

# 2026 August Primary Elections US Senate Primary Party Candidate Ballot Access Quick Look One Pager



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Additional information can be found in the US Senate 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 pm, 4/2/26**.
- 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/candidate-qualification-federal-offices-rev-11-10-23.pdf)  
*\*May be postmarked by 4/2/26 deadline if mailed registered or certified USPS mail. Be prepared to provide a copy of the receipt on 4/2/26.*
  - 2. Primary Filing Fee (\$3,480)**
- B. File the following documents with the **Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT)** 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/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: 10,000 signatures, including the signatures of at least 400 qualified voters from each congressional district in the Commonwealth*  
*\*Submission Requirement: Petition pages **must** be sealed in one or more containers with a Statement of Petitions attached to each container.*  
*\*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. The receipt and Declaration should **not** be in the sealed container.*  
*\*Find more information on petitions in Virginia Administrative Code 1VAC20-50-20:*  
<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title1/agency20/chapter50/section20/>
  - 4. Statement of Petitions**  
[https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formwarehouse/campaign-finance/2020/ELECT-522\(C\) Statement of Petition Signatures for Federal Primary Candidate.pdf](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/formwarehouse/campaign-finance/2020/ELECT-522(C) Statement of Petition Signatures for Federal Primary Candidate.pdf)  
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## Candidate Flow Chart

