

CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION AUGUST 4, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

When and Where to File: Filing opens on February 24, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. and closes on March 31, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. (Section 115.349, RSMo) Candidate filing is held in the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center located at 600 West Main Street in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Ballot Placement: Candidates who file on the first day by 5:00 p.m. will select a number by random drawing. The random number drawn determines the candidate's primary ballot placement. After the first day, candidates are placed on the ballot in the order of their filing. (Section 115.395, RSMo)

Documents Needed for Filing: (Sections 115.306 and 115.357, RSMo)

1. Paid receipt from political party for filing fee:
 - \$500 - Statewide office
 - \$300 - U.S. Representative, Circuit Judge, or State Senator
 - \$150 - State Representative

Political party representatives will be available in the State Information Center on the first day of candidate filing to accept filing fees.

2. Proof of Identity – Voter identification card, Missouri driver's license, birth certificate, or other form of certified identification.
3. Proof of completion of the Candidate's Affidavit of Tax Payments and Bonding Requirements, which is filed with the Department of Revenue (does not apply to candidates running for federal office). Information about this requirement is available at <https://dor.mo.gov/taxation/individual/candidates.html> (Section 115.306, RSMo.). This can be filed electronically at <https://sa.dor.mo.gov/candidate-affidavit>, or a fillable copy of the paper form can be found at <https://dor.mo.gov/forms/5120.pdf>.

Exceptions to Who Must File in Person:

All candidates for state offices must file in person with the Secretary of State. However, members of the armed services on active duty, or persons who are unable to appear in person because of physical disabilities, may file by certified mail. Persons eligible to file by certified mail should contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division for further details at (573) 751-2301.

District Maps: Maps of Missouri's congressional, senatorial, and legislative districts are located on the Secretary of State's web page at <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/maps>.

Offices that file with the Secretary of State in 2026:

- 8 U.S. Representatives
- State Auditor
- 17 State Senators – even numbered districts
- 163 State Representatives
- Various Circuit Court Judges*

* Associate Circuit Court judges file with the local election authority.

Campaign Finance Reporting or Personal Financial Disclosure: The Missouri Ethics Commission has representatives present at the Secretary of State's office on the first day of filing to answer questions about campaign finance reporting or personal financial disclosure. For the remainder of the candidate filing period, the Missouri Ethics Commission can be reached at (800) 392-8660 or (573) 751-2020 or <https://www.mec.mo.gov/>.

For additional information about elections or candidate filing: Contact the Elections Division of the Missouri Secretary of State at (573) 751-2301.