

# 2024 CALHOUN COUNTY ELECTIONS

## CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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<i>Presidential Preference Primary</i>	<i>MARCH 19</i>
<i>Primary Election</i>	<i>AUGUST 20</i>
<i>General Election</i>	<i>NOVEMBER 5</i>

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**The 365-day party affiliation deadline is June 11, 2023:** Candidates for the office of State Senator, State Representative, County Office, and Special District may change party affiliation to run as party nominee or without party affiliation (99.021, F.S.). If running as a party candidate or as a no party affiliation, you must be registered for 365 prior to the applicable qualifying period. (See page 3)

**Filing for Office:** 1<sup>st</sup> Step, becoming a candidate is **FILING for Office** (106.021, F.S.). Filing allows you to solicit for contributions and make expenditures. You must complete the **Appointment of Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates** (form **DS-DE 9**), and file with the Elections Office prior to opening your campaign depository.

Form **DS-DE 9** states:

1. The office and seat or district number
2. Political party affiliation (Constitutional Offices ONLY)
3. Which bank being used for your campaign account
4. Appointing a treasurer, which may be yourself

**Statement of Candidate:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Step, a candidate has **10 days** from the date he or she files form **DS-DE 9** to file a **Statement of Candidate** (form **DS-DE 84**) (106.023, F.S.).

Judicial candidates must file a **Statement of Candidate for Judicial Office** (form **DS-DE 83**). This form may be filed at the same time as **DS-DE 9**.

**Petitioning:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Step, Petitioning is the alternative method to payment of the qualifying fee. The minimum number of valid petitions required (1% of registered voters as of the last General Election) depending on the office/district seeking. Candidates are strongly recommended to collect more petitions than the minimum as a portion are often invalid and will not count.

1. Each petition must be completed properly and signed.
2. Petitions must be submitted for verification before noon of the 28<sup>th</sup> day preceding the 1<sup>st</sup> day of qualifying.
3. Payment to verify each signature is required. The fee is **10 cents** per petition. The candidate may file an undue burden oath to waive the cost of verification.

If the candidate is unable to collect the required number of signatures, he or she may still pay the qualifying fee by the deadline.

**Qualifying Fee:** If the candidate decides not to collect petitions and pays the qualifying fee (105.031, F.S.), the percentage needed is broken down in the following chart below:

**Qualifying:** Final Step, qualifying that allows a candidate to be on the ballot. This will take place at the Supervisor of Elections office. The candidate must complete the **Candidate Oath** and **Statement of Party** for office and **Form 1/Form 6**. The appropriate forms must be completed in the following chart below:

Forms	Partisan Office	Nonpartisan Office	Judicial Office	School Board
<b>Candidate Oath</b>	DS-DE 301A; DS-DE 301B; or DS-DE 301C	DS-DE 302NP	DS-DE 303JU	DS-DE 304SB
<b>Financial Disclosure</b>	Form 6	Form 6	Form 6; Form 6A; Form 6B	Form 6
<b>Qualifying Fee</b>	6% of the annual salary of office being sought	4% of the annual salary of office being sought	4% of the annual salary	4% of the annual salary

Please refer to the Florida Department of State, [Division of Elections](#) for all forms.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Judicial Candidates**

#### ***Petitions Deadline:***

March 25, 2024, at NOON

#### ***Qualifying Deadline:***

April 22, 2024, at NOON

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April 26, 2024, at NOON

### **Local and State Candidates**

#### ***Petitions Deadline:***

May 13, 2024, at NOON

#### ***Qualifying Deadline:***

June 10, 2024, at NOON

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June 14, 2024, at NOON