

Candidate Filing Dates and Requirements for County Offices

Persons wishing to file a declaration of candidacy to appear as a candidate for nomination at the August 7, 2018, Primary Election for a county office may do so at the office of Crystal M. Hall, Lincoln County Clerk, in room 102 of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 201 Main Street in Troy beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. The last day for a person to file a declaration of candidacy is Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Prior to filing a declaration of candidacy, candidates need to be aware that their signature is an affirmation that they meet all of the statutory qualifications for the office. The following is a list of the county offices open for filing, the documents necessary to file a declaration of candidacy, and a summary of the statutory qualifications for those offices.

Ballot Placement

- First day filers will select a number by random drawing to determine placement on the primary ballot.
- After the first day, candidates will be placed on the ballot in the order of their filing.

Documents Needed for Filing

- Proof of Identity – Valid Missouri driver's license, voter identification card, birth certificate, other form of ID issued by the Federal Government or the State of Missouri.
- A copy of an affidavit (Form 5120) filed with the Department of Revenue affirming that the candidate is not currently aware of any delinquency in the filing or payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence, as stated on the declaration of candidacy, or is not a past or present corporate officer of any fee office that owes any taxes to the state, other than those taxes which may be in dispute.
- The Form 5120 Affidavit is available at <http://dor.mo.gov/personal/candidates/> or a paper copy is available at the Lincoln County Clerk's Voter Registration Office, Room 104 of the Lincoln County Courthouse.
- A Notary Public is available at the clerk's office to complete the Form 5120 Affidavit as well.
- Payment of \$50 in the form of cash or check made payable to the county central committee of the appropriate political party.

Must File in Person (Exceptions) - § 115.355 RSMo

- Candidates for county offices must file in person with the Local Election Authority.
- Members of the armed services on active duty or persons who are unable to appear in person because of physical disabilities may file by certified mail.
- Persons eligible to file by certified mail should contact the County Clerk's Voter Registration Office for further details (636)462-8090.

General qualifications applicable to all the following county offices –

Art. VII, § 8 Constitution of Missouri; §§ 115.306, 115.349.3, and 130.071.2, RSMo

- Citizen of the United States
- Resident of the state one-year next preceding election
- Registered voter of Missouri
- No person shall qualify as a candidate for elective public office in the state of Missouri who has been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony or misdemeanor under the federal laws of the United States of America or to a felony under the laws of this state or an offense committed in another state that would be considered a felony in this state.
- Any person who files as a candidate for election to a public office shall be disqualified from participation in the election for which the candidate has filed if such person is delinquent in the payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence, as stated on the declaration of candidacy, or if the person is a past or present corporate officer of any fee office that owes any taxes to the state.
- Each potential candidate for election to a public office shall file an affidavit with the department of revenue and include a copy of the affidavit with the declaration of candidacy required under section [115.349](#). (Form 5120)
- In addition to any other penalties provided by law, no person may file for any office in a subsequent election until he or the treasurer of his existing candidate committee has filed all required campaign disclosure reports for all prior elections.

Associate Circuit Judge - Art. V, § 21 Constitution of Missouri § 478.320, RSMo

- At least 25 years of age
- Licensed to practice law in this state
- Resident of the county for one year prior to the election

Clerk of the Circuit Court - § 483.010, RSMo

- At least 21 years of age
- Resident of the county for three months prior to the election

Presiding County Commissioner - § 49.020, RSMo

- Resident of the county

County Clerk - § 51.050, RSMo

- At least 21 years of age
- Resident of county for one year prior to the election

Collector of Revenue – §§ 52.010, 52.020 RSMo

- At least 21 years of age
- Resident of county one year prior to filing
- Must provide a copy of a signed affidavit from a surety company indicating that the candidate meets the bonding requirements for a bond in the amount of \$750,000.00

County Auditor - § 55.060 RSMo

- At least 21 years of age
- Resident of the county for three months prior to the election
- Shall be familiar with the theory and practice of accounting by education, training, and experience and able to perform the duties imposed upon the county auditor by the provisions of chapter 55 RSMo

Prosecuting Attorney - § 56.010, RSMo

- At least 21 years of age
- Resident of the county one year prior to general election
- Shall be a person learned in the law, duly licensed to practice as an attorney at law in this state, and enrolled as such

Recorder of Deeds - § 59.021, RSMo

- Over 21 years of age
- Resident of the county one year prior to the general election

Township or Ward Committeemen and Committeewomen - §§ 115.607-115.613, RSMo

§ 130.071.2, RSMo does not apply to Township or Ward Committeemen and Committeewomen

- Resident of county and committee district for 1 year next preceding the election
- Registered voter in county and district for 1 year next preceding the election

The complete “Notice of Offices” for which candidates are to be nominated at the Primary Election that was published pursuant to Section 115.345 RSMo as well as other information regarding voter registration and elections in Lincoln County is available on the County Clerk’s website www.lcclerk.com under the Elections Tab. Individuals with questions may also contact the County Clerk’s Office at (636) 462-8090 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Submitted by Crystal M. Hall, Lincoln County Clerk and Election Authority