

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

When and Where to File: The deadline for submitting a write-in candidate declaration of intent is October 23, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. (second Friday before the November 3, 2026 election). (Section 115.453(4), RSMo.)

Write-In Candidate: A “write-in candidate” is a person:

- Whose name is not printed on the ballot (see Section 115.453(4) RSMo.); **and**
- Who has filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for election to office with the proper election authority prior to 5:00 pm on the second Friday immediately preceding Election Day. It is not necessary to file a declaration of intent if there are no candidates on the ballot for that office. (Section 115.453(4) RSMo.)

Documents Needed for Filing: (Section 115.306, RSMo.)

- Proof of Identity – Voter identification card, Missouri driver’s license, birth certificate, or other form of certified identification.
- 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>.

Where to Submit Declarations of Intent: Filings for federal office, statewide office, state senator, state representative, or circuit judge will be accepted at the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center located at 600 West Main Street in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Write-in candidates for a county office must file with the election authority of the county. (Section 115.453(4), RSMo.).