

# **2026 ELECTED OFFICIALS QUALIFICATIONS**

## **FEDERAL:**

### **U. S. Representative - Art. I, § 2 U. S. Constitution**

- At least 25 years of age
- Citizen of United States for 7 years
- Resident of Missouri

## **STATE:**

### **Minimum Qualifications Applicable to All State Offices:**

#### **Article VII, § 8, Constitution of Missouri**

- Citizen of the United States
- Resident of the state 1 year next preceding election

#### **§ 115.306, RSMo**

- Is not delinquent in the payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence as stated in the declaration of candidacy
- Is not a past or present corporate officer of any fee office that owes any taxes to the state
- Has not been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony under the federal laws of the United States of America
- Has not been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony under the laws of this state or an offense committed in another state that would be considered a felony in this state

#### **§ 130.071.2, RSMo**

- In addition to any other penalties provided by law, no person may file for any office in a subsequent election until he or the treasurer of his existing candidate committee has filed all required campaign disclosure reports for all prior elections.

### **Additional Qualifications for Specific State Offices:**

#### **State Auditor** – Art. IV, § 13 and Art VII, § 8 Constitution of Missouri

- At least 30 years of age
- Citizen of the United States for 15 years
- Resident of Missouri for 10 years before election

#### **State Senator** - Art. III § 6 Constitution of Missouri & § 21.070, RSMo

- At least 30 years of age
- Qualified Missouri voter for 3 years before election
- Resident of the district which he is chosen to represent for 1 year before election

#### **State Representative** - Art. III § 4 Constitution of Missouri & § 21.080, RSMo.

- At least 24 years of age
- Qualified Missouri voter for 2 years before election
- Resident of the district which he is chosen to represent for 1 year before election

#### **Supreme Court Judge** - Art. V § 21 Constitution of Missouri

- At least 30 years of age
- Citizen of the United States for at least 15 years
- Qualified Missouri voter for at least 9 years before election
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri

#### **Appellate Court Judge** - Art. V § 21 Constitution of Missouri

- At least 30 years of age
- Citizen of the United States for at least 15 years
- Qualified Missouri voter for at least 9 years before election
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri
- Resident of the court of appeals district for which they serve

#### **Circuit Court Judge** - Art. V, § 21 Constitution of Missouri

- At least 30 years of age
- Citizen of the United States for at least 10 years
- Qualified Missouri voter for at least 3 years before election
- Resident of circuit for at least 1 year
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri

#### **Associate Circuit Judge\*** - Art. V, § 21 Constitution of Missouri; § 478.320, RSMo

- At least 25 years of age
- Qualified Missouri voter
- Resident of county for at least 1 year before election
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri

\*Associate circuit judges file for candidacy with the county clerk or other local election authority