



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
MICHAEL G. ADAMS

TO: POTENTIAL CANDIDATES

FROM: MICHAEL G. ADAMS, SECRETARY OF STATE

Candidates for the following offices shall file with the county clerk to attain ballot access and should contact the county clerk of their county of residence for filing procedures and requirements: Circuit Clerk, Commonwealth Attorney in single county circuits, County Judge Executive, County Clerk, County Attorney, Sheriff, Jailer, Coroner, Property Valuation Administrator, Surveyor, Magistrate/Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner, Constable, Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, Mayor, City Legislative Body, and Board of Education.

Candidates for the following offices shall file with the Office of the Secretary of State: President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, United States Senator, United States Representative in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture, State Senator, State Representative, Supreme Court Justice, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Circuit Judge, District Judge, and Commonwealth Attorney in multi-county circuits.

Following are guidelines for candidates filing with the Office of the Secretary of State:

1. Complete all applicable blanks on the filing form. The Office of the Secretary of State will make the necessary copies for distribution.
2. If the filing form requires notarization, the candidates and signers must have their signatures acknowledged by a Notary Public and the expiration date of the notary's commission must be stated.
3. Checks should be made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.
4. Candidates may file in person or by mail at the following address:

Office of the Secretary of State
Election Division
1025 Capital Center Drive
Suite 201
Frankfort, KY 40601

Questions relating to campaign finance procedures and requirements should be directed to the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance at (502) 573-2226. In addition, KREF's website, <http://www.kref.ky.gov>, provides for the downloading of required reporting forms and a book titled Guide to Campaign Finance. Questions relating to campaign finance matters for federal candidates should be directed to the Federal Election Commission at 1-800-424-9530.

If our Office may be of further assistance to you, please contact our election staff at (502) 564-3490 or by email at sos.elections@ky.gov.

**UNITED STATES SENATOR
INDEPENDENT and POLITICAL GROUP AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATION
CANDIDATES GENERAL ELECTION**

The Office of United States Senator will appear on the 2026 general election ballot.

Signatures Required:	Candidate's signature and the signature of 5,000 registered voters from the district or jurisdiction in which candidate seeks nomination.
Earliest date to affix signatures and file Nominating Petition	November 5, 2025
Latest date to file Nominating Petition (4:00 p.m., local time)	June 2, 2026

Filing Form SBE 59 and 59-2	Nominating Petition
Filing Fee	\$500.00
Filing Official	Secretary of State

Political Organization Definition: "Political organization" means a political group not constituting a political party within the meaning of subsection (1) of this section but whose candidate received two percent (2%) or more of the vote of the state at the last preceding election for presidential electors. KRS 118.015 (8).

Political Group Definition: "Political group" means a political group not constituting a political party or a political organization within the meaning of subsections (1) and (8) of this section. KRS 118.015 (9).

All candidates seeking the office of United States Senator, other than those candidates who have been nominated by a qualified party or political organization, must file a Nomination Petition (SBE 59 and SBE 59-2) with the Office of the Secretary of State. A qualified political party or political organization may nominate candidates by convention or primary held in accordance with its constitution and bylaws and file a Certificate of Nomination in lieu of a Nominating Petition.

Please Note: All information contained in this packet is subject to change per Kentucky Revised Statutes.



NOMINATING PETITION

(Independent candidates or candidates of political groups/organizations required to file with the Secretary of State or County Clerk)

This Space for Filing Officer Only

To _____ Commonwealth of Kentucky, _____ County:
(County Clerk or Secretary of State, as case may be)

We, the undersigned petitioners, being voters of the same district or jurisdiction from which the candidate seeks nomination, and being at least _____ in number, hereby petition you to cause to be printed on the official ballot of said county/counties _____ of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the regular election to be held on November _____ 20____ the name of _____ who
(Day)
resides at _____,
(Residential Address) (City, State, Zip)
whose post office box address or email address is _____,
(Post Office Box Address or Email Address)
as a candidate for the office of _____ district _____ of the political group/organization known as _____ or as an independent candidate.

I, _____, hereby declare that I
(Name of candidate in full as desired on ballot as provided in KRS 118.129)
possess all the constitutional and statutory requirements for the office for which I have filed.

(Signature of Candidate)

Name of Candidate

Office

(District if Applicable)

Failure of a voter to include the signature affixation date, date of birth, and address of residence shall result in the signature not being counted.

Date Signed MM/DD/YY	Date of Birth MM/DD/YY	Printed Name of Petitioner	Signature of Petitioner	Residential Address (Cannot Be PO Box)	City	State	Zip