



2013

candidate filing

Election Dates

- August 6 Primary
- November 5 General Election

Candidate Filing Dates

- Apr 29 Mail-in declarations accepted
- May 12 Offices vacated after today are not opened in 2013 for filing
- May 13 Candidate Filing Week begins
9:00 am Online filing opens
- May 17 4:00 pm Online filing closes
Candidate Filing Week ends.
Deadline for all declarations to be received
- May 20 Last day to withdraw or amend party preference
- May 24 State Voters' Pamphlet submissions
County submission deadlines may differ
- Jul 19 Last day to declare write-in candidacy for the Primary
- Oct 18 Last day to declare write-in candidacy for the General Election

State Filing Fees

Only four positions file with the Secretary of State this year. All others file with the appropriate County Auditor.

State Legislature

Senator	\$421.06
Representative	\$421.06

Judicial

Supreme Court	\$1642.21
Court of Appeals	\$1563.28
Superior Court	\$1488.32

How candidates file with the State

- Mail** Elections Division, PO Box 40229, Olympia, WA 98504-0229
- Online** <http://Vote.wa.gov>>Candidates & Campaigns start here
- In Person** Office of the Secretary of State, Legislative Building, Olympia, WA
- Fax** 360.664.4619
- Email** ctsupport@sos.wa.gov
- Forms** [www.sos.wa.gov/elections/Administrators/Candidate Filing](http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/Administrators/Candidate_Filing)

Filing Fees

Filing fees are not refundable.

Online- Visa or Master Card. The credit card may belong to the candidate, the campaign, or other.

In Person- Visa, MasterCard, cash, check, or filing fee petition

Email/Fax- Filing is conditional until fee is paid. If unpaid by close of candidate filing, the declaration will be rejected.

Petitions - A filing fee petition, substituted for the entire fee, must accompany the declaration form. Combinations of fees with signatures or additional submissions of signatures are not allowed.

Valid signatures of voters registered to the district must equal the dollar amount of the filing fee.

State offices Vote.wa.gov> Run for Office>Offices open for election

County offices Vote.wa.gov>County Elections Departments

State Voters' Pamphlet Instructions Vote.wa.gov> Candidates & Campaigns>Run for Office



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Where to File

Secretary of State: Multi-county legislative and judicial offices

County Auditor: Legislative and judicial offices encompassing a single county, all other local offices

Specific office listings at Vote.wa.gov> Candidates & Campaigns>Where to file

More Information

OSOS Clearinghouse "[Filing for Office](#)" provides detailed information about:

- Conducting candidate filing
 - What should be open for filing
 - Candidate submissions
 - Electronic candidate declarations
 - Withdrawals from the ballot
 - Vacancies to open for filing
 - Filling a void in candidacy
 - Conducting a special filing period
- and much more.

Also see [RCW 29A. 20](#) and [29A.24](#) for applicable candidate filing laws.

Have you. . .

Published the list of offices open for election?

Prepared the link reporting candidates who have filed?

Scheduled opening the online candidate filing link at 9 AM May 13?

Created a reminder to close the online candidate filing link at 4 PM on May 17?

Printed a few paper copies of the Declarations of Candidacy to hand over the counter?

Prepared signs stating the filing fees are not refundable and the last day to withdraw?

Visited the Candidate Filing checklist?

Superior court candidates do not need to reside within the jurisdiction. For more information consult "[Judicial Offices Appearing on the Ballot](#)" found under Election Laws at http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/election_laws.aspx

Assistance during filing week

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