

Candidate Filing Information

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Candidates for public office may be nominated either by political party nomination or independent nomination. Democratic and Republican candidates must run in the primary and may file by either fee or petition. Candidates of other recognized parties (currently, Libertarian) do not run in the primary, but are nominated for the general election by the party's caucus or convention. Independent candidates do not run in the primary and may file for the general election only by petition. All non-federal candidates must pay report fees, appoint treasurers and file periodic campaign finance reports.

FILING DEADLINES

Democratic and Republican party candidates who wish to appear on the primary ballot on August 6, 2024, must file by noon June 3, 2024. [KSA 25-205]

Libertarian Party candidates nominated by caucus or convention must have nomination papers filed by the party in the Secretary of State's office by the same date as the deadline for primary candidates—noon on June 1—in order to appear on the general election ballot. [KSA 25-202, -305]

Independent candidates must file nomination petitions by noon August 1, 2024. [KSA 25-305(b)]

OBTAINING FORMS

Petition forms and declaration of intention forms (used to file by fee) for national offices may be obtained only through the Secretary of State's office. Forms for state offices may be obtained either at the Secretary of State's office or the county election office.

FILING LOCATION

Candidates for national and state offices, for state legislature and for judicial offices file at the Secretary of State's office. The signature on a declaration of intention may be attested at the county election office or Secretary of State's office and the declaration then filed with the Secretary of State's office. **NOTE: The candidate is not considered filed until the petition or declaration and fee are received by the Secretary of State's office. [KSA 25-208] It is the responsibility of the candidate, not the county election officer, to ensure that filing documents are sent to and received by the Secretary of State.**

FILING PROCEDURE

Filing by Fee

Only Democratic and Republican primary candidates may file by fee. The filing fee is either a set amount or based on a percentage of the salary of the office the candidate is seeking. [KSA 25-206]

Filing by Petition

National and State Offices Elected on a Statewide Basis

Democratic and Republican primary candidates for statewide office must have signatures of 1% of the party's total voter registration. [KSA 25-205(e)(1)]

Independent candidates must have 5,000 signatures of registered voters. [KSA 25-303(b)]

National and State Offices Elected on Less Than a Statewide Basis

U.S. Representative, State Representative, District Court Judge, District Magistrate Judge, State Board of Education

Democratic and Republican primary candidates (except state board of education and district attorney) must have valid signatures of 2% of the party's total voter registration from the district. [KSA 25-205(e)(2)]

Independent candidates (except state board of education and district attorney) must have valid signatures of 4% of the registered voters from the district. The petition must contain valid signatures of at least 25 voters but not more than 5,000 voters. [KSA 25-303(c)]

Primary candidates for state board of education must have valid signatures of 200 registered voters from the district. [KSA 25-1903(a)]

Independent candidates for state board of education must have valid signatures of 200 voters from the district. [KSA 25-1903]

Candidates for district attorney (partisan or independent) must have valid signatures of 5% of the previous vote for the office of Secretary of State in the county. [K.S.A. 22a-102]