (Partisan)	(4 year term)
School Board Members, Districts 4, 5 (Nonpartisan)	(4 year term)



2012 Offices Up For Election and Terms (Continued)

Local Offices Special District Offices	
<i>Per Laws of Florida, Chapter 2001-324 Section 4(b) 2nd Tuesday following the General Election Term Begins Tuesday, November 20, 2012</i>	
Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, Districts 1, 3, 5 (Partisan)	(4 year term)
<i>Per Laws of Florida, Chapter 83-407 Section 3(b)(2) Midnight on the evening of the General Election Term Begins Tuesday, November 6, 2012</i>	
Santa Rosa Island Authority (Nonpartisan)	(2 year term)
<i>Per Florida Statutes 582.18 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in January Term Begins Tuesday, January 8, 2013</i>	
Escambia Soil and Water Conservation District, Groups 1, 2, 3, 5 (Nonpartisan)	(4 year term)
Local Offices City Offices (Nonpartisan)	
<i>Per City Charter, Article III, Section 3.02 4th Tuesday in November Term Begins Tuesday, November 27, 2012</i>	
City Council At-Large B	(4 year term)
City Council, Districts 1, 3, 5, 7	(4 year term)
Committee Positions (Partisan)	
<i>Per F.S. 103.091 (4) First day of the month following the Presidential General Election Term Begins Saturday, December 1, 2012</i>	
Precinct Committeeman & Committeewoman	(4 year term)
Republican State Committeeman & Committeewoman	(4 year term)



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Dear Prospective Candidate:

On behalf of the voters of Escambia County, I want to commend you for your interest in public service. I know full well what a momentous decision it is to run for public office.

Enclosed you will find the necessary paperwork to get you started, should you choose to become a candidate. Our office is here as a resource for you, and I encourage you to use it as such. When you have questions or need additional information, pick up the phone, visit us online at EscambiaVotes.com, e-mail us, or drop by the office – that is why we are here.

You can reach our Candidate Qualifying Department at 595-3908. Our staff stands ready, willing and able to provide you with the information you need should you become a candidate for office. As always, you can reach me at 595-3900 if I can answer any questions or be of any assistance to you.

Again, thank you for your interest in public service. I wish you all the best in whatever you choose to do.

Sincerely,

David H. Stafford
Supervisor of Elections

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Calendar of Reporting Dates

for Escambia County Local Candidates and Committees

Due Date	Report Code	Cover Period
4/11/11	Q1	1/1/11 – 3/31/11
7/11/11	Q2	4/1/11 – 6/30/11
10/11/11	Q3	7/1/11 – 9/30/11
1/10/12	Q4	10/1/11 – 12/31/11
4/10/12	Q1	1/1/12 – 3/31/12
Primary - August 14, 2012		
7/13/12	F1	4/1/12 – 7/6/12
7/27/12	F2	7/7/12 – 7/20/12
8/10/12	F3	7/21/12 – 8/9/12
General - November 6, 2012		
9/21/12	G1	8/10/12 – 9/14/12
10/5/12	G2	9/15/12 – 9/28/12
10/19/12	G3	9/29/12 – 10/12/12
11/2/12	G4	10/13/12 – 11/1/12
Qualifying End Dates		
Judicial Offices - April 20, 2012		
County and City Offices - June 8, 2012		
7/19/12	TR – QJ	4/1/12 – 7/19/12
9/6/12	TR – Q	4/1/12 – 9/6/12
11/12/12	TR – F	8/24/12 – 11/12/12
2/4/13	TR – G	11/2/12 – 2/4/13

Penalty for Late Filing

Any candidate or committee failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for pre-election reports, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For **Termination Reports** the fine is \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Note: Candidates must dispose of all funds in the campaign account and file a termination report within 90 days after having withdrawn, become unopposed, eliminated or elected to office.



Becoming a Candidate

Per F.S. 106.011 (16), A candidate is any person who:

1. Seeks to qualify for nomination or election by means of the petition process;
2. Seeks to qualify for election as a write-in candidate;
3. Receives contributions or makes expenditures, or consents for any other person to receive contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bring about his or her nomination or election to, or retention in, public office;
4. Appoints a treasurer and designates a primary depository; or
5. Files qualification papers and subscribes to a candidate's oath as required by law.

(Please Note: This definition does not include any candidate for a political party executive committee.)

What to File

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates is the first document that must be filed with the filing officer to become a candidate. At the same time, the candidate must designate the office for which he or she is running. A candidate can appoint a campaign treasurer and designate a campaign depository at any time, but **no later** than the date the candidate qualifies for office. Nothing prohibits a person from announcing their intention to become a candidate prior to filing Form DS-DE 9, **as long as no contributions are received, no expenditures are made, and no signatures are obtained on a candidate petition.**

Form DS-DE 9:

1. Shall be filed with the filing officer **prior** to opening the campaign account. **Note: The campaign depository should not be opened until after the DS-DE 9 is on file with the filing officer.**
2. Is not effective until the candidate and the campaign treasurer signs it and it is filed with the filing officer.
3. Is considered "filed" only when the filing officer receives the form, not upon mailing.
4. Shall be on file with the filing officer **prior** to the candidate accepting any contributions or making any expenditures, or authorizing another to accept contributions or make expenditures on the person's behalf.
5. Shall be on file with the filing officer **prior** to obtaining signatures on a DS-DE 104, Candidate Petition.

Form DS-DE 84, Statement of Candidate, must be filed with the filing officer within 10 days after filing Form DS-DE 9. This form states that the candidate has been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, F.S.

Form DS-DE 83, Statement of Candidate for Judicial Office, must be filed by each candidate for judicial office, including an incumbent judge, within 10 days after filing Form DS-DE 9. This form states that the judicial candidate has received, read, and understands the requirements of the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct.



Campaign Treasurers

Appointing Campaign Treasurers and Deputy Treasurers

Each candidate shall appoint a campaign treasurer by filing **Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates** with the filing officer before whom the candidate qualifies. The name and address of the campaign treasurer must be included on the form. A candidate may appoint a campaign treasurer and designate a campaign depository at any time, but no later than the date the candidate qualifies for office. A candidate who seeks to qualify by the petition process shall appoint a treasurer **prior to** obtaining signatures on petitions. Nothing prohibits a person from **announcing** his or her intention to become a candidate prior to filing Form DS-DE 9, as long as no contributions are received, no expenditures are made, and no signatures are obtained on a candidate petition.

1. A candidate must have a campaign treasurer.
2. A candidate may appoint herself or himself as campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer.
3. Local candidates may appoint no more than three deputy campaign treasurers.

Per F.S. 106.021, 106.06, 106.07, 106.19 and 106.265, The campaign treasurer:

1. Shall keep detailed accounts of all contributions received and all expenditures made by or on behalf of the candidate. Such accounts must be kept current within not more than two days after the date a contribution is received or an expenditure is made.
2. Shall deposit all funds received by the end of the 5th business day into the campaign depository. All deposits shall be accompanied by a bank deposit slip containing the name of each contributor and the amount of each contribution.
3. Shall keep detailed accounts of all deposits made in any separate interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit and all withdrawals made from these accounts to the primary depository and all interest earned.
4. Shall preserve all accounts for a number of years equal to the term of office to which the candidate seeks election.
5. Shall file regular reports of all contributions received and expenditures made by or on behalf of such candidate.
6. May be fined \$1,000 or more or be subjected to criminal penalties for failing to file a campaign report or filing an incomplete or inaccurate report.

Deputy campaign treasurers may exercise any of the powers and duties of the campaign treasurer when specifically authorized to do so by the campaign treasurer and candidate.

Accounts, including separate interest-bearing accounts and certificates of deposit, kept by the campaign treasurer of a candidate may be inspected under reasonable circumstances before, during, or after the election to which the accounts refer by any authorized representative of the Division of Elections or the Florida Elections Commission.



Campaign Depositories

Primary Campaign Depository

A candidate must designate a primary campaign depository with a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union authorized to do business in the State of Florida. The campaign account must be separate from any personal or other account and used only for depositing campaign contributions and making expenditures. It is designated at the same time as a treasurer is appointed on Form DS-DE 9 (Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates). A candidate who seeks to qualify by the petition process shall designate a campaign depository prior to obtaining signatures on petitions.

IMPORTANT: *All contributions must be deposited into such account and all expenditures must be drawn by a check on such account, except when paid with petty cash.*

Designating a campaign depository does not mean physically opening your account. It is merely naming the financial institution where your campaign funds will be deposited. This is because most banks require an initial deposit to open a campaign account *and a contribution cannot be accepted prior to the candidate filing Form DS-DE 9.*

All funds received by the campaign treasurer shall, prior to the end of the fifth business day following the receipt thereof, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, be deposited in a campaign depository designated pursuant to Section 106.021, F.S., in an account designated "*(Name of Candidate) Campaign Account.*"

IMPORTANT: *All deposits must be accompanied by a bank deposit slip containing the name of each contributor and the amount contributed by each.*

IMPORTANT: *Only a campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer is allowed to sign checks drawn on the campaign account. The campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer who signs a check shall be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information on the check and for ensuring it is an authorized expenditure. **Candidates are prohibited from signing campaign checks unless they appointed themselves campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer.***



Campaign Account Information

Campaign Checks

IMPORTANT: *When issuing checks from the campaign account, the campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer shall be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information on such check and for insuring that such expenditure is an authorized expenditure.*

Campaign checks must contain the following information:

1. The statement "(Name of Candidate) Campaign Account"
2. Account number and name of bank,
3. The exact amount of the expenditure,
4. The signature of the campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer,
5. The exact purpose of the expenditure, and
6. The name of the payee.

This information may be typed or hand-printed on starter checks provided by the bank until printed checks arrive. (Section 106.11(1), F.S.)

Debit Cards

Per F.S. 106.11 (2) A candidate may use a debit card to make campaign expenditures.

1. Must be obtained from the same bank that has been designated as the primary campaign depository.
2. Must be issued in the name of the treasurer, deputy treasurer, or authorized user and state "(Name of candidate or political committee) Campaign Account."
3. No more than **three** debit cards shall be issued.

Credit Cards

Per F.S. 106.125, Credit Cards are only available for use by statewide offices.



Qualifying

Judicial, State Attorney and Public Defender: **Noon, 4/16/2012 – Noon, 4/20/2012**
Federal, Statewide, Multi-County, County, District and City: **Noon, 6/4/2012 – Noon, 6/8/2012**

Qualifying is a one week period in which candidates are required, by law, to file additional forms, such as Candidate Oaths, a personal Financial Disclosure Form, the petition certification letter provided by the Supervisor of Elections for those candidates who met the petition requirement in lieu of paying the qualifying fee; OR pay the qualifying fee in order to have their name placed on the ballot.

The required forms are listed with each office in this publication.

Tips for Qualifying

- During Qualifying please do not wait until the last minute to file your qualifying papers. Make sure each and every line, blank or field is complete for all forms. Everything must be correct and complete - one missed blank may jeopardize your candidacy.
- You must file the DS-DE 9 Appointment of Campaign Treasurer Form before you open your campaign account, otherwise you will be in violation in accepting contributions (even from yourself) before you are legally a candidate.

Changing Parties for Partisan Offices

Per F.S. 99.021, A candidate seeking to qualify as a political party candidate may not have been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which the person seeks to qualify.



Clerk of the Circuit Court

Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered voter Resident of the county at the time of assuming office.
Petition Requirements	1% of Registered Voters in Escambia County - 1,996 Valid Petitions <i>(Must meet petition requirement <u>or</u> pay Qualifying Fee listed below.)</i>
Salary	\$129,805 (2011-2012)
Qualifying Fee	6% Partisan - \$7,788.30 or 4% Nonpartisan - \$5,192.20
Forms to File	<p><i>To get started:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Campaign Treasurers & Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate Form (DS-DE 84) Candidate Information Sheet (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) <p><i>During Qualifying: (Noon, June 4, 2012 – Noon, June 8, 2012)</i> (must file ONE of the two Loyalty Oaths)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate Oath - Candidate with Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24) Candidate Oath - Candidate with No Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24B) Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2011
Term of Office	4 years
Commence Term	Tuesday, January 8, 2013



Sheriff	
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered voter Resident of the county at the time of assuming office.
Petition Requirements	1% of Registered Voters in Escambia County 1,996 Valid Petitions <i>(Must meet petition requirement <u>or</u> pay Qualifying Fee listed below.)</i>
Salary	\$138,401 (2011-2012)
Qualifying Fee	6% Partisan - \$8,304.06 or 4% Nonpartisan - \$5,536.04
Forms to File	<p>To get started:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Campaign Treasurers & Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate Form (DS-DE 84) Candidate Information Form (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) <p>During Qualifying: (Noon, June 4, 2012 – Noon, June 8, 2012) <small>(must file ONE of the two Loyalty Oaths)</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate Oath - Candidate with Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24) Candidate Oath - Candidate with No Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24B) Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2011
Term of Office	4 years
Commence Term	Tuesday, January 8, 2013



Property Appraiser	
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered voter Resident of the county at the time of assuming office.
Petition Requirements	<p>1% of Registered Voters in Escambia County 1,996 Valid Petitions <i>(Must meet petition requirement <u>or</u> pay Qualifying Fee listed below.)</i></p>
Salary	\$129,805 (2011-2012)
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Term of Office	4 years
Commence Term	Tuesday, January 8, 2013



Tax Collector	
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered voter Resident of the county at the time of assuming office.
Petition Requirements	<p>1% of Registered Voters in Escambia County 1,996 Valid Petitions <i>(Must meet petition requirement <u>or</u> pay Qualifying Fee listed below.)</i></p>
Salary	\$129,805 (2011-2012)
Qualifying Fee	<p>6% Partisan - \$7,788.30 or 4% Nonpartisan - \$5,192.20</p>
Forms to File	<p><i>To get started:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Campaign Treasurers & Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate Form (DS-DE 84) Candidate Information Form (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) <p><i>During Qualifying: (Noon, June 4, 2012 – Noon, June 8, 2012)</i> <small>(must file ONE of the two Loyalty Oaths)</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate Oath - Candidate with Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24) Candidate Oath - Candidate with No Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24B) Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2011
Term of Office	4 years
Commence Term	Tuesday, January 8, 2013



Superintendent of Schools	
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered voter Resident of the county at the time of assuming office
Petition Requirements	<p>1% of Registered Voters in Escambia County 1,996 Valid Petitions <i>(Must meet petition requirement <u>or</u> pay Qualifying Fee listed below.)</i></p>
Salary	\$129,805 (2011-2012)
Qualifying Fee	<p>6% Partisan - \$7,788.30 or 4% Nonpartisan - \$5,192.20</p>
Forms to File	<p><i>To get started:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Campaign Treasurers & Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate Form (DS-DE 84) Candidate Information Form (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) <p><i>During Qualifying: (Noon, June 4, 2012 – Noon, June 8, 2012)</i> (must file ONE of the two Loyalty Oaths)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate Oath - Candidate with Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24) Candidate Oath - Candidate with No Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24B) Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2011
Term of Office	4 years
Commence Term	Tuesday, November 20, 2012



Supervisor of Elections	
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered voter Resident of the county at the time of assuming office.
Petition Requirements	1% of Registered Voters in Escambia County 1,996 Valid Petitions <i>(Must meet petition requirement <u>or</u> pay Qualifying Fee listed below.)</i>
Salary	\$111,303 (2011-2012)
Qualifying Fee	6% Partisan - \$6,678.18 or 4% Nonpartisan - \$4,452.12
Forms to File	<p><i>To get started:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Campaign Treasurers & Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate Form (DS-DE 84) Candidate Information Form (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) <p><i>During Qualifying: (Noon, June 4, 2012 – Noon, June 8, 2012)</i> <small>(must file ONE of the two Loyalty Oaths)</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate Oath - Candidate with Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24) Candidate Oath - Candidate with No Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24B) Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2011
Term of Office	4 years
Commence Term	Tuesday, January 8, 2013



County Commissioner, Districts 1, 3 and 5

Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered voter Resident of the district at the time of election
Petition Requirements	<p>1% of Registered Voters in county divided by 5 (total # of districts) in years of redistricting only</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">District 1 – 400 Valid Petitions District 3 – 400 Valid Petitions District 5 – 400 Valid Petitions</p> <p><i>(Must meet petition requirement <u>or</u> pay Qualifying Fee listed below.)</i></p>
Salary	\$73,531.00 (2011-2012)
Qualifying Fee	<p>6% Partisan - \$4,411.86</p> <p>or</p> <p>4% Nonpartisan - \$2,941.24</p>
Forms to File	<p><i>To get started:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Campaign Treasurers & Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate Form (DS-DE 84) Candidate Information Form (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) <p><i>During Qualifying: (Noon, June 4, 2012 – Noon, June 8, 2012)</i> <small>(must file ONE of the two Loyalty Oaths)</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate Oath - Candidate with Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24) Candidate Oath - Candidate with No Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24B) Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2011
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<i>SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICE</i> Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, Districts 1, 3 and 5	
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered voter Resident of the district at the time of assuming office
Petition Requirements	25 valid petitions <i>(Must meet petition requirement <u>or</u> pay Qualifying Fee listed below.)</i>
Salary	\$35,773 (2011-2012)
Qualifying Fee	\$25.00 for Special District Offices
Forms to File	<p><i>To get started:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Campaign Treasurers & Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate Form (DS-DE 84) Affidavit of Intent (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) This form is used if no contributions are to be received. Candidate Information Form (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) <p><i>During Qualifying: (Noon, June 4, 2012 – Noon, June 8, 2012)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate Oath – Candidate with Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24) Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests 2011
Term of Office	4 years
Commence Term	Tuesday, November 20, 2012



County Court Judges, Groups 2, 3 and 4

<p>Qualifications <i>Constitution of the State of Florida Article V Sections 8 and 13</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elector of the state; • Present member of the Florida Bar and have been a member for the preceding 5 years at the time of assuming office; • Residence established in the territorial jurisdiction of the court at the time of assuming office; • May not be over 70 years old except on temporary assignment or to complete a term one-half of which has been served; • Shall not engage in the practice of law or hold office in any political party.
<p>Petition Requirements</p>	<p>1% of Registered Voters in Escambia County - 1,996 Valid Petitions <i>(Must meet petition requirement <u>or</u> pay Qualifying Fee listed below.)</i></p>
<p>Salary</p>	<p>\$134,280 (2011-2012)</p>
<p>Qualifying Fee</p>	<p>4% Nonpartisan - \$5,371.20</p>
<p>Forms to File</p>	<p><i>To get started:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Campaign Treasurers & Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) • Statement of Candidate Form (DS-DE 84) • Statement of Candidate for Judicial Office (DS-DE 83) • Candidate Information Sheet (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) <p><i>During Qualifying: (Noon, April 16, 2012 – Noon, April 20, 2012)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judicial Office Candidate Oath (DS-DE 26) • Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2011
<p>Term of Office</p>	<p>6 years</p>
<p>Commence Term</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 8, 2013</p>



School Board, Districts 4 and 5

Qualifications <i>F.S. 1001.34 & F.S. 1001.361</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered voter • Resident of the district at the time of qualifying
Petition Requirements	<p style="text-align: center;">1% of Registered Voters in 1% of Registered Voters in county divided by 5 (total # of districts) in years of redistricting only</p> <p style="text-align: center;">District 4 - 400 Valid Petitions District 5 - 400 Valid Petitions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Must meet petition requirement <u>or</u> pay Qualifying Fee listed below.)</i></p>
Salary	<p style="text-align: center;">\$35,773 (2011-2012)</p>
Qualifying Fee	<p style="text-align: center;">4% Nonpartisan - \$1,430.92</p>
Forms to File	<p><i>To get started:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Campaign Treasurers & Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) • Statement of Candidate Form (DS-DE 84) • Candidate Information Form (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) <p><i>During Qualifying: (Noon, June 4, 2012 – Noon, June 8, 2012)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate Oath- School Board Nonpartisan Office (DS-DE 25A) • Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2011
Term of Office	<p style="text-align: center;">4 years</p>
Commence Term	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, November 20, 2012</p>



Pensacola City Council At-Large B

<p>Qualifications <i>Article VI Section 6.03 of the Charter for the City of Pensacola</i></p>	<p>Any person who is a resident of the City, has qualified as a Florida elector, and has been assigned a voter registration number by the County Supervisor of Elections to vote in a City precinct not less than one (1) year prior to the end of the qualification period, shall be an elector of the City who shall be eligible to run for the office of Mayor and at-large Council offices ("A" and "B"), while a candidate for a City Council district office must have been a resident of the declared district for at least one (1) year prior to the end of the qualification period. If he or she ceases to possess any such qualifications during his or her term of office, or if he or she violates any express prohibition of this Charter, he or she shall forthwith forfeit the office, and the Council shall remove him or her from office.</p>				
<p>Petition Requirements</p>	<p>2.5% of the population of the City according to the most recent decennial census.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1,299 Valid Petitions</p> <p><i>The normal required amount of petitions is 5% of the total number of registered voters in the City, however, per City Charter Section 6.06, for the City election following each decennial census, the required petition signatures shall be 2.5% of the population of the City according to the most recent decennial census.</i></p> <p><i>If petition requirement is met – candidate is still required to pay the 1% Election Assessment per F.S. 99.093.</i></p>				
<p>Salary</p>	<p>\$13,998.40 (2011-2012)</p>				
<p>Qualifying Fee</p>	<p>Qualifying fee is comprised of a 1% Election Assessment (F.S. 99.093) of \$139.98 plus a 3% filing fee City Charter Section 6.03 of \$419.95.</p> <p>Using the petition method only waives the 3% portion of the filing fee per City Charter Section 6.03</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><i>No Petitions & No Affidavit of Financial Hardship - Qualifying Fee is \$559.93</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><i>No Petitions & Affidavit of Financial Hardship - Qualifying Fee is \$419.95</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><i>Petitions & No Affidavit of Financial Hardship - Qualifying Fee is \$139.98</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"><i>Petitions & Affidavit of Financial Hardship - Qualifying Fee is \$.00</i></td> </tr> </table>	<i>No Petitions & No Affidavit of Financial Hardship - Qualifying Fee is \$559.93</i>	<i>No Petitions & Affidavit of Financial Hardship - Qualifying Fee is \$419.95</i>	<i>Petitions & No Affidavit of Financial Hardship - Qualifying Fee is \$139.98</i>	<i>Petitions & Affidavit of Financial Hardship - Qualifying Fee is \$.00</i>
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<p>Term of Office</p>	<p>4 years</p>				
<p>Commence Term</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 27, 2012</p>				



Pensacola City Council, Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7

<p>Qualifications <i>Article VI Section 6.03 of the Charter for the City of Pensacola</i></p>	<p>Any person who is a resident of the City, has qualified as a Florida elector, and has been assigned a voter registration number by the County Supervisor of Elections to vote in a City precinct not less than one (1) year prior to the end of the qualification period, shall be an elector of the City who shall be eligible to run for the office of Mayor and at-large Council offices ("A" and "B"), while a candidate for a City Council district office must have been a resident of the declared district for at least one (1) year prior to the end of the qualification period. If he or she ceases to possess any such qualifications during his or her term of office, or if he or she violates any express prohibition of this Charter, he or she shall forthwith forfeit the office, and the Council shall remove him or her from office.</p>
<p>Petition Requirements</p>	<p>2.5% of the population of the City according to the most recent decennial census divided by 7 districts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">District 1 - 186 Valid Petitions District 3 - 186 Valid Petitions District 5 - 186 Valid Petitions</p> <p><i>The normal required amount of petitions is 5% of the total number of registered voters in the district, however, per City Charter Section 6.06, the required amount of petitions is 2.5% of the population of the City based upon the most recent decennial census divided by the number of City Council districts (51,923 ÷ 7 districts x 2.5%).</i></p> <p><i>If petition requirement is met – candidate is still required to pay the 1% Election Assessment per F.S. 99.093.</i></p>
<p>Salary</p>	<p>\$13,998.40 (2011-2012)</p>
<p>Qualifying Fee</p>	<p>Qualifying fee is comprised of a 1% Election Assessment (F.S. 99.093) of \$139.98 plus a 3% filing fee City Charter Section 6.03 of \$419.95.</p> <p>Using the petition method only waives the 3% portion of the filing fee per City Charter Section 6.03</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><i>No Petitions & No Affidavit of Financial Hardship - Qualifying Fee is \$559.93</i> <i>No Petitions & Affidavit of Financial Hardship - Qualifying Fee is \$419.95</i> <i>Petitions & No Affidavit of Financial Hardship - Qualifying Fee is \$139.98</i> <i>Petitions & Affidavit of Financial Hardship - Qualifying Fee is \$.00</i></p> </div>
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<p>Term of Office</p>	<p>4 years</p>
<p>Commence Term</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 27, 2012</p>



<i>SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICE</i> Escambia Soil and Water Conservation District, Groups 1, *2, 3 and 5	
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered voter Resident of the county at the time of assuming office
Petition Requirements	25 valid petitions from voters county-wide are required <i>(Must meet petition requirement <u>or</u> pay Qualifying Fee listed below.)</i>
Salary	No salary for this office
Qualifying Fee	\$25.00 for Special District Offices
Forms to File	<p><i>To get started:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Campaign Treasurers & Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate Form (DS-DE 84) Affidavit of Intent (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) This form is used if no contributions are to be received. Candidate Information Form (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) <p><i>During Qualifying: (Noon, June 4, 2012 – Noon, June 8, 2012)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate Oath for Nonpartisan Offices (DS-DE 25) Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests 2011
Term of Office	4 years
Commence Term	Tuesday, January 8, 2013

***Group 2 was filled by appointment on 2/16/11, the elected candidate will fill the remainder of the original term which will end in 2014.**



SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICE **Santa Rosa Island Authority**

<p>Qualifications <i>Laws of Florida 83-407</i> <i>House Bill 859 Section 3 (2) and (3)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered voter • Resident and leaseholder on Santa Rosa Island for at least 6 months immediately prior to qualifying and shall remain a resident during the term of office. In addition, the candidate shall be in full compliance with his lease at the time of qualifying and shall remain so during the term of office.
<p>Petition Requirements</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25 valid petitions from voters in Precinct 94 are required <i>(Must meet petition requirement <u>or</u> pay Qualifying Fee listed below.)</i></p>
<p>Salary</p>	<p>\$4,800.00 Expense Allowance</p>
<p>Qualifying Fee</p>	<p>\$25.00 for Special District Offices</p>
<p>Forms to File</p>	<p><i>To get started:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Campaign Treasurers & Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) • Statement of Candidate Form (DS-DE 84) • Affidavit of Intent (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) This form is used if no contributions are to be received. • Candidate Information Form (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) <p><i>During Qualifying: (Noon, June 4, 2012 – Noon, June 8, 2012)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate Oath for Nonpartisan Offices (DS-DE 25) • Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests 2011
<p>Term of Office</p>	<p>2 years</p>
<p>Commence Term</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012</p>



<i>Write In Candidates</i> <i>(Per the City Charter there is no provision for write-in candidates for City of Pensacola candidates)</i>	
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered voter Resident within the district at the time qualifying
Petition Requirements	No petition requirements for write-in candidates
Salary	See specific office
Qualifying Fee	No qualifying fee for write-in candidates
Forms to File	<p><i>To get started:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Campaign Treasurers & Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate Form (DS-DE 84) Candidate Information Form (located on EscambiaVotes.com website) <p><i>During Qualifying: (Noon, June 4, 2012 – Noon, June 8, 2012)</i></p> <p>(must file ONE of the two Loyalty Oaths depending on office sought)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate Oath - Write-In Candidate (DS-DE 24A) Judicial Office Candidate Oath - Write-In Candidate (DS-DE 26A) <p>(must file ONE of the two Loyalty Oaths depending on office sought)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests 2011 Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2011
Term of Office	See specific office
Commence Term	See specific office



Political Disclaimers

(Florida Statutes 106.143)

Any political advertisement that is paid for by a candidate, except a write-in candidate, and that is published, displayed, or circulated before, or on the day of, any election must prominently state:

“Political advertisement paid for and approved by (name of candidate), (party affiliation if partisan office) for (office sought)” or

“Paid by (name of candidate), (party affiliation if partisan office) for (office sought).”

The word “for” must be used in the body of advertisements between the name of the candidate and the office sought unless incumbent.

Examples:

Non-incumbent, running for partisan office:

If political advertisement is paid by a candidate, no longer must the political disclaimer state “political advertisement” or “approved by”.

**Elect
Joe Schmoe
for
County Commissioner, District 7**

*Political advertisement paid for and approved
by Joe Schmoe, Republican, for County
Commissioner, District 7*

Or

**Elect
Joe Schmoe
for
County Commissioner, District 7**

*Paid by Joe Schmoe, Republican, for County
Commissioner, District 7*

Non-incumbent, running for nonpartisan office:

**Elect
Mick Hagger
for
School Board, District 10**

*Political advertisement paid for and approved by
Mick Hagger for School Board, District 10*

Or

**Elect
Mick Hagger
for
School Board, District 10**

Paid by Mick Hagger for School Board, District 10



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Incumbent, running for partisan office:

**Re-Elect
Clint Westwood
Sheriff**
*Political advertisement paid for and approved
by Clint Westwood, Democrat, for Sheriff*

Or

**Re-Elect
Clint Westwood
Sheriff**
Paid by Clint Westwood, Democrat, for Sheriff

Incumbent, running for nonpartisan office:

**Re-Elect
Allie Marie
City Council, District 25**
*Political advertisement paid for and approved by
Allie Marie for City Council, District 25*

Or

**Re-Elect
Allie Marie
City Council, District 25**
Paid by Allie Marie for City Council, District 25

Non-incumbent, no party affiliation candidate running for partisan office:

**Elect
Tony Bologna
for
EUCA, District 12**
*Political advertisement paid for and approved by
Tony Bologna, No Party Affiliation, for ECUA,
District 12*

Or

**Elect
Tony Bologna
for
EUCA, District 12**
*Paid by Tony Bologna, No Party Affiliation, for
ECUA, District 12*

Incumbent partisan candidate, advertisement paid for in-kind:

**Re-Elect
Daisy Mae
County Commissioner, District 25**
*Pd. Pol. Adv. Paid for In-kind by Jake Blake, 525 Apple Street, Pensacola, FL
32514. Approved by Daisy Mae, Republican, for County Commissioner,
District 25.*



Florida Statutes 106.143

Political advertisements circulated prior to election; requirements

- (1) (a) Any political advertisement that is paid for by a candidate, except a write-in candidate, and that is published, displayed, or circulated before, or on the day of, any election must prominently state:
 1. “Political advertisement paid for and approved by (name of candidate),(party affiliation), for (office sought)”;
 2. “Paid by (name of candidate), (party affiliation), for (office sought).”
 - (b) Any political advertisement that is paid for by a write-in candidate and that is published, displayed, or circulated before, or on the day of, any election must prominently state:
 1. “Political advertisement paid for and approved by (name of candidate), write-in candidate, for (office sought)”;
 2. “Paid by (name of candidate), write-in candidate, for (office sought).”
 - (c) Any other political advertisement published, displayed, or circulated before, or on the day of, any election must prominently:
 1. Be marked “paid political advertisement” or with the abbreviation “pd. pol. adv.”
 2. State the name and address of the persons paying for the advertisement.
 3. State whether the advertisement and the cost of production is paid for or provided in kind by or at the expense of the entity publishing, displaying, broadcasting, or circulating the political advertisement.
 - (d) Any political advertisement made pursuant to s. 106.021(3)(d) must prominently state the name and address of the political committee or political party paying for the advertisement.
- (2) Political advertisements made as in-kind contributions from a political party must prominently state: “Paid political advertisement paid for by in-kind by (name of political party) Approved by (name of person, party affiliation, and office sought in the political advertisement).”
 - (3) Any political advertisement of a candidate running for partisan office shall express the name of the political party of which the candidate is seeking nomination or is the nominee. If the candidate for partisan office is running as a candidate with no party affiliation, any political advertisement of the candidate must state that the candidate has no party affiliation. A political advertisement of a candidate running for nonpartisan office may not state the candidate’s political party affiliation. This section does not prohibit a political advertisement from stating the candidate’s partisan-related experience. A candidate for nonpartisan office is prohibited from campaigning based on party affiliation.



- (4) It is unlawful for any candidate or person on behalf of a candidate to represent that any person or organization supports such candidate, unless the person or organization so represented has given specific approval in writing to the candidate to make such representation. However, this subsection does not apply to:
 - a. Editorial endorsement by any newspaper, radio or television station, or other recognized news medium.
 - b. Publication by a party committee advocating the candidacy of its nominees.
- (5)(a) Any political advertisement not paid for by a candidate, including those paid for by a political party, other than an independent expenditure, offered on behalf of a candidate must be approved in advance by the candidate. Such political advertisement must expressly state that the content of the advertisement was approved by the candidate, unless the political advertisement is published, displayed, or circulated in compliance with subparagraph (1)(a)2., and must state who paid for the advertisement. The candidate shall provide a written statement of authorization to the newspaper, radio station, television station, or other medium for each such advertisement submitted for publication, display, broadcast, or other distribution.
- (b) Any person who makes an independent expenditure for a political advertisement shall provide a written statement that no candidate has approved the advertisement to the newspaper, radio station, television station, or other medium for each such advertisement submitted for publication, display, broadcast, or other distribution. The advertisement must also contain a statement that no candidate has approved the advertisement.
- (6) No political advertisement of a candidate who is not an incumbent of the office for which the candidate is running shall use the word “re-elect.” Additionally, such advertisement must include the word “for” between the candidate’s name and the office for which the candidate is running, in order that incumbency is not implied. This subsection does not apply to bumper stickers or items designed to be worn by a person.
- (7) Political advertisements paid for by a political party or an affiliated party committee may use names and abbreviations as registered under s. 103.081 in the disclaimer.
- (8) This section does not apply to novelty items having a retail value of \$10 or less which support, but do not oppose, a candidate or issue.
- (9) Any political advertisement which is published, displayed, or produced in a language other than English may provide the information required by this section in the language used in the advertisement.
- (10) This section does not apply to any campaign message or political advertisement used by a candidate and the candidate’s supporters or by a political committee if the message or advertisement is:
 - a. Designed to be worn by a person.



- b. Placed as a paid link on an Internet website, provided the message or advertisement is no more than 200 characters in length and the link directs the user to another Internet website that complies with subsection (1).
 - c. Placed as a graphic or picture link where compliance with the requirements of this section is not reasonably practical due to the size of the graphic or picture link and the link directs the user to another Internet website that complies with subsection (1).
 - d. Placed at no cost on an Internet website for which there is no cost to post content for public users.
 - e. Placed or distributed on an unpaid profile or account which is available to the public without charge or on a social networking Internet website, as long as the source of the message or advertisement is patently clear from the content or format of the message or advertisement. A candidate or political committee may prominently display a statement indicating that the website or account is an official website or account of the candidate or political committee and is approved by the candidate or political committee. A website or account may not be marked as official without prior approval by the candidate or political committee.
 - f. Distributed as a text message or other message via Short Message Service, provided the message is no more than 200 characters in length or requires the recipient to sign up or opt in to receive it.
 - g. Connected with or included in any software application or accompanying function, provided that the user signs up, opts in, downloads, or otherwise accesses the application from or through a website that complies with subsection (1).
 - h. Sent by a third-party user from or through a campaign or committee's website, provided the website complies with subsection (1).
 - i. Contained in or distributed through any other technology-related item, service, or device for which compliance with subsection (1) is not reasonably practical due to the size or nature of such item, service, or device as available, or the means of displaying the message or advertisement makes compliance with subsection (1) impracticable.
- (11) Any person who willfully violates any provision of this section is subject to the civil penalties prescribed in s. 106.265.



F.S. 106.1437 Miscellaneous advertisements - Any advertisement, other than a political advertisement, independent expenditure, or electioneering communication, on billboards, bumper stickers, radio, or television, or in a newspaper, a magazine, or a periodical, intended to influence public policy or the vote of a public official, shall clearly designate the sponsor of such advertisement by including a clearly readable statement of sponsorship. If the advertisement is broadcast on television, the advertisement shall also contain a verbal statement of sponsorship. This section does shall not apply to an editorial endorsement. For purposes of this chapter, an expenditure made for, or in furtherance of, a miscellaneous advertisement is not considered to be a contribution to or on behalf of a candidate, and does not constitute an independent expenditure. Such expenditures are not subject to the limitations applicable to independent expenditures.

F.S. 106.025 Campaign fund raisers - (1) (c) Any tickets or advertising for such a campaign fund raiser is exempt from the requirements of s. 106.143.



Petitions

(Florida Statutes 99.095 & 99.097)

The deadline to submit petitions is:

Noon, March 19, 2012 – Judicial, State Attorney and Public Defender.

Noon, May 7, 2012 – Federal, Statewide, Multi-County, County, District and City

- A candidate who seeks to qualify for any office and who meets the petition requirement is not required to pay the qualifying fee or party assessment mandated by Chapters 99 and 105, Florida Statutes. *Exception: City candidates are still required to pay the 1% Election Assessment.*
- The cost to verify petitions is .10¢ each. No petitions will be accepted without payment. *(Please remember to bring your campaign check!) An Affidavit of Undue Burden may be filed if a candidate is unable to pay the petition fee without imposing an undue burden on personal resources or resources otherwise available however, the laws have changed and a candidate is no longer able to file the Affidavit of Undue Burden if they pay someone to collect petition signatures per F.S. 106.097 (6) (a). Also, if the Affidavit of Undue Burden is filed and contributions are received, any monetary contributions must first be used to reimburse the supervisor of elections for any signature verification fees that were not paid because of the filing of an undue burden oath per F.S. 106.097 (6) (b).*

Petition Facts

- Candidates are required to use DS-DE 104 Candidate Petition (Rev. 10-10). Petitions on previous versions of Form DS-DE 104 are valid until July 1, 2012. Check the Division of Elections website for the latest version:
<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE104.pdf>
- The DS-DE 104 petition form must be reproduced for use by candidates in its exact wording and format without any changes in its text or format, except it may be reduced or enlarged proportionally in size as a whole document. A separate petition form is required for each voter.
- A petition form may be included within a larger advertisement, provided the form is clearly defined by a solid or broken border – once an advertisement is added the petition must contain a political disclaimer.
- Field entries on the petition form may be completed by the candidate except for the *signature* and the *date signed* fields which *must* be completed by the voter.
- A candidate can collect petition signatures in any public place including government owned buildings but cannot solicit or accept contributions as stated in F.S. 106.15(4).
- A voter may sign a candidate's petition regardless of their party affiliation.
- The candidate's information on the petition must be complete – including the district if applicable.
- For district candidates – In a year of reapportionment, any candidate for county or district office seeking ballot position by the petition process may obtain the required number of signatures from any registered voter in the respective county, *regardless of district boundaries* per F.S. 99.095 (2) (d). (Please note: This excludes City Candidates – they follow the City Charter.)



- If a candidate includes his party affiliation on a petition for a non-partisan office, or if a voter adds their own party without the candidate correcting it, the petition will be invalid.
- A candidate may pay someone to collect petition signatures on their behalf - there is nothing in the Elections Code that prohibits this.

Common Reasons for Invalid Petitions

- Voter's name not listed;
- Voter did not list street address (including city, county and state);
- Voter did not list or listed incorrect date signed;
- Voter listed post office box instead of residence address;
- Voter did not include or listed incorrect date of birth;
- Voter listed wrong voter registration number;
- Voter listed their party affiliation (not candidate's or didn't leave blank if nonpartisan);
- Voter's signature does not match our records;
- Voter signed more than one petition for this candidate, this election;
- Voter not registered.

This is not a complete list of reasons that petitions may not be valid, only the most common.

CANDIDATE PETITION			
<i>Notes:</i> - All information on this form becomes a public record upon receipt by the Supervisor of Elections. - It is a crime to knowingly sign more than one petition for a candidate. [Section 104.185, Florida Statutes] - If all requested information on this form is not completed, the form will not be valid as a Candidate Petition form.			
I, _____		the undersigned, a registered voter	
(print name as it appears on your voter information card)			
in said state and county, petition to have the name of _____			
placed on the Primary/General Election Ballot as a: [check/complete box, as applicable]			
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonpartisan	<input type="checkbox"/> No party affiliation	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Party	candidate for the office of

(insert title of office and include district, circuit, group, seat number, if applicable)			
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) or Voter Registration Number		Address	
_____		_____	
City	County	State	Zip Code
_____	_____	_____	_____
Signature of Voter		Date Signed (MM/DD/YY) [to be completed by Voter]	
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Rule 1S-2.045, F.A.C.		DS-DE 104 (Eff. 09/11)	

Link to the Division of Elections website:
<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE104.pdf>



2012 Petition Requirements

<i>Name of Office</i>	<i>Petitions Required</i>
<i>Federal Offices</i>	
United States Senator	112,174
United States Representative	2,298
<i>Multi-County and District Offices</i>	
State Senator, Districts 2 and 4	1,552
State Representative, Districts 1, 2, 3	518
State Attorney	4,776
Public Defender	4,776
Circuit Court Judge, Groups 1, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 15, 18, 23, 24	4,776
<i>County Offices</i>	
County Court Judge, Groups 2, 3, 4, 5	1,996
Clerk of the Circuit Court	1,996
Tax Collector	1,996
Property Appraiser	1,996
Sheriff	1,996
Supervisor of Elections	1,996
Superintendent of Schools	1,996
County Commissioner, Districts 1, 3, 5	District 1 - 400 District 3 - 400 District 5 - 400
School Board Members, Districts 4, 5	District 4 - 400 District 5 - 400
Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, Districts 1, 3, 5	25
Santa Rosa Island Authority	25
Escambia Soil and Water Conservation District, Groups 1, 2, 3, 5	25
<i>City Offices</i>	
City Council At-Large B	1,299
City Council, Districts 1, 3, 5, 7	186



Miscellaneous Information

To obtain an EIN (Employer Identification Number)

Go to: <http://www.irs.gov/> for the latest forms.

You may receive your EIN by telephone and use it immediately – 1-800-829-4933

“Resign to Run” Law

Florida Statute 99.012 – ***Restrictions on individuals qualifying for public office*** – is the so called ‘**Resign- to-Run**’ law. The law essentially prohibits an elected or appointed “officer” from qualifying as a candidate for another state, district, county, or municipal public office if the terms or any part of the terms overlap with each other if the person did not resign from the office the person presently holds.

The resignation must be submitted in writing ten days prior to the first day of qualifying for the office the person intends to seek. The resignation must be filed with the officer before whom they qualified and is ***irrevocable***.

The ‘Resign-to-Run’ law does not apply to *political party offices or persons serving without a salary* on an appointed board or authority.

For additional information on Resign-to-Run, check answers to Frequently Asked Questions on the State Division of Elections website at: <https://doe.dos.state.fl.us/gen-faq.shtml#top> or contact the Office of General Counsel, Florida Department of State at (850) 245-6536; email: generalcounsel@dos.state.fl.us

Hatch Act

The Hatch Act is a federal law which restricts political activities (including running for partisan office) if one is employed by an agency which receives federal funding. Employees of educational and religious organizations may be exempt from the act.

Enforcement of the Hatch Act is by the Office of the United States Special Counsel. Request advice by phone, fax, mail or email from the Hatch Act Unit:

Hatch Act Unit
United States Office of Special Counsel
1730 M Street, N.W., Suite 201
Washington, D.C. 20036-4505
Phone: 800.854.2824 or 202.254.3650
Fax: 202.653.5151
Email: hatchact@osc.gov
Website address: <http://www.osc.gov/hatchact.htm>

Attorneys:

Potential candidates are encouraged to consult with their employer and/or employer’s attorney, the attorney for the agency of the office being sought, and/or the candidate’s personal attorney.



Opinions from the State

Contributions from a Joint Bank Account

When a candidate receives a contribution on a check from a joint bank account, signed by only one of the joint owners, the person signing the check is considered the contributor. (DE Opinion 93-10)

Anonymous Contributions

In an opinion from the Division of Elections (DE 89-02), recommends that the contribution be reported on the campaign treasurer's report as an anonymous contribution, and that a letter explaining that the contribution is anonymous and an effort to locate whoever sent the contribution, and is impossible to return. A copy of this letter will be sent to the Division of Elections for the Florida Elections Commission file. The opinion also recommends that the candidate not spend the contribution, and donate it at the end of the campaign to an appropriate entity. (106.141 Florida Statutes)

Check our Website at EscambiaVotes.com for Sign Ordinances for the City, County and State.



Highlights from Florida Statutes Chapter 106

Filing Campaign Reports

All of the information listed here is found in Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and the Candidate's Handbook which may be downloaded from the Division of Election's Website at <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/publications/publications.shtml>

Once you file the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer form with our office, candidates will then be required to file periodic contribution and expenditure reports.

We have an online reporting system that you will be required to use for preparing your campaign reports.

The following is a list of guidelines that may answer any questions you may initially have regarding Chapter 106.

Contributions

1. DO deposit all contributions received into the campaign account. Even the candidate must deposit any money he/she may wish to donate to the campaign into the campaign account.
2. DO NOT accept contributions by means of cash or a cashier's check exceeding \$50.00 including cash from candidate themselves.
3. Be sure to list the date the contribution was received.
4. Remember to get the name and address of each contributor. If the person contributes more than \$100, you will also need to list the persons' occupation. **The occupation must be specific. Listing the occupation as businessman, business owner or executive is not specific.** Also, for the candidate's occupation please do NOT list "candidate" – this is NOT an occupation. If a business contributes more than \$100.00, then the nature of the business activity must be listed in the occupation field.
5. An in-kind contribution is anything of monetary value that is given to a campaign for the purpose of influencing the results of an election. Examples: wood for signs, postage, cost of events such as campaign related luncheons or receptions.
6. \$500.00 is the limit that may be accepted from an individual contributor per election cycle; \$100.00 if the person is under 18 years of age. That includes either monetary or in-kind or the combination of both from an individual contributor. A candidate is the only person who may contribute an unlimited amount to their own campaign.
7. Do not accept anonymous contributions. Do not "pass the hat" or have a money jar for contributions.
8. All deposit slips must list the contributor's name and the amount of the contribution.



Expenditures

1. The date the campaign check was written, the name and mailing address to whom the expenditure was made and the purpose of the expenditure must be reported. The purpose should be specific and should not be listed as expenses or campaign expenses.
2. Report all bank charges that were deducted from the campaign account on the itemized expenditure sheet.
3. Expenditure reports should reflect itemized expenditures that were conducted through the campaign bank account.
4. Do not make campaign related expenditures until the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer form has been filed with the Supervisor of Elections office.

Petty Cash

A candidate is authorized to withdraw from the campaign account up to \$500 per calendar quarter for petty cash. Following the close of qualifying and up to the last election in which the candidate participates, a local candidate is allowed to withdraw up to \$100 per week for petty cash.

The petty cash fund may only be spent in amounts less than \$100 and only for office supplies, transportation expenses and other necessities. Petty cash may not be used for the purchase of time, space or services from the communications media.

The total amount withdrawn for petty cash and the total amount spent for petty cash purposes must be listed on your expenditure report for each reporting period.

Fines For Late Reports

The fine for a late contribution and expenditure report is \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, \$500 per day beginning on the 4th day late. The fine for a late campaign report due the Friday before each election is \$500 per day. Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays are included when calculation the number of days a report is late. Campaign reports are due ***before midnight*** of the due date. Fines are not considered campaign expenditures and must be paid from the candidate's personal funds.



Overview

One of the most serious mistakes a candidate can make is to accept a cash contribution and then spend it on campaign related items before it is deposited into the campaign account.

Remember, once a candidate, you are subject to the laws in Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Within 10 days after filing the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer form, a candidate is required to sign a Statement of Candidate form which states that they have been given access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106 Florida Statutes. The Florida Election Commission in Tallahassee investigates violations of Chapter 106 should any individual wish to file a complaint.

Our office will notify the candidate by certified mail if additional information to complete the campaign report.

Please keep in mind that campaign reports filed with our office are open to public inspection. This means that reports will most likely be reviewed by opposition and the general public. The News Journal and other media sources also have access to reports. In some cases, investigators from different governmental agencies review these reports. So, it is important that great care is taken to ensure that campaign reports are complete, accurate and in compliance with the election laws. If after the campaign report has been accepted and it is found to be incomplete, notification will be given and the candidate will be required to file an amended campaign report.

We want your campaign to be a pleasant experience for you.

Common Mistakes Made By Candidates, Political Committees & Campaign Treasurers

- Accepting anonymous contributions, such as passing the hat or selling tickets for fund raisers *without* getting the required information from contributors
- Failing to properly mark *political disclaimers* on political advertisements, campaign literature and ads
- Filing Campaign Treasurer Reports *late*
- Showing a *deficit* in campaign contribution and expenditure reports
- Spending monetary contributions *before* they are deposited into the campaign account
- Paying for items with cash and personal check *instead* of a campaign check
- Accepting contributions to cover outstanding expenses *after* the election



Termination Reports

Each candidate who withdraws his or her candidacy, becomes an unopposed candidate, or is eliminated as a candidate or elected to office shall, within 90 days, dispose of the funds on deposit in his or her campaign account and file a termination report (TR) reflecting the disposition of all remaining funds.

Once a candidate withdraws, becomes unopposed, is eliminated, or elected to office, he or she may only *expend* funds from the campaign account to:

- Pay for items which were obligated before he or she withdrew, became unopposed, was eliminated, or elected to office;
- Pay for expenditures necessary to close down the campaign office and to prepare final campaign reports;
- Pay the election assessment fee - see F.S. 106.414 (6);
- Purchase “thank you” advertising for up to 75 days after he or she withdraws, becomes unopposed, is eliminated, or elected to office;
- Return pro rata to each contributor the funds that have not been spent or obligated;
- Donate the funds that have not been spent or obligated to a charity organization or organizations that meet the qualifications of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- Transfer some funds to an office account.

Termination Reports (TR) must include:

- The name and address of each person or unit of government to whom any of the funds were distributed and the amounts thereof;
- The name and address of each person to whom an expenditure was made together with the amount and purpose; and
- The amount of such funds transferred to an office account together with the name and address of the bank in which the office account is located.
- If a refund check is received after all surplus funds have been disposed of, the check may be endorsed by the candidate and the refund disposed of pursuant to Section 106.141, F.S. An amended termination report must be filed with the filing officer.

*Please be aware that every penny that went in to the campaign account **must** come out of the campaign account. The monetary contributions to date must equal the total monetary expenditures to date. In other words – the two amounts must be the same.*



Frequently Asked Questions

May a candidate appoint himself or herself as campaign treasurer and sign campaign checks?

Yes. Only the treasurer and deputy campaign treasurer may sign campaign checks. F.S. 106.021(1)(c)

Must a campaign treasurer be a registered voter in Florida? F.S. 106.021 (1) (c)

No. Effective 1/1/2008 the campaign treasurer does not have to be a registered voter in Florida.

Can a deputy treasurer file and submit campaign reports? F.S. 106.021(4)

Yes. A deputy treasurer may perform all of the duties of a campaign treasurer when specifically authorized to do so by the campaign treasurer and the candidate.

If my treasurer is out of town, can I have an extension to file my report? F.S. 106.07 (8)(a)

No. Campaign financing laws do not provide for an extension for filing campaign reports under these circumstances.

What are the contribution limits for a candidate?

\$500 per election is the limit you may accept from a contributor. \$100 if the person is under 18 years of age. (F.S. 106.08) That includes either monetary or in-kind or the combination of both from an individual contributor. For contribution purposes, the primary and general elections are considered separate elections. (F.S. 106.08) **For cash or cashier's check the contribution limit is \$50 in aggregate, per election. This includes cash from candidate as well.** F.S. 106.09

What is an "in-kind" contribution and are they subject to the same limitations as monetary contributions? F.S. 106.011 (3)(a)

An in-kind contribution is anything having a monetary value in any form made for the purpose of influencing an election. Any person who makes an in-kind contribution shall place a fair market value on such contribution. (F.S. 106.055) In-kind contributions are subject to the same contribution limitations set for monetary contributions. F.S. 106.08 (2)(b)

If I make a mistake on my report can I go back in and correct it on the Online Reporting System (ORS)?

Once a report is submitted the ORS will not permit you to go back and make changes. In order to make corrections you must submit an "amendment." It is very important to verify accuracy before submitting.

Do I have to itemize small contributions of 5¢, \$1, \$5, \$10, etc.? F.S. 106.07(4)(a)1

Yes. Florida law provides no exceptions for the reporting of contribution information, regardless of the size of the contribution. The full name and address of the contributor is also required.

Do I have to list the contributor's occupation for every contribution? F.S. 106.07(4)(a)1

Only if the amount is over \$100. The occupation must be specific. Listing occupation as businessman, business owner or executive is not specific. If a business contributes more than \$100, the principal type of business must be listed.

I received an anonymous contribution, how do I report it?

This should be reported on the campaign report as an anonymous contribution. A cover letter should accompany the report explaining that the contribution is anonymous and therefore impossible to return. The candidate is not to spend the contribution and at the end of the campaign, donate the amount of the anonymous contribution to an appropriate entity under F. S. 106.141 & Division of Elections Opinion 89-02



How is my name to be printed on my campaign checks?

(*Name of Candidate*) Campaign Account” See F.S. 106.11(1)(b) for minimum account information required for campaign checks.

Can I accept contributions in a government-owned building? F.S. 106.15(4)

No person shall make, solicit or accept any political contribution in a building owned by a governmental entity (“accept means” to receive a contribution by personal hand delivery from a contributor or the contributor’s agent.) This does not apply when a government owned building or a portion thereof is rented for the specific purpose of holding a campaign fundraiser.

When can a candidate pay themselves back for loans to their own campaign? F.S. 106.11 (6)

A candidate who makes a loan to his or her campaign and reports the loan as required may be reimbursed for the loan at any time the campaign account has sufficient funds to repay the loan and satisfy its other obligations.

How long do I have to deposit contributions into my campaign account? F.S. 106.05

All contributions must be deposited into the campaign account prior to the end of the 5th business day following receipt excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. All deposits must be accompanied by a bank deposit slip containing the name of each contributor and the amount contributed by each.

Can I use a debit card for my campaign account?

A candidate may use a debit card to make campaign expenditures. Debit cards are considered bank checks if they are obtained from the same bank that has been designated as the candidate’s primary campaign depository. They must state (*Name of Candidate*) Campaign Account”. No more than 3 debit cards may be issued. The person using the debit card cannot receive cash as part of any transaction. The treasurer, deputy treasurer or authorized user must sign each transaction. F.S. 106.11 (2)

May I use a credit card for my campaign account?

No. Credit cards may not be used by candidates running for local office. F.S. 106.125

How much may I withdraw for petty cash?

The campaign treasurer may, until the close of the last day of qualifying for office, withdraw the amount of \$500 per calendar quarter. Following the close of the last day of qualifying and until the election, the campaign treasurer may withdraw \$100 per week. Petty cash may be spent only in amounts of less than \$100 and only for office supplies, transportation expenses, and other necessities. Petty cash shall not be used for the purchase of time, space, or services from communications media. The total amount withdrawn and the total amount spent must be reported in each reporting period. F.S. 106.12

Do I have to designate a campaign treasurer and depository before I make public my intention to run for office?

No. Nothing in the election laws prohibits a person from announcing their intention to become a candidate prior to designating a treasurer or depository as long as no contributions are received and no expenditures are made in connection with that announcement. F.S. 106.021

I’m a candidate and have decided to run for a different office – what is the procedure?

A candidate must file a new Designation of Campaign Treasurer form (DS-DE 9). Within 15 days of the change of filing, the candidate must notify all contributors in writing and offer to return a pro rata share of his/her contribution – must send the DS-DE 86 Request for Return of Contribution form along with notification. If the contributor returns the form within 30 days, then he/she is entitled to a pro rata share of his/her contribution. Any contributions not requested to be returned within the 30-day period may be used by the candidate for the newly designated office. F.S. 106.021 (1)



Do I have to file campaign reports on the Online Reporting System (ORS)?

The Escambia County Supervisor of Elections requires that all campaign reports be filed through the Online Reporting System (ORS). Each candidate will be issued a password and ID number that will be mailed to them after filing the DS-DE 9 Appointment of Campaign Treasurer Form.

As a candidate, am I required to use closed-captioning and descriptive narrative in my television broadcasts?

Yes. Each candidate is required to use closed-captioning and descriptive narrative in all television broadcasts regulated by the Federal Communication Commission or file a written statement with the filing officer stating reasons for not doing so. For local offices the Supervisor of Elections is your filing officer. F.S. 106.165

Can I conduct a raffle to raise money for my campaign?

No. Pursuant to Section 849.09, Florida Statutes, it is unlawful for any person in this state to set up, promote, or conduct any lottery for money or anything of value or conduct any lottery drawing for the distribution of a prize or prizes by lot or chance.

If I am late submitting my report, how is my fine calculated? F.S. 106.07 (8)(b)

\$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding the primary and general elections, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Do I have to use a political disclaimer on all of my campaign literature? F.S. 106.143

Any political advertisement that is **paid for by a candidate** (except a write-in candidate) and that is published, displayed, or circulated prior to, or on the day of, any election must prominently state:

For partisan offices:

Political advertisement paid for and approved by *(name of candidate)*, *(party affiliation)*, for *(office sought)*.

Or

“Paid by *(name of candidate)*, *(party affiliation)*, for *(office sought)*”

For non-partisan offices:

Political advertisement paid for and approved by *(name of candidate)*, for *(office sought)*.

Or

“Paid by *(name of candidate)*, for *(office sought)*”

For No Party Affiliation candidates:

Political advertisement paid for and approved by *(name of candidate)*, No Party Affiliation for *(office sought)*

Or

“Paid by *(name of candidate)*, *NPA*, for *(office sought)*”

When can I begin collecting petition signatures?

Signatures may not be obtained until the candidate has filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer & Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9). The petitions are valid only for the qualifying period immediately following such filings. (F.S. 99.095) Candidates are responsible for printing their own petitions. The format is found on the Division of Elections website: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/>



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
Federal Tax Regulation - IRS Regulations


Political parties, campaign committees for candidates for federal, state or local office; and political committees are all political organizations subject to tax under Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") section 527.

Recently enacted legislation altered tax filing requirements for certain political organizations that have tax-exempt status under section 527 of the IRC. The law significantly reduces filing requirements for state and local organizations that already disclose certain information to state agencies, and relieves some organizations from filing annual information tax or exempt organization information returns.

For additional information regarding filing requirements for political organizations subject to tax under IRC section 527, review the documents available below and visit www.irs.gov/polorgs



The below publications are available in Adobe's Acrobat PDF format for viewing or printing. Accessing documents in PDF format requires use of [Adobe's Acrobat Reader](#) , which may be installed free.

Any link (followed by this icon ) when clicked will leave this site and open in a new window.

- [Tax Information for Political Organizations](http://www.irs.gov/charities/political/index.html) 
<http://www.irs.gov/charities/political/index.html>
- 4/29/03 - [New Section 527 Revenue Ruling](#) (pdf,34kb)
<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/RevRul2003->
- 11/21/02 - [IRS Outlines Revised Filing Requirements for 527 Political](#)
<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/IRS527release.pdf>
- 11/2002 - [Section 527 Political Organizations Revised Tax Filing Requirements](#) (pdf,102kb)
<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/IRStaxreq.pdf>

This document may be viewed by visiting the Division of Elections website:
<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/irs-regulations.shtml>



Please note that it is the responsibility of the candidate to make sure the most current forms are used.

Check the Division of Elections' website at:
<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/index.shtml>
Or visit: EscambiaVotes.com for fill-in forms.

To get started:

Appointment of Campaign Treasurer (DS-DE 9)

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE9.pdf>

Candidate Information Sheet (Escambia County Form)

<http://s3.amazonaws.com/escambivotes.com/documents/438/originalCandidateInformationSheet2012.pdf?1319771090>

Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84)

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE84.pdf>

Affidavit of Intent (for Special District Candidates *not* opening a campaign account)

<http://s3.amazonaws.com/escambivotes.com/documents/439/originalAffidavitofIntentSpecialDistrictOffices.pdf?1319771200>

Candidate Petition Form (DS-DE 104)

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE104.pdf>

Qualifying Forms:

Candidate Oath – Candidate with Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24)

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE24.pdf>

Candidate Oath – Candidate with No Party Affiliation (DS-DE 24B)

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE24b.pdf>

Candidate Oath – Non-Partisan Office (DS-DE 25)

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE25.pdf>

Judicial Office Candidate Oath (DS-DE 26)

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE26.pdf>

Form 1- Statement of Financial Interests

<http://www.ethics.state.fl.us/>

Form 6 - Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests

<http://www.ethics.state.fl.us/>

City Oath

<http://s3.amazonaws.com/escambivotes.com/documents/440/originalCityofPensacolaOath.pdf?1319810611>

Affidavit of Financial Hardship (For City only – 1% Election Assessment)

<http://www.fec.state.fl.us/Election%20Assessments/aff%20of%20financial%20hardship.pdf>





If you have questions or require assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our Candidate Qualifying Department at (850) 595-3908.

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