STATE OF OKLAHOMA STATE REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE FILING PACKET

NOTICE: It is the responsibility of each candidate to determine the qualifications and requirements for becoming a candidate for public office.

All candidates must submit the Declaration of Candidacy and a Voter Registration Verification Form, along with the appropriate filing fee or a petition supporting their candidacy to the Secretary of the State Election Board. Additional documents, such as the Criminal History Disclosure Supplemental Form, may be required. Use the Candidate Filing Checklist (Page 5) to assemble all necessary paperwork required to declare candidacy for the office sought.

Where to file

Candidates for State Representative file with the Secretary of the State Election Board at the State Capitol Building, 2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard in Oklahoma City.

Candidates may file in person, by mail, or the candidate may send an agent to file on their behalf. Regardless of the method of filing, all required filing documents must be received during the designated candidate filing period between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Filing fee

For candidates filing for office with the Secretary of the State Election Board, a **cashier's check or certified check made payable to Secretary of the State Election Board** shall accompany the Declaration of Candidacy and required paperwork. Cash cannot be accepted. Personal checks or campaign account checks cannot be accepted. Filing fees are nonrefundable.

Filing Fee for State Representative: \$500.00

Petition

In lieu of a filing fee, a petition supporting the candidacy signed by not fewer than 2% of the number of registered voters in the appropriate district or state, as applicable for the office sought, may be submitted with the Declaration of Candidacy and required paperwork. A petition form is included on Page 13 of the Candidate Filing Packet.

- Candidates who file a petition for candidacy must use the approved petition form provided by the State Election Board.
- Copies of the petition form are to be printed by the candidate. "Pages of a petition supporting a Declaration of Candidacy shall be printed on white paper measuring 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Pages of a petition shall be printed on only one side of said paper. Each page of a petition shall include the candidate information described in (b) of this Section." (See Okla. Admin. Code §

230:20-9-1(c).)

• The petitioner must complete the top of each petition form to include the candidate's name, party name, office sought, district number (if applicable), and the county where the petition was circulated. A separate petition form must be used for each county where signatures are collected.

"If registered voters from more than one county sign the same page of a petition, signatures of voters registered in a county other than the one named at the top of the page shall be deemed invalid. It shall be the responsibility of the circulator to ensure that voters sign the petition page for the correct county." (See Okla. Admin. Code § 230:20-9-2.)



- "A signature on a petition in support of a Declaration of Candidacy filed by a candidate for a federal, state, or county office shall be the original, personally handwritten signature of a registered voter eligible to vote for the candidate and office. No one may sign a petition in support of a Declaration of Candidacy for another registered voter." (See Okla. Admin. Code § 230:20-9-3.) Photocopies of signed petition forms will not be accepted.
- Petition forms must accompany the Declaration of Candidacy and **must be submitted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. during the official filing period.** (Early, late or incomplete submissions cannot be accepted.)
- The Secretary of an Election Board who accepts a Declaration of Candidacy supported by petition will count the number of signatures submitted on the petition to determine if the total number equals or exceeds the amount required. Any other candidate who files for the same office, or a registered voter in the event a candidate is unopposed, is entitled to verify the registration information of each person who signed the petition. In the event that a sufficient number of invalid signatures exists to render the petition insufficient, the candidate or the voter may so state in a contest of candidacy petition which may be filed as provided by state law.

The official number of signatures required for each office is based on the number of registered voters as of November 1 of the year preceding the candidate filing period. (See Okla. Admin. Code § 230:20-9-4.) Signature requirements can be found on the State Election Board candidate filing page at <u>oklahoma.gov/elections/candidates/candidate-filing.html</u>.

Withdrawal of candidacy

- A candidate may withdraw from the Primary Election by filing a written notice with the Secretary of the State Election Board before 5 p.m. on the second business day following the close of the filing period.
- Forms for withdrawal are available on the State Election Board candidate filing page at <u>oklahoma.gov/elections/candidates/candidate-filing.html</u>.

Contests of candidacy

Any candidate who files with the Secretary of the State Election Board may contest the candidacy of any other candidate for the same office by filing a written petition with the Secretary of the State Election Board **before 5 p.m. on the second business day following the close of the filing period.**

The contest of candidacy petition must be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of \$250.00, payable to Secretary of the State Election

Board. Cash cannot be accepted. Personal checks or campaign account checks cannot be accepted. To respond to the petition, the contestee must also post a deposit in the same manner as the petitioner, except that the deposit may be posted at the time of the contestee's appearance at the scheduled hearing.

Contact the State Election Board at (405) 521-2391 for more information.



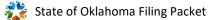
General information

- 1. Candidates may file for the nomination of a political party only if said party is recognized by the laws of the State of Oklahoma.
- 2. Candidates may file for no more than one office at any election. A Special Election and a Regular Election held on the same date are considered one election.
- 3. To become a candidate for office and have one's name appear on a ballot, a person must file a Declaration of Candidacy (Pages 7 and 9) as prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board, accompanied by either a filing fee in the amount specified by the laws of the State of Oklahoma or a petition bearing the required number of signatures of registered voters. (See Pages 1-2.) A complete Declaration of Candidacy shall include **both pages** of the Declaration of Candidacy form signed where indicated and notarized, along with the Criminal History Disclosure Supplemental Form, if applicable.
- 4. All candidates are required to submit a Voter Registration Verification Form as part of the Declaration of Candidacy. Forms may be downloaded from the OK Voter Portal at <u>https://okvoterportal.okelections.us/</u> or obtained from the candidate's County Election Board or the State Election Board. By law, the Secretary of the State Election Board can only accept a Declaration of Candidacy if the information contained on the Voter Registration Verification Form matches the information provided on the Declaration of Candidacy (including residence address), and if such Declaration meets all other requirements of state law. (See 26 O.S. § 5-111.) The Voter Registration Verification Form includes the candidate's name, date of birth, address of residence, party affiliation, voter identification number, the precinct and county where the candidate is registered, and the original date of the voter registration within the county, if available. Additionally, the form will include the districts in which the candidate is registered to vote including state senator, state representative, county commissioner, municipality, and any ward, school or technology center district, if applicable.
- 5. All required pages of the Declaration of Candidacy must be completely filled out and signed by the candidate. The Candidate Oath (Page 9) must be notarized by a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths.
- 6. A candidate's name will be printed on the ballot as it is entered on the first line of Section 1 of the Declaration of Candidacy; however, no candidate shall have any prefix, suffix, or title placed before or after the ballot name. A suffix such as Jr., Sr., II, or III, may be permitted if it is part of the candidate's name. (See Okla. Admin. Code § 230:20-3-38.) A candidate's full legal name also must be provided on the Declaration of Candidacy (Page 7).
- 7. All candidates are required to read the Candidate Qualifications and answer the questions for the office sought as part of the Declaration of Candidacy.
- 8. All candidates are required by state law to disclose on the Declaration of Candidacy whether they ever have been convicted, pled guilty or nolo contendere, or otherwise



been determined to be guilty of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or of a felony in Oklahoma or in any other state and/or whether an arrest warrant is outstanding in connection with such misdemeanor or felony. A candidate who checks YES to any question in the Criminal History Disclosure section of the Declaration of Candidacy (Page 9) is required to fill out, sign, and submit the Criminal History Disclosure Supplemental Form (Page 11).

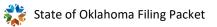
- 9. In contests of candidacy, the Secretary of the State Election Board is the constructive service agent for each candidate who has filed. By the act of filing a Declaration of Candidacy, each candidate is conclusively presumed to have accepted these terms.
- 10. The Secretary of the State Election Board has the authority, by state law, to reject any Declaration of Candidacy, which on its face shows that the candidate does not meet the qualifications to become a candidate for the office indicated, as set forth in the Oklahoma Constitution or in the Oklahoma Statutes. **Candidates with questions regarding their qualifications for candidacy should consult constitutional and statutory requirements and/or their legal counsel before filing a Declaration of Candidacy.**



Candidate Filing Checklist

Use this checklist to complete and assemble all required Declaration of Candidacy pages before filing with the Secretary of the State Election Board.

	 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY Candidate Information, Candidate Qualifications, Criminal History Disclosure and Oath (Sections 1-8) Candidate must personally sign the Declaration of 	REQUIRED for all candidates.
	Candidacy where indicated and the candidate's signature must be notarized. See Pages 7 and 9.	
	VOTER REGISTRATION VERIFICATION FORM	REQUIRED for all candidates.
	 Must be included with Declaration of Candidacy. Information on form must be accurate and match the information provided on the Declaration of Candidacy. See Page 3 and Appendix B 	
	CRIMINAL HISTORY DISCLOSURE SUPPLEMENTAL FORM	REQUIRED for candidates who
	 Must be completed if candidate checks YES to any question in the Criminal History Disclosure section of the Declaration of Candidacy. Provide all requested information. See Page 11. 	check YES to any question in the Criminal History Disclosure (Section 7) on the Declaration of Candidacy form.
	FILING FEE (CASHIER'S or CERTIFIED CHECK)	REQUIRED unless filing by
	• Only a cashier's check or certified check made	petition.
	payable to Secretary of the State Election Board can	
	be accepted.	When a candidate submits a filing fee, a petition is not
	Cash cannot be accepted.A personal check or campaign account check cannot	required.
	be accepted.	'
	All candidate filing fees are nonrefundable.	
	See Page 1. OR Petition in lieu of filing fee	
		REQUIRED unless submitting a
	Must contain the required number of signatures in	filing fee.
	the state or district for the office sought.	
	• The number of signatures required for each office and	When a candidate submits a
	district for which the State Election Board accepts	petition bearing the required number of signatures, a filing
	Declarations of Candidacy can be found at oklahoma.gov/elections/candidates/candidate-	fee is not required.
	filing.html.	
	• Email <u>info@elections.ok.gov</u> for more information.	
 	See Pages 1-2 and 13.	
	CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS	REQUIRED for all candidates.
	 All candidates must read the qualifications for the office sought before signing the Declaration of 	
	Candidacy.	
	Candidates with questions concerning their	
	qualifications for office should consult with their legal counsel.	
	See Appendix A.	The State Fleetier Description
	OKLAHOMA ETHICS COMMISSION	The State Election Board will neither provide nor accept OEC
	 Direct questions to the Oklahoma Ethics Commission. Contact information is available at 	forms.
	 Contact information is available at <u>https://oklahoma.gov/ethics.html</u>. 	
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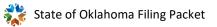


Candidate Information and Oath

NOTICE: All information provided on the Declaration of Candidacy and supplemental forms will be made available to the public, except address information.

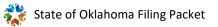
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Candidate Information and Oath

Candidate's name (as it						
SECTION 6 – Qualifications (required)						
STATE REPRESENTATIVE						
🗌 Yes 🗌 No	Yes No Will you be at least twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of the election?					
🗌 Yes 🗌 No		been a registered voter in the district and a resident residing within such district x-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period?				
🗌 Yes 🗌 No	as an Inde	been a registered voter of the party for which you seek a nomination (OR if filing ependent candidate, have you been a registered Independent) for the six-month mediately preceding the first day of the filing period?				
🗌 Yes 🗌 No	Yes No I undertand that "No person shall serve as a member of the Legislature who is, at the time of such service, an officer of the United States or State government, or is receiving compensation as such; nor shall any person be eligible to election to the Legislature who has been adjudged guilty of a felony." (Okla. Const. art. 5, § 18)					
🗌 Yes 🗌 No		d the qualifications for t ed for this office.	this office at	tached to th	he filing packet and affirm that	I
SECTION 7 - C	riminal I	History Disclosure	e (requir	ed)		
Yes No						
🗌 Yes 🗌 No	If yes, has	it been fifteen (15) years or longer since the completion of your sentence?				
🗌 Yes 🗌 No	Have you been named in an outstanding warrant for arrest for a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony in this or any other state or of the United States?					
		e above questions, you a vith your Declaration of (l to fill out ai	nd sign the Criminal History	
SECTION 8 - C	Dath and	Notarization (red	quired)			
I, the undersigned, swear or affirm that the information provided in this Declaration of Candidacy, including any information on the Voter Registration Verification Form and Criminal History Disclosure Supplemental Form, is true and correct, that I have read the Candidate Qualifications for the office that I seek, that I am fully qualified to become a candidate for said office, and that I will be fully qualified to hold said office, if elected.						
Candidate's signature						
x				Date		
SEAL		State of		County of		
		Signed and sworn to befo	ore me on	Date	by Name of candidate	_
	My commission expires on Commission Number					
Signature of Notary Public or Officer Authorized to Administer Oath						
Title of Notary Public or Officer Authorized to Administer Oath						



Criminal History Disclosure Supplemental Form

Candidate's name	Title of office sought

If you have been convicted, pled guilty or nolo contendere, or otherwise been determined by a court of proper authority in Oklahoma or in another state to be guilty of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or of a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States, or if at this time you are named in an outstanding warrant for arrest for a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or for a felony in the State of Oklahoma or in another state, you are required to complete this Criminal History Disclosure form.

For convictions or pleas to such offenses:

Name of offense					
	Normality				
City, county and state of conviction, plea, or deferral of sentence	Name of court				
Date of conviction, plea of guilty or nolo contender, or deferral	of sentence				
Type of sentence received (i.e., payment of fine, suspended or deferred sentence, incarceration in jail or prison)					
Original length of sentence	Date of completion of sentence				
Have you received a full and complete pardon for this offense?					
Yes No					

For outstanding warrants involving such offenses:

Name of offense	
City, county and state of issuance of outstanding warrant	Name of court
Date of issuance of outstanding warrant	

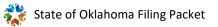
Candidate's signature

X_____

Date _____

Use additional copies of this form if more space is required.

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OKLAHOMA DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY Petition Supporting a Candidate for Legislative Office

Candidate's name	Party affiliation	Title of office sought	District (if applicable)	County where circulated	
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I, by signing this petition, ask the Secretary of the State Election Board to accept a Declaration of Candidacy from the person named above as a candidate for the legislative office listed above. I, by signing this petition, certify that I am a registered voter in the State of Oklahoma, in the above-named county, and above-named district (if applicable) and that my name, address, and date of signing this petition are as follows:

		Voter's name	Voter's street address	City		Date signed		
	Voter's signature	(PRINT)	(PRINT)	(PRINT)	ZIP code	Month	Day	Year
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Notice to Circulator: Only registered voters of the above-named county and district (if applicable) may sign this petition page.

Witnessed by:	Circulator's name (printed)	Circulator's signature



Oklahoma Candidate Qualifications State House of Representatives

Oklahoma Constitution, Article 5, Section 17: "Members of the Senate shall be at least twenty-five years of age, and members of the **House of Representatives** twenty-one years of age at the time of their election. They shall be qualified electors in their respective counties or districts and shall reside in their respective counties or districts during their term of office."

Oklahoma Constitution, Article 5, Section 17A: "Any **member of the Legislature** who is elected to office after the effective date of this amendment shall be eligible to serve no more than 12 years in the Oklahoma State Legislature. Years in Legislative office need not be consecutive and years of service in both the Senate and the **House of Representatives** shall be added together and included in determining the total number of Legislative years in office. The years served by any member elected or appointed to serve less than a full Legislative term to fill a vacancy in office shall not be included in the 12-year limitation set forth herein; but no member who has completed 12 years in office shall thereafter be eligible to serve a partial term. Any member who is serving a Legislative term in office or who has been elected or appointed to serve a term in office on the effective date hereof shall be entitled to complete his or her term and shall be eligible to serve an additional 12 years thereafter. This amendment shall be effective on the 1st day of the year following its adoption."

Oklahoma Constitution, Article 5, Section 18: "No person shall serve as a **member of the Legislature** who is, at the time of such service, an officer of the United States or State government, or is receiving compensation as such; nor shall any person be eligible to election to the Legislature, who has been adjudged guilty of a felony."

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 14, Section 108: "To file as a candidate for the House of Representatives in any House district, a person must have been a registered voter in such district and a resident residing within such district for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law. Except, however, to file as a candidate for the **House of Representatives** in any House district in 2022, a person must have been a registered voter and a resident residing in such district no later than December 31, 2021. Any member of the House of Representatives whose district has been changed by redistricting may change residence with the intent of becoming qualified to seek reelection in such district in the first election applicable to such district following redistricting without thereby being deemed to have vacated his or her existing office."

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 26, Section 5-105: "A. To file as a candidate for nomination by a political party to any state or county office, a person must have been a registered voter of that party for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state. Provided, this requirement shall not apply to a candidate for the nomination of a political party which attains recognition less than six (6) months preceding the first day of the filing

period required by law. However, the candidate shall be required to have registered with the newly recognized party within fifteen (15) days after such party recognition.

B. To file as an independent candidate for any state or county office, a person must have been registered to vote as an independent for the six-month period immediately preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law and, under oath, so state."

Oklahoma Statutes, Title 26, Section 5-105a: "A. A person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States or who has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such misdemeanor involving embezzlement or felony or who has been convicted of a crime in another state which would have been a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or a felony under the laws of this state or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to such crime shall not be eligible to be a candidate for or to be elected to any state, county, municipal, judicial or school office or any other elective office of any political subdivision of this state for a period of fifteen (15) years following completion of his sentence or during the pendency of an appeal of such conviction or plea.

B. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to preclude a person who has received a pardon from being eligible for or from holding public office."



Voter Registration Verification Form for Candidates

You must include this form with your Declaration of Candidacy. The Secretary of the Election Board can only accept your Declaration if the information contained in this form matches the information provided on your Declaration, and if such Declaration meets all other requirements of state law. 26 O.S. Section 5-111.

Name:	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME		
Voter ID:	00000000	County:	COUNTY
Birthdate:	MM/DD/YYYY		
Registration Date:	MM/DD/YYYY		
Political Affiliation:	IND (MM/DD/YYY)		
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State House:	000		
County Commissioner:	00		
School:	SCHOOL DISTRICT Board District: 00		
Municipal:	CITY/TOWN Ward: N/A		
Technology Center:	OKLAHOMA TECHNOLOGY Board District: 00	CENTER	

This form does not apply to candidates for federal office.

If you believe any of the information above is incorrect, please contact your County Election Board Secretary immediately.