

## **Qualifying Requirements for Independent Districts**

Independent Districts include Fire, Mosquito Control, Soil and Water Conservation and Community Development Districts.

### **Qualifying Dates**

Noon, Monday, June 8, 2026 – Noon, Friday, June 12, 2026

Notwithstanding the qualifying dates stated above, the qualifying office may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period, to be processed and filed during the qualifying period.

### **Qualifying Documents**

The following items must be complete and received by the Supervisor of Elections no later than noon on the final day of qualifying:

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (only required if accepting donations and making expenditures)
2. Form DS-DE 302NP, Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office
3. Form DS-DE 84, Statement of Candidate (only required if accepting donations and making expenditures)
4. Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests for the year 2025
5. Collier County Affidavit of Intent (only required if not accepting donations and making expenditures)
6. Soil and Water District Candidate Oath (only required if filing for Soil and Water District office)

### **Qualifying by Petition**

- 2026 petition signature requirement for Independent Districts is 25

If you intend to qualify for office by petition, rather than paying the qualifying fee, you may begin circulating your petitions any time after filing your DS-DE 9. You must use the State form (DS-DE 104) for your petitions. The last date you may submit petitions for verification is noon, May 11. A payment of ten cents per petition submitted is charged for verification unless an oath of undue burden has been filed with the Supervisor of Elections.

**AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT  
COLLIER COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICT CANDIDATE**

State of Florida  
County of Collier

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a candidate for the special district office of:  
(print name)

\_\_\_\_\_ in the General Election understand  
(Office and Seat Number)

that my only campaign expense, from personal funds, shall be the \$25 candidate-qualifying-fee or the signature verification fee for candidates who qualify by submitting 25 valid candidate petition signatures.

I will not be required to: appoint a campaign treasurer, designate a campaign depository or file periodic campaign treasurer's reports as required by Florida Statutes 99.061 or 106.07 and, therefore I am prohibited from collecting , soliciting, or accepting any money or contribution(s) in-kind, in connection with my campaign. I am also prohibited from making any expenditures on behalf of my candidacy.

In the event I later decide to collect, solicit, or accept any money or contribution(s) in-kind, or make any expenditure on behalf of my candidacy, I understand that I will be required to file Form DS-DE 9 (Appointment of Campaign Treasurer/Designation of Campaign Depository) with the Collier County Supervisor of Elections prior to such action. Upon filing form DS-DE 9 my campaign will then be subject to all provisions of Chapter 106 Florida Statutes including the requirement to file periodic campaign treasurer's reports.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
email address

**CANDIDATE OATH**

**NONPARTISAN OFFICE**

(Do not use this form if a Judicial or School Board Candidate)  
Check box **only** if you are seeking to qualify as a write-in candidate:

Write-in candidate

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

**Candidate Oath**

Name to appear on ballot: \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if two last names without hyphen.  (Name cannot be changed after qualifying.)

Check box if name includes nickname.  (For use of a nickname, you must complete the Nickname Affidavit on reverse side.)

I swear or affirm that I am a candidate for the nonpartisan office of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Office) (District #)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; I am a qualified elector of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida.  
(Circuit #) (Group or Seat #)

I am a qualified elector under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

**Statement of Outstanding Fines, Fees, or Penalties**

I owe outstanding fines, fees, or penalties, that cumulatively exceed \$250, for ethics or campaign finance violations (s. 99.021(1)(d), F.S.).

YES, I Do \_\_\_\_\_ NO, I Do Not \_\_\_\_\_

If you do, you must also specify the amount owed and each entity that levied the same on the reverse side.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address

Address of Legal Residence City State ZIP Code

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**COUNTY OF** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Notary Public**

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  
online notarization  OR physical presence

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_

**Phonetic Spelling of Name**

**Phonetic spelling for the audio ballot** (not required for qualifying purposes): Print the name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 3 of this form):

\_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Outstanding Fines, Fees or Penalties**

*Pursuant to Section 99.021(1)(d), F.S.*, each candidate, whether a party candidate, a candidate with no party affiliation, or a write-in candidate, shall, at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing whether he or she owes any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties that cumulatively exceed \$250 for any violations of s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees under part III of chapter 112, any local ethics ordinance governing standards of conduct and disclosure requirements, or chapter 106.

<i>Amount</i>	<i>Entity</i>

**Affidavit of Nickname** (Only required if using nickname for the ballot.)

My legal name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and the contents of this affidavit are true and correct.

My nickname is \_\_\_\_\_. I am generally known by this nickname or have used it as part of my legal name. I have not created the nickname to mislead voters. My nickname does not imply I am some other person, constitute a political slogan or otherwise associate me with a cause or issue, or that is obscene or profane.

**Signature of Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**COUNTY OF** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Notary Public**

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Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means

of online notarization  OR physical presence

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Guide for Designating Phonetic Spelling of Candidate's Name for Audio Ballot

1. Use the tables below.
2. Use upper case for "stressed" syllables. Use lowercase for "unstressed" syllables.
3. Use dashes (-) to separate syllables.
4. Add any notes such as rhyming examples, silent letters, etc.

<b>Vowels</b>			
<b><i>Stressed Vowel Sounds</i></b>		<b><i>Unstressed Vowel Sounds</i></b>	
EE	(FEET) <i>feet</i>	uh	(SO-fuh) <i>sofa</i> (FING-guhr) <i>finger</i>
I	(FIT) <i>fit</i>		
E	(BED) <i>bed</i>		
A	(KAT) <i>cat</i> (KAD) <i>cad</i>		
AH	(FAH-thur) <i>father</i> (PAHR) <i>par</i>		
AH	(HAHT) <i>hot</i> (TAH-dee) <i>toddy</i>		
UH	(FUHJ) <i>fudge</i> (FLUHD) <i>flood</i>		
UH	(CHUHRCH) <i>church</i>		
AW	(FAWN) <i>fawn</i>	<b><i>Certain Vowel Sounds with R</i></b>	
U	(FUL) <i>full</i>	AHR	(PAHR) <i>par</i>
OO	(FOOD) <i>food</i>	ER	(PER) <i>pair</i>
OU	(FOUND) <i>found</i>	IR	(PIR) <i>peer</i>
O	(FO) <i>foe</i>	OR	(POR) <i>pour</i>
EI	(FEIT) <i>fight</i>	OOR	(POOR) <i>poor</i>
AI	(FAIT) <i>fate</i>	UHR	(PUHR) <i>purr</i>
OI	(FOIL) <i>foil</i>		
YOO	(FYOOR-ee-uhs) <i>furious</i>		

<b>Consonants</b>			
B	(BED) <i>bed</i>	R	(RED) <i>red</i>
D	(DET) <i>debt</i>	S	(SET) <i>set</i>
F	(FED) <i>fed</i>	T	(TEN) <i>ten</i>
G	(GET) <i>get</i>	V	(VET) <i>vet</i>
H	(HED) <i>head</i>	Y	(YET) <i>yet</i>
HW	(WHICH) <i>which</i>	W	(WICH) <i>witch</i>
J	(JUHG) <i>jug</i>	CH	(CHUCRCH) <i>church</i>
K	(KAD) <i>cad</i>	SH	(SHEEP) <i>sheep</i>
L	(LAIM) <i>lame</i>	TS	(ITS) <i>its</i> (PITS-feeld) <i>Pittsfield</i>
M	(MAT) <i>mat</i>	TH	(THEI) <i>thigh</i>
N	(NET) <i>net</i>	TH	(THEI) <i>thy</i>
NG	(SING-uhr) <i>singer</i>	ZH	(A-zuhr) <i>azure</i> (VI-zuhhn) <i>vision</i>
P	(PET) <i>pet</i>	Z	(GOODZ) <i>goods</i> (HUH-buhz-tuhn) <i>Hubbardston</i>

<b>Examples of Phonetically Spelled Names</b>	
<b>NAME ON BALLOT</b>	<b>PRONOUNCED AS</b>
Mishaud	mee-SHO ('d' is silent)
Jahn	HAHN (rhyme: fawn)
Beauprez	boo-PRAI (rhyme: hooray)
Maniscalco	man-uh-SKAL-ko
Tangipahoa	TAN-ji-pah-HO-uh
Monte	Mahn-TAI
Tanya	TAWN-yuh (not TAN)

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# **Filling out your Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests**

## **Calendar Year 2025**

If you are a new candidate or incumbent, you must fill out your Form 1 on the Florida Commission on Ethics website. Paper forms are no longer produced or accepted.

Directions and the portal may be found at:

<https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/Account/Login>

# CANDIDATE PETITION

**Notes:** - All information on this form becomes a public record upon receipt by the Supervisor of Elections.  
- It is a crime to knowingly sign more than one petition for a candidate. [Section 104.185, Florida Statutes]  
- If all requested information on this form is not completed, the form will not be valid as a Candidate Petition form.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned, a registered voter  
(print name as it appears on your voter information card)

in said state and county, petition to have the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
placed on the Primary/General Election Ballot as a: [check/complete box, as applicable]

Nonpartisan  No party affiliation  \_\_\_\_\_ Party candidate for the office of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(insert title of office and include district, circuit, group, seat number, if applicable)

Date of Birth or Voter Registration Number  
(MM/DD/YY)

Address

City

County

State

Zip Code

Signature of Voter

Date Signed (MM/DD/YY)  
[to be completed by Voter]