

# 2026 August Primary Elections Local Office Primary Party Candidate Ballot Access Quick Look One Pager



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Additional information can be found in the Local Office General Election Candidate Bulletin found on ELECT's website:  
<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/candidate-bulletins/>.

- A. File the following documents with your **local General Registrar** between **1/2/26** and **5 pm, 4/2/26**.  
(Find your General Registrar: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PublicContactLookup>)
- 1. Certificate of Candidate Qualification (Local Office)**  
[https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/campaign-finance/2018/candidates/SBE\\_501\\_4-rev7-18.pdf](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formswarehouse/campaign-finance/2018/candidates/SBE_501_4-rev7-18.pdf)  
*\*May be postmarked by 6/16/26 deadline if mailed registered or certified USPS mail. Be prepared to provide a copy of the receipt on 6/16/26.*
  - 2. Statement of Economic Interests (State and Local)**  
[http://ethics.dls.virginia.gov/SLSOEI\\_Fillable\\_FINAL\\_July2022.pdf](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 6/16/26 deadline if mailed registered or certified USPS mail. Be prepared to provide a copy of the receipt on 6/16/26.*
- B. File your **primary filing fee** with your local **treasurer or director of finance** between **1/2/26** and **5 pm, 4/2/26**.  
*\*Contact your local Treasurer or Director of Finance for the specific fee amount.*
- C. File the following documents with your **political party local chair** between **noon (12 pm), 3/16/26** and **5 pm, 4/2/26**.  
*\*All of these documents must be filed at the same time.*
- 1. Receipt for Primary Filing Fee**
  - 2. 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)
  - 3. 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.  
\*Find more information on petitions in Virginia Administrative Code 1VAC20-50-20:  
<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title1/agency20/chapter50/section20/>*

**Campaign Finance:** While **not** part of ballot access, candidates must also ensure they comply with all campaign finance requirements. Contact the local general registrar with questions or visit ELECT's website:  
<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/campaign-finance/>.

## Candidate Flow Chart

