

Qualifying to Run for Office

Florida Statute 99.061

2020 Qualifying Period

Noon, June 15, 2020 –to– Noon, June 19, 2020

What happens when you go to the Supervisor of Elections office to qualify? You will file a *Loyalty Oath* and a *Financial Disclosure* (Form-1), and either pay the \$25 qualifying fee or file a *certification for 25 signatures* to qualify by petition.

Qualifying Fees

\$25.00 (Unless qualifying by petition)

Qualifying by Petition

In order to qualify by petition, and thereby have the qualifying fee waived, a person needs to gather the signatures of 25 qualified voters who reside within the District. The prescribed *Candidate Petition Form* ([DSDE104](#)) is available on the Division of Elections website.

The deadline to submit petitions to the Supervisor of Elections is **Noon, May 18, 2020.**

(NOTE: All candidates must, during the qualifying period, also file in person the two forms listed above.)

There are no date restrictions on petitions being submitted prior to the deadline.

There is a verification fee of \$0.10 per signature to ensure that signers are valid residents within the CDD. Cash is accepted. The Supervisor of Elections has stipulated that (unless your circumstances are dire) you must bring your petitions into the office in person.

Contact the Supervisor of Elections for more specific information on qualifying by petition.

Election Campaigning

If you want to campaign, you are permitted to do so; provided that you do not expend any funds. If you are going to have expenditures for signage, business cards, etc., even if it is your own money, you must open a campaign account and file a *Designation of Campaign Depository and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer* ([DS-DE9](#)) form.

If you will incur campaign expenses, petition signatures may not be sought or obtained until the required designation of your *financial organization* has been completed.

Qualifying Officers

The Qualifying Officer for Special District Offices is the Supervisor of Elections.

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