

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

OFFICE USE ONLY

I, _____,

candidate for the office of _____;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

I swear or affirm that I meet, or will meet at the time of election for the office sought or at the time of assuming the office, as applicable, all statutory and constitutional qualifications for the office sought.

Signature of Candidate

Date

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

Signature of Officer Administering Oath

Affix Seal Below or, if judge, provide name, title, and court (s. 92.50, F.S.)

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of

online notarization OR physical presence

this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Type of Identification Produced: _____

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

BECOMING A MUNICIPAL CANDIDATE

(Revised: September 10, 2025)

Information provided may be subject to Legislative Changes

What is a Candidate?

A candidate is defined in 97.021(5), Florida Statutes, as any person to whom any one or more of the following applies:

- Any person who seeks to qualify for nomination or election by means of a petitioning process.
- Any person who seeks to qualify for election as a write-in candidate.
- Any person who receives contributions or makes expenditures or gives his or her consent for any other person to receive contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bringing about his or her nomination or election to, or retention in, public office.
- Any person who appoints a treasurer and designates a primary depository.
- Any person who files qualification papers and subscribes to a candidate's oath as required by law.

However, this definition does not include any candidate for a political party executive committee.

Who can be a Candidate?

- You must be a registered voter in Volusia County to run for local public office.
- Most municipalities require that the candidate reside within the district for which they are qualifying at the time of qualifying.
- If required by the "resign to run law" to resign from one's current position or office, the irrevocable letter of intent to resign must be filed at least 10 days prior to the first day of qualifying. (99.012(3), Florida Statutes)

Announcing Candidacy and Forms Required

- Candidacy may be announced at any time.
- You MUST file an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (**Form DS-DE 9**) with the Municipal Clerk before any contributions are accepted, before opening a campaign account, and before expenditures are made (106.021, Florida Statutes).
- You MUST file a Statement of Candidate (**Form DS-DE 84**) within ten (10) days of filing the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (106.023, Florida Statutes).

Filing Qualifying Papers

Qualifying is the final step that allows a candidate to have his or her name on the ballot. Pursuant to 99.061 and/or 105.031, Florida Statutes, **you must file your qualifying papers in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the qualifying period.**

All Municipalities; except Ponce Inlet
NOON, June 8, 2026 – NOON, June 12, 2026

Ponce Inlet
9 AM, June 1, 2026 – NOON, June 12, 2026

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Forms Required to File

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository and Statement of Candidate (**Form DS-DE 84**), unless you have already filed these forms with the Municipal Clerk.

Additional Requirements at the time of Qualifying

1. Loyalty Oath
Form DS-DE 302NP, for Candidates running in a Non-Partisan election.
2. **Form 1** Statement of Financial Interests for **2025** for local officers and candidates for local offices. This is now filed online; you must show a receipt of filing or provide a copy.
3. If required by charter, the candidate must pay a qualifying fee. Checks must be drawn on the campaign account.

AND/OR

If required by charter, certification of the required number of petition signatures.

4. Election Assessment Fee; required by state.

F.S. 99.093 Municipal candidates; election assessment. (1) Each person seeking to qualify for nomination or election to a municipal office shall pay, at the time of qualifying for office, an election assessment. The election assessment shall be an amount equal to 1 percent of the annual salary of the office sought. Within 30 days after the close of qualifying, the qualifying officer shall forward all assessments collected pursuant to this section to the Florida Elections Commission for deposit in the Elections Commission Trust Fund.

Contact your Municipal Clerk for other requirements and instructions that apply as Municipal Charter dictates the method of candidate qualifying.

Please Note: Qualifying office may accept and hold qualifying papers 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period to be processed and filed during qualifying period. (May 26, 2026)

Petition Process - For candidates required to submit petitions

It is recommended that at least 15 – 20% more signatures be obtained to allow for those that do not meet eligibility requirements.

- Candidates are encouraged to submit petitions periodically while they are being gathered.
- The Supervisor of Elections will notify the respective City/Town Clerk, in writing, whether the required number of signatures has been obtained, prior to the first day of qualifying.
- **During the qualifying period, you will submit the petition certification form**, along with your qualifying papers to the respective City/Town Clerk.
- The supervisor shall be paid in advance the sum of **10 cents for each signature** checked. If you are unable to pay such charges without imposing an undue burden on personal resources or upon the resources otherwise available to you, you may file written certification of such inability given under oath to the supervisor and be entitled to have the signatures verified at no charge. (99.097(4), Florida Statutes).
- If an undue burden oath has been filed and payment is subsequently made to any person to solicit signatures on a petition, the undue burden oath is no longer valid and a fee for all signatures previously submitted shall be paid by the candidate.

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Please Note: Prior to disposing of campaign funds, pursuant to 106.141, Florida Statutes, any candidate who filed an oath stating that he or she was unable to pay the election assessment or fee for verification of petition signatures, or who qualified through the petition process and was not required to pay an election assessment, shall reimburse the state or local governmental entity, whichever is applicable, for such waived assessment or fee for verification or both. Such reimbursement shall be made first for the cost of petition verification and then, if funds remain, for the election assessment. The remaining funds shall be disbursed in the manner prescribed.

Frequently Asked Questions

If my qualifying papers are filed with an error or omission, will I be considered disqualified?

Pursuant to 99.061(7)(b), Florida Statutes; if the filing officer receives qualifying papers that do not include all items required, the filing officer shall make a reasonable effort to notify the candidate of the missing or incomplete items and shall inform the candidate that all required items must be received by the close of qualifying. (**NOON, June 12, 2026**)

After filing as a candidate, may I later change the way my name is to appear on the ballot?

Pursuant to 99.061(7)(b), Florida Statutes; a candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot may not be changed after the end of qualifying.

May I get my qualifying fee back if I decide not to run?

Yes, 99.092(1), Florida Statutes; provides for reimbursement for the qualifying fee, if you withdraw your candidacy before the qualifying period ends.

May a candidate appoint himself or herself as campaign treasurer?

Yes, 106.021(1)(c), Florida Statutes; a candidate may appoint herself or himself as campaign treasurer.

How many deputy treasurers may a candidate or political committee have?

Pursuant to 106.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes; Candidates for statewide office may appoint up to 15 deputy treasurers. Other candidates and political committees may appoint up to 3 deputy treasurers.

If I make a mistake on my report, can I go back in and correct it on the Electronic Filing System (EFS)?

Once the report is submitted to the Division of Elections, the EFS will not permit you to go back and make changes. To correct mistakes or add and delete information, you must submit an amended report.

How long are campaign records kept at the Supervisor of Elections Offices?

Pursuant to 98.015(5), Florida Statutes; the supervisor shall preserve statements and other information required to be filed with the supervisor's office pursuant to chapter 106 for a period of 10 years from date of receipt.

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TIPS...

1. Read "Chapter 106 Florida Statutes" and the "Candidate Handbook on Campaign Financing".
2. File the "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository" (**Form DS-DE 9**) with your respective Municipal Clerk's office.
3. It is a good idea for the Candidate to appoint themselves as a Deputy Campaign Treasurer.
4. File the "Statement of Candidate" (**Form DS-DE 84**) with your respective Municipal Clerk's office, within ten days of filing the DS-DE 9.
5. File Campaign Treasurer's Reports according to the reporting schedule for the current year. Avoid late fees.
6. If you are assessed with a late fee, you cannot pay the fee from your campaign account. **Payment is to be made on a personal basis.**
7. Remember to safeguard your password. If you change it, we can only reset it.
8. When accepting contributions, remember to get the person's name and address for documentation on your Campaign Treasurer's Report.
9. All contributions, whether monetary or in-kind, must be recorded.
10. Keep campaign and personal transactions separate to avoid confusion when documenting and filing your reports.

2026 Election Dates

Primary/General
August 18, 2026

General/Runoff
November 3, 2026

The information contained on these pages and other literature is not all-inclusive. It is the responsibility of the candidate to become acquainted with relevant Florida election laws and local charters, which may have a bearing on a campaign or qualifications to run for an office.

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For further information go to dos.myflorida.com/elections

CANDIDATE OATH NONPARTISAN OFFICE

(Do not use this form if a Judicial or School Board Candidate)
Check box **only** if you are seeking to qualify as a write-in candidate:

Write-in Candidate

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Name to appear on ballot: _____

Check box if there are two last names without hyphen. (Name cannot be changed after qualifying.)

Check box if name includes nickname. (To use nickname, you must complete the Affidavit of Nickname on page 2 of this form.)

I swear or affirm that I am a candidate for the nonpartisan office of _____,
(Office)

_____, _____, _____; I am a qualified elector of _____ County, Florida;
(District #) (Circuit #) (Group or Seat #)

I am a qualified elector under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

I swear or affirm, in addition to being a citizen of the United States, that: (Check applicable box.)

I am not a citizen of another country. I am a citizen of another country, specifically _____.

Statement of Outstanding Fines, Fees, or Penalties: (Check applicable box. If you do owe more than \$250, you must also specify the amount owed and each entity that levied the same on page 2 of this form.)

I do not / I do owe outstanding fines, fees, or penalties that cumulatively exceed \$250, for any violations of s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees under part III of chapter 112, any local ethics ordinance governing standards of conduct and disclosure requirements, or chapter 106. (s. 99.021(1)(d), F.S.)

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Signature of Candidate

Telephone Number

Email Address

Address of Legal Residence

City

State

ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

Signature of Officer Administering Oath

Affix Seal Below or, if judge, provide name, title, and court (s. 92.50, F.S.)

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this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

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Phonetic Spelling of Name
(Not required for qualifying)

Print the name phonetically on the line below as you wish your name to be pronounced on the audio ballot that may be used by persons with disabilities (see attached Guide for Phonetic Spelling).

Detailed Statement of Outstanding Fines, Fees, or Penalties
(Continued)

<i>Amount</i>	<i>Entity</i>

Affidavit of Nickname
(Only required if using nickname for the ballot)

My legal name is _____. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and the contents of this affidavit are true and correct.

My nickname is _____. I am generally known by this nickname or have used it as part of my legal name. I have not created the nickname to mislead voters. My nickname does not imply I am some other person, constitute a political slogan or otherwise associate me with a cause or issue, or that is obscene or profane.

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Guide for Printing Phonetic Spelling of Candidate's Name for Audio Ballot

(Do not submit this page to the filing officer)

1. Use the tables below for Phonetic Spelling of Candidate's Name on page 2 of Form.
2. Use upper case for "stressed" syllables. Use lowercase for "unstressed" syllables.
3. Use dashes (-) to separate syllables.
4. Add any notes such as rhyming examples, silent letters, etc.

Vowels			
Stressed Vowel Sounds		Unstressed Vowel Sounds	
EE	(FEET) feet	uh	(SO-fuh) sofa (FING-guhr) finger
I	(FIT) fit		
E	(BED) bed		
A	(KAT) cat (KAD) cad		
AH	(FAH-thur) father (PAHR) par		
AH	(HAHT) hot (TAH-dee) toddy		
UH	(FUHJ) fudge (FLUHD) flood		
UH	(CHUHRCH) church		
AW	(FAWN) fawn	Certain Vowel Sounds with R	
U	(FUL) full	AHR	(PAHR) par
OO	(FOOD) food	ER	(PER) pair
OU	(FOUND) found	IR	(PIR) peer
O	(FO) foe	OR	(POR) pour
EI	(FEIT) fight	OOR	(POOR) poor
AI	(FAIT) fate	UHR	(PUHR) purr
OI	(FOIL) foil		
YOO	(FYOOR-ee-uhs) furious		

Consonants			
B	(BED) bed	R	(RED) red
D	(DET) debt	S	(SET) set
F	(FED) fed	T	(TEN) ten
G	(GET) get	V	(VET) vet
H	(HED) head	Y	(YET) yet
HW	(WHICH) which	W	(WICH) witch
J	(JUHG) jug	CH	(CHUHRCH) church
K	(KAD) cad	SH	(SHEEP) sheep
L	(LAIM) lame	TS	(ITS) its
M	(MAT) mat	TH	(THEI) thigh
N	(NET) net	TH	(THEI) thy
NG	(SING-uhr) singer	ZH	(A-zuhr) azure (VI-zuhn) vision
P	(PET) pet	Z	(GOODZ) goods

Examples of Phonetically Spelled Names	
Name on Ballot	Pronounced As
Mishaud	mee-SHO ('d' is silent)
Jahn	HAHN (rhyme: fawn)
Beauprez	boo-PRAI (rhyme: hooray)
Maniscalco	man-uh-SKAL-ko
Tangipahoa	TAN-ji-pah-HO-uh
Monte	Mahn-TAI
Tanya	TAWN-yuh (not TAN)
Pittsfield	PITS-feeld
Hubbardston	HUH-buhz-tuhn