

November 4, 2025 General Local Office Independent Candidate Ballot Access Quick Look One Pager



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Additional information can be found in the candidate bulletin: https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/candidatesandpacs/2025-candidate-bulletins/2025-11-04_Gen_Bulletin_Local_rev_12-5-2024.pdf

File the following with your **local General Registrar** between **1/2/25** and **7:00 pm 6/17/25**.

(Find your General Registrar: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PublicContactLookup>)

1. Certificate of Candidate Qualification

https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/campaign-finance/2018/candidates/SBE_501_4-rev7-18.pdf

*May be postmarked by 6/17/25 deadline if mailed registered or certified USPS mail. Be prepared to provide a copy of the receipt on 6/17/25.

2. Statement of Economic Interests*

http://ethics.dls.virginia.gov/SLSOEI_Fillable_FINAL_July2022.pdf

*Not required for incumbents or counties, cities, or towns with a population of 3,500 or less.

*May be postmarked by 6/17/25 deadline if mailed registered or certified USPS mail. Be prepared to provide a copy of the receipt on 6/17/25.

3. Declaration of Candidacy

[https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/ballot-access-candidate-qualification/sbe-505-520-declaration-of-candidacy/ELECT-505-520-Declaration-of-Candidacy-\(Rev-7-1-24\).pdf](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/ballot-access-candidate-qualification/sbe-505-520-declaration-of-candidacy/ELECT-505-520-Declaration-of-Candidacy-(Rev-7-1-24).pdf)

*Must be filed with the first petition pages filed.

4. Petitions of Qualified Voters

[https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/ballot-access-candidate-qualification/sbe-506-521-petition-of-qualified-voters/ELECT-506-521-Petition-of-Qualified-Voters-letter-size-\(rev-5-8-24\).pdf](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/ballot-access-candidate-qualification/sbe-506-521-petition-of-qualified-voters/ELECT-506-521-Petition-of-Qualified-Voters-letter-size-(rev-5-8-24).pdf)

***Effective July 1, 2024 (SB165)** candidates may begin collecting petition signatures on **January first** of the year in which the election is held.

***Signature Requirement:** Outlined in the Candidate Bulletin or ask your local General Registrar how many signatures are required for the specific office you are seeking election.

*You do not need to file all petition pages at the same time.

*First page filed must be filed with the Declaration of Candidacy.

*Find more information on petitions in Virginia Administrative Code 1VAC20-50-20:

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title1/agency20/chapter50/section20/>

Special Elections:

- Candidate bulletin: https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/candidatesandpacs/2025-candidate-bulletins/2025-11-04_Spec_Bulletin_Local_rev_12-5-2024.pdf
- If this is the **1st** November election after the office's vacancy, the filing deadline is 5:00 pm 8/15/2025
- If this is the **2nd** November election after the office's vacancy, the filing deadline is 7:00 pm 6/17/2025

While **not** part of ballot access, you do need to also ensure you comply with all campaign finance requirements. Contact your local General Registrar with questions or visit ELECT's website: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/campaign-finance/>.

Candidate Flow Chart

