

2026 August Primary Elections US House of Representatives

Primary Party Candidate Ballot Access Quick Look One Pager



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Additional information can be found in the US House of Representatives Candidate Bulletin found on ELECT's website:
<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/candidate-bulletins/>.

A. File the following with the **Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT)** between **1/2/26** and **5:00 pm, 5/26/26**.

1. Certificate of Candidate Qualification (Federal Offices)

[ELECT-501\(FED\)-Certificate-of-Candidate-Qualification-Federal-Offices-rev-11-10-23.pdf](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formwarehouse/ballot-access-candidate-qualification/sbe-501-23-Certificate-of-Candidate-Qualification-Federal-Offices-rev-11-10-23.pdf)

**May be postmarked by 5/26/26 deadline if mailed registered or certified USPS mail. Be prepared to provide a copy of the receipt on 5/26/26.*

2. Primary Filing Fee (\$3,480)

B. File the following documents with your **political party congressional district chair** between **noon (12:00 pm), 5/1/26** and **5:00 pm, 5/26/26**.

**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/formwarehouse/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/formwarehouse/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/formwarehouse/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/formwarehouse/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: 1,000 signatures from qualified voters in the district you are seeking election.*

**While you do not need to file all petition pages at the same time, the first page filed must be filed with the primary filing fee receipt and 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/>

Candidate Flow Chart

