



# 2010 STATE QUALIFYING HANDBOOK

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# Explanation

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The information contained in this publication is intended as a quick reference guide only and is current upon publication. Chapters 97-106, Florida Statutes, the Constitution of the State of Florida, Division of Elections' opinions and rules, Attorney General opinions, county charters, city charters and ordinances, and other sources should be reviewed in their entirety for complete information regarding qualifying.

This handbook explains the qualifying procedures for candidates who qualify with the Division of Elections as party candidates, no party affiliation candidates, nonpartisan candidates or write-in candidates. It gives the qualifications for each office, with both the regular and petition methods of qualifying, along with write-in procedures for each office that qualifies with the Division. It also provides the number of signatures required for petition method candidates.

**Forms and publications are available on the Division of Elections' website at:**

**<http://election.dos.state.fl.us>**

Please direct any questions to either your county supervisor of elections or the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections at 850.245.6240.

## 2010 Dates to Remember

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- March 29** Noon, petitions for judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method due to supervisors of elections (*Sections 99.095 and 105.035, Fla. Stat. – before noon of the 28<sup>th</sup> day preceding the first day of the qualifying period for the office sought*)
- April 12** The Division may begin accepting and holding qualifying papers for judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period (*Sections 99.061 and 105.031, Fla. Stat. – not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period*)
- April 16** Written resignations due for officers qualifying as judicial, state attorney or public defender candidates if the terms of the offices, or any party thereof, run concurrently with each other (*Section 99.012, Fla. Stat.. – at least 10 days prior to the first day of the qualifying period*)
- April 19** Deadline for supervisors to certify to the Division the number of valid signatures for judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method (*Sections 99.095 and 105.035, Fla. Stat. – no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the first day of the qualifying period*)
- April 26** Noon, qualifying begins for all judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates (*Sections 99.061 and 105.031, Fla. Stat. – at any time after noon ... of the 120<sup>th</sup> day prior to the primary election*)
- April 30** Noon, qualifying ends for all judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates (*Sections 99.061 and 105.031, Fla. Stat. – not later than noon of the 116<sup>th</sup> day prior to the date of the primary election*)
- May 2** Deadline for partisan candidates to change party affiliation (*Section 99.021, Fla. Stat. – 6 months preceding the General Election*)
- May 17** Noon, petitions for statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method due to supervisors (*Section 99.095, Fla. Stat. – before noon of the 28<sup>th</sup> day preceding the first day of the qualifying period for the office sought*)

- May 31** The Division may begin accepting and holding qualifying papers for statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period (*Section 99.061, Fla. Stat. – not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period*)
- June 4** Written resignations due for officers qualifying as a candidate for statewide, multi-county, county or district office if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other (*Section 99.012, Fla. Stat. – at least 10 days prior to the first day of the qualifying period*)
- June 7** Deadline for supervisors to certify to the Division the number of valid signatures for statewide and multi-county candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method (*Section 99.095, Fla. Stat. – no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the first day of the qualifying period*)
- June 14** Noon, qualifying begins for all statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates (other than state attorney and public defender) (*Section 99.061, Fla. Stat. – noon of the 71<sup>st</sup> day prior to the primary election*)
- June 18** Noon, qualifying ends for all statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates (other than state attorney and public defender) (*Section 99.061, Fla. Stat. – not later than noon of the 67<sup>th</sup> day prior to the primary election*)
- August 24** PRIMARY ELECTION (*Section 100.061, Fla. Stat. – on the Tuesday 10 weeks prior to the general election*)
- September 2** Deadline for each candidate for Governor to designate a Lieutenant Governor as a running mate. (*Section 99.063, Fla. Stat. – no later than 5 p.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day following the primary election.*)
- November 2** GENERAL ELECTION (*Section 100.041, Fla. Stat. – on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in November of each even-numbered year*)

# Offices Up For Election that Qualify with the Division of Elections

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## **Statewide Offices**

Governor  
Attorney General  
Chief Financial Officer  
Commissioner of Agriculture

## **Multi-county and District Offices**

State Attorney (Circuit 20)  
Public Defender (Circuit 20)  
State Senator (even-numbered districts)  
State Representative (all districts)

## **Judicial Retention (Nonpartisan)**

Justice of the Supreme Court (only those whose terms expire January 2011)  
Judge, District Court of Appeal (only those whose terms expire January 2011)

## **Circuit Judges (Nonpartisan)**

Only those whose terms expire January 2011

## **Multi-County Special Districts:**

Varies by district

# CANDIDATE PETITION PROCESS



# Overview

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A person seeking to qualify for nomination to any office may be eligible to qualify to have his or her name placed on the ballot by means of the petition process. A person who obtains the required number of signatures is not required to pay the qualifying fee or party assessment.

## FORMS:

Except for candidates for special district offices, **Form DS-DE 9**, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository, must be on file with the filing officer prior to collecting signatures. A candidate may begin collecting signatures as soon as Form DS-DE 9 is on file with the filing officer. Petitions signed prior to the date the DS-DE 9 is filed with the filing officer are not valid. Signatures are valid only for the next qualifying period for the office.

Candidates are required to use **Form DS-DE 104 (Rev. 10-07)**, Candidate Petition, to obtain signatures of registered voters. Form DS-DE 104 may be reduced or enlarged, but the format must remain the same. The form is available on the Division's website. Candidates are responsible for reproducing the petition. Petitions on previous versions of Form DS-DE 104 are not valid if signed after July 1, 2008. See Rule 1S-2.045, Fla. Admin. Code, for further information regarding candidate petitions.

## SIGNATURES:

Except for candidates for special district offices, candidates must obtain the signatures of at least 1% of the total number of registered voters of the geographical area of candidacy, as shown by the compilation by the Department of State for the last preceding general election.

Special district candidates must obtain the signatures of 25 registered voters in the geographical area represented by the office sought.

Signed petition cards are turned in for verification to the Supervisor of Elections in the county in which the voter is registered. The deadline for submitting candidate petitions to the Supervisors of Elections is as follows:

Noon, March 29, 2010	Judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates
Noon, May 17, 2010	State, District, and multi-county candidates

## **FEES:**

There is a fee of 10 cents per signature to be paid to the supervisor of elections for the cost of verifying the signature. If the candidate cannot pay this fee without imposing an undue burden on the candidate's resources, the candidate may file an Oath of Undue Burden (see page 8) with the supervisor of elections to have the fee waived.

## **CERTIFICATION TO THE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS:**

The supervisors of elections must certify verified petitions to the Department of State, Division of Elections by:

April 19, 2010	Judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates
June 7, 2010	State, District, and multi-county candidates

The Division of Elections will determine whether the required number of signatures has been obtained in order for the name of the candidate to be placed on the ballot and will notify the candidate.

To check the number of signatures certified to the Division, search for their name on the Candidate Listing for 2010 General Election at this web address:

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/candidate/canlist.asp>

At the bottom of the candidate page, click on "Petition Signatures." This will provide the total required signatures, total verified, and the last date petitions were verified to the Division.

## **QUALIFYING DATES:**

Noon, April 26 to Noon, April 30, 2010	Judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates
Noon, June 14 to Noon, June 18, 2010	State, District, and multi-county candidates

# AFFIDAVIT OF UNDUE BURDEN

Section 99.097(4), Florida Statutes

I certify under oath that I intend to qualify as a candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ and that I am unable to pay the fee for verification of petition signatures for that office without imposing an undue burden on my personal resources or on resources otherwise available to me.

**Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing affidavit and that the facts stated in it are true.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name of candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence address (do not use post office box)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone

(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number

# 2010 Petition Signature Requirements

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## Governor and Cabinet Members

District	Registration	1%
State	11,247,634	112,476

## State Attorney, Public Defender and Circuit Court Judge

Circuit	Total Registration	1%
1	468,666	4,687
2	245,573	2,456
3	111,361	1,114
4	704,745	7,047
5	689,092	6,891
6	937,854	9,379
7	565,109	5,651
8	228,528	2,285
9	740,787	7,408
10	409,909	4,099
11	1,243,315	12,433
12	482,442	4,824
13	701,464	7,015
14	184,063	1,841
15	831,423	8,314
16	50,136	501
17	1,008,656	10,087
18	610,824	6,108
19	367,743	3,677
20	665,944	6,659

## State Senator

District	Total Registration	1%
1	260,765	2,608
2	290,926	2,909
3	321,815	3,218
4	308,129	3,081
5	325,637	3,256
6	278,468	2,785
7	288,827	2,888
8	341,656	3,417
9	280,324	2,803
10	312,715	3,127
11	311,238	3,112
12	314,550	3,146
13	281,654	2,817
14	274,868	2,749
15	315,257	3,153
16	283,686	2,837
17	258,076	2,581
18	230,399	2,304
19	239,457	2,395
20	371,737	3,717
21	322,400	3,224
22	258,243	2,582
23	325,233	3,252
24	314,628	3,146
25	301,309	3,013
26	296,469	2,965
27	298,558	2,986
28	352,006	3,520
29	212,367	2,124
30	297,043	2,970
31	254,415	2,544
32	246,757	2,468
33	223,441	2,234
34	268,490	2,685
35	227,326	2,273
36	202,629	2,026
37	299,517	2,995
38	230,147	2,301
39	237,758	2,378
40	188,714	1,887

## State Representative

District	Total Registration	1%
1	107,801	1,078
2	89,052	891
3	87,153	872
4	103,241	1,032
5	97,592	976
6	95,692	957
7	107,810	1,078
8	90,551	906
9	101,616	1,016
10	91,965	920
11	100,482	1,005
12	92,734	927
13	112,346	1,123
14	87,548	875
15	75,899	759
16	84,581	846
17	100,880	1,009
18	105,960	1,060
19	120,210	1,202
20	134,376	1,344
21	90,258	903
22	118,632	1,186
23	82,704	827
24	104,851	1,049
25	111,701	1,117
26	110,557	1,106
27	80,081	801
28	108,347	1,083
29	97,941	979
30	113,019	1,130
31	89,131	891
32	110,003	1,100
33	115,554	1,156
34	87,190	872
35	89,200	892
36	73,643	736
37	87,430	874
38	88,279	883
39	71,620	716
40	81,576	816

District	Total Registration	1%
41	133,623	1,336
42	143,639	1,436
43	118,062	1,181
44	119,279	1,193
45	102,534	1,025
46	95,528	955
47	95,463	955
48	100,526	1,005
49	85,777	858
50	89,349	893
51	94,425	944
52	91,270	913
53	85,361	854
54	98,152	982
55	77,247	772
56	112,187	1,122
57	92,380	924
58	69,697	697
59	78,341	783
60	92,881	929
61	143,263	1,433
62	90,687	907
63	86,422	864
64	91,775	918
65	100,729	1,007
66	84,544	845
67	149,700	1,497
68	88,189	882
69	88,595	886
70	112,058	1,121
71	126,143	1,261
72	89,396	894
73	81,775	818
74	105,691	1,057
75	105,541	1,055
76	111,874	1,119
77	83,760	838
78	94,456	945
79	95,148	951
80	99,809	998

<b>District</b>	<b>Total Registration</b>	<b>1%</b>
81	123,096	1,231
82	111,330	1,113
83	122,862	1,229
84	77,422	774
85	114,406	1,144
86	96,384	964
87	96,588	966
88	93,026	930
89	66,509	665
90	96,211	962
91	95,855	959
92	68,320	683
93	78,138	781
94	68,780	688
95	78,459	785
96	87,194	872
97	98,498	985
98	82,314	823
99	79,280	793
100	80,940	809
101	104,379	1,044
102	69,165	692
103	84,933	849
104	74,114	741
105	81,382	814
106	74,721	747
107	68,373	684
108	68,454	685
109	78,739	787
110	60,759	608
111	65,236	652
112	91,595	916
113	60,564	606
114	75,480	755
115	78,121	781
116	67,302	673
117	78,970	790
118	78,410	784
119	75,411	754
120	91,432	914

# QUALIFYING INFORMATION



# Governor and Lieutenant Governor

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## Qualifications

1. Elector no less than 30 years of age;
2. Resident of the state for the preceding 7 years.

*(Article IV, Section 5, Florida Constitution)*

## Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, June 14 – Noon, June 18, 2010

Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, R. A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

## Qualifying Requirements

The following items must be received by the Division of Elections **no later than noon, June 18, 2010:**

### Candidates Paying the Qualifying Fee:

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24, Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party; or  
  
No Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24B, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate.
3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

4. Qualifying Fee:

Party Affiliation Candidates: \$7,816.38 – 6% of annual salary as of July 1, 2009; or

No Party Affiliation Candidates: \$5,210.92 – 4% of annual salary as of July 1, 2009.

The qualifying fee must:

- Be on a properly executed check;
- Be made payable to the Department of State;
- Be drawn upon the campaign account; and
- Be in an amount not less than the fee required.

If a candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the Department of State shall immediately notify the candidate and the candidate shall, the end of qualifying notwithstanding, have 48 hours from the time such notification is received (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account. Failure to pay the fee as provided will disqualify the candidate.

*(Sections 99.061 and 99.092, Fla. Stat.)*

**Candidates Qualifying By the Petition Process:**

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24, Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party; or  
  
No Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24B, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate.
3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

*(Sections 99.061, 99.095, 99.0955 and 99.097, Fla. Stat.)*

**Write-in Candidates:**

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Form DS-DE 24A, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for Write-in Candidates.

3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

At the time of qualifying, all write-in candidates must reside within the district represented by the office sought.

*(Section 99.0615, Fla. Stat.)*

A write-in candidate is not entitled to have his or her name printed on any ballot; however, a space for the write-in candidate's name to be written in shall be provided on the general election ballot. A write-in candidate is not required to pay a qualifying fee, election assessment or party assessment, or file petitions.

*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

### **Lieutenant Governor Running Mate**

No later than 5:00 p.m. on September 2, 2010, each candidate for Governor shall designate a Lieutenant Governor as a running mate. The following items must be received by the Division of Elections **no later than 5:00 p.m., September 2, 2010:**

1. Written designation by the gubernatorial candidate of a Lieutenant Governor running mate;
2. Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24, Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party; or

No Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24B, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate; or

Write-in Candidates: Form DS-DE 24A, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for Write-in Candidates.

3. Form 6: Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

*(Section 99.063, Fla. Stat.)*

### **Missing or Incomplete Information**

If the filing officer receives qualifying papers that do not include all items as required prior to the last day of qualifying, the filing officer shall make a reasonable effort to notify the candidate of the missing or incomplete items and shall inform the candidate that all

required items must be received by the close of qualifying. A candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot may not be changed after the end of qualifying.

*(Section 99.061(7)(b), Fla. Stat.)*

## **Statement of Candidate**

Although not required for qualifying, each candidate must file a statement of candidate (DS-DE 84) with the Division of Elections within 10 days after filing the appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository. Willful failure to file this form is a violation of chapter 106.

*(Section 106.023, Fla. Stat.)*

# Attorney General

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## Qualifications

1. Elector no less than 30 years of age;
2. Resident of the state for the preceding 7 years;
3. A member of the Florida Bar for the preceding 5 years.

*(Article IV, Section 5, Florida Constitution)*

## Qualifying Dates and Location

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*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

## Qualifying Requirements

The following items must be received by the Division of Elections **no later than noon, June 18, 2010:**

### Candidates Paying the Qualifying Fee:

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24, Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party; or

No Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24B, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate.

3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

4. Qualifying Fee:

Party Affiliation Candidates: \$7,738.32 – 6% of annual salary as of July 1, 2009; or

No Party Affiliation Candidates: \$5,158.88 – 4% of annual salary as of July 1, 2009.

The qualifying fee must:

- Be on a properly executed check;
- Be made payable to the Department of State;
- Be drawn upon the campaign account; and
- Be in an amount not less than the fee required.

If a candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the Department of State shall immediately notify the candidate and the candidate shall, the end of qualifying notwithstanding, have 48 hours from the time such notification is received (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account. Failure to pay the fee as provided will disqualify the candidate.

*(Sections 99.061 and 99.092, Fla. Stat.)*

**Candidates Qualifying By the Petition Process:**

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24, Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party; or

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*(Sections 99.061, 99.095, 99.0955 and 99.097, Fla. Stat.)*

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*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

### **Missing or Incomplete Information**

If the filing officer receives qualifying papers that do not include all items as required prior to the last day of qualifying, the filing officer shall make a reasonable effort to notify the candidate of the missing or incomplete items and shall inform the candidate that all required items must be received by the close of qualifying. A candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot may not be changed after the end of qualifying.

*(Section 99.061(7)(b), Fla. Stat.)*

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*(Section 106.023, Fla. Stat.)*

# Chief Financial Officer

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2. Resident of the state for the preceding 7 years.

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If a candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the Department of State shall immediately notify the candidate and the candidate shall, the end of qualifying notwithstanding, have 48 hours from the time such notification is received (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account. Failure to pay the fee as provided will disqualify the candidate.

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2. Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24, Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party; or  
  
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3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

*(Sections 99.061, 99.095, 99.0955 and 99.097, Fla. Stat.)*

#### **Write-in Candidates:**

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Form DS-DE 24A, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for Write-in Candidates.
3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

At the time of qualifying, all write-in candidates must reside within the district represented by the office sought.

*(Section 99.0615, Fla. Stat.)*

A write-in candidate is not entitled to have his or her name printed on any ballot; however, a space for the write-in candidate's name to be written in shall be provided on the general election ballot. A write-in candidate is not required to pay a qualifying fee, election assessment or party assessment, or file petitions.

*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

### **Missing or Incomplete Information**

If the filing officer receives qualifying papers that do not include all items as required prior to the last day of qualifying, the filing officer shall make a reasonable effort to notify the candidate of the missing or incomplete items and shall inform the candidate that all required items must be received by the close of qualifying. A candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot may not be changed after the end of qualifying.

*(Section 99.061(7)(b), Fla. Stat.)*

### **Statement of Candidate**

Although not required for qualifying, each candidate must file a statement of candidate (DS-DE 84) with the Division of Elections within 10 days after filing the appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository. Willful failure to file this form is a violation of chapter 106.

*(Section 106.023, Fla. Stat.)*

# Commissioner of Agriculture

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## Qualifications

1. Elector no less than 30 years of age;
2. Resident of the state for the preceding 7 years.

*(Article IV, Section 5, Florida Constitution)*

## Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, June 14 – June 18, 2010

Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, R. A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

## Qualifying Requirements

The following items must be received by the Division of Elections **no later than noon, June 18, 2010**:

### Candidates Paying the Qualifying Fee:

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24, Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party; or

No Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24B, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate.

3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

4. Qualifying Fee:

Party Affiliation Candidates: \$7,738.32 – 6% of annual salary as of July 1, 2009); or

No Party Affiliation Candidates: \$5,158.88 – 4% of annual salary as of July 1, 2009.

The qualifying fee must:

- Be on a properly executed check;
- Be made payable to the Department of State;
- Be drawn upon the campaign account; and
- Be in an amount not less than the fee required.

If a candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the Department of State shall immediately notify the candidate and the candidate shall, the end of qualifying notwithstanding, have 48 hours from the time such notification is received (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account. Failure to pay the fee as provided will disqualify the candidate.

*(Sections 99.061 and 99.092, Fla. Stat.)*

**Candidates Qualifying By the Petition Process:**

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24, Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party; or

No Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24B, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate.

3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

*(Sections 99.061, 99.095, 99.0955 and 99.097, Fla. Stat.)*

**Write-in Candidates:**

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Form DS-DE 24A, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for Write-in Candidates.
3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

At the time of qualifying, all write-in candidates must reside within the district represented by the office sought.

*(Section 99.0615, Fla. Stat.)*

A write-in candidate is not entitled to have his or her name printed on any ballot; however, a space for the write-in candidate's name to be written in shall be provided on the general election ballot. A write-in candidate is not required to pay a qualifying fee, election assessment or party assessment, or file petitions.

*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

### **Missing or Incomplete Information**

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*(Section 99.061(7)(b), Fla. Stat.)*

### **Statement of Candidate**

Although not required for qualifying, each candidate must file a statement of candidate (DS-DE 84) with the Division of Elections within 10 days after filing the appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository. Willful failure to file this form is a violation of chapter 106.

*(Section 106.023, Fla. Stat.)*

# State Attorney and Public Defender

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## Qualifications

### State Attorney

1. Elector and resident of the circuit upon taking office;
2. Must be a member of the Florida Bar for the preceding five years;
3. Must devote full time to the duties of the office and must not engage in private practice.

*(Article V, Section 17, Florida Constitution)*

### Public Defender

1. Elector and resident of the circuit upon taking office;
2. Must be a member of the Florida Bar for the preceding five years.

*(Article V, Section 18, Florida Constitution)*

## Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, April 26 – Noon, April 30, 2010

Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, R. A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

## Qualifying Requirements

The following items must be received by the Division of Elections **no later than noon, April 30, 2010:**

### Candidates Paying the Qualifying Fee:

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24, Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party; or

No Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24B, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate.

3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

4. Qualifying Fee:

State Attorney

Party Affiliation Candidates: \$9,004.62 – 6% of annual salary as of July 1, 2009; or  
No Party Affiliation Candidates: \$6,003.08 – 4% of annual salary as of July 1, 2009.

Public Defender

Party Affiliation Candidates: \$9,004.62 – 6% of annual salary as of July 1, 2009; or  
No Party Affiliation Candidates: \$6,003.08 – 4% of annual salary as of July 1, 2009.

The qualifying fee must:

- Be on a properly executed check;
- Be made payable to the Department of State;
- Be drawn upon the campaign account; and
- Be in an amount not less than the fee required.

If a candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the Department of State shall immediately notify the candidate and the candidate shall, the end of qualifying notwithstanding, have 48 hours from the time such notification is received (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account. Failure to pay the fee as provided will disqualify the candidate.

*(Sections 99.061 and 99.092, Fla. Stat.)*

**Candidates Qualifying By the Petition Process:**

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24, Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party; or

No Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24B, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate.

3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

*(Sections 99.061, 99.095, 99.0955 and 99.097, Fla. Stat.)*

### **Write-in Candidates:**

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Form DS-DE 24A, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for Write-in Candidates.
3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

At the time of qualifying, all write-in candidates must reside within the district represented by the office sought.

*(Section 99.0615, Fla. Stat.)*

A write-in candidate is not entitled to have his or her name printed on any ballot; however, a space for the write-in candidate's name to be written in shall be provided on the general election ballot. A write-in candidate is not required to pay a qualifying fee, election assessment or party assessment, or file petitions.

*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

### **Missing or Incomplete Information**

If the filing officer receives qualifying papers that do not include all items as required prior to the last day of qualifying, the filing officer shall make a reasonable effort to notify the candidate of the missing or incomplete items and shall inform the candidate that all required items must be received by the close of qualifying. A candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot may not be changed after the end of qualifying.

*(Section 99.061(7)(b), Fla. Stat.)*

### **Statement of Candidate**

Although not required for qualifying, each candidate must file a statement of candidate (DS-DE 84) with the Division of Elections within 10 days after filing the appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository. Willful failure to file this form is a violation of chapter 106.

*(Section 106.023, Fla. Stat.)*

# State Senator and State Representative

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## Qualifications

1. Elector and resident of the district upon election;
2. Must be at least twenty-one years of age;
3. Must be a resident of the state for at least two years prior to election.

*(Article III, Section 15, Florida Constitution)*

## Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, June 14 – Noon, June 18, 2010

Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, R. A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

## Qualifying Requirements

The following items must be received by the Division of Elections **no later than noon, June 18, 2010:**

### Candidates Paying the Qualifying Fee:

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24, Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party; or  
  
No Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24B, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate.
3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

4. Qualifying Fee:

Party Affiliation Candidates: \$1,781.82 – 6% of annual salary as of July 1, 2009; or

No Party Affiliation Candidates: \$1,187.88 – 4% of annual salary as of July 1, 2009.

The qualifying fee must:

- Be on a properly executed check;
- Be made payable to the Department of State;
- Be drawn upon the campaign account; and
- Be in an amount not less than the fee required.

If a candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the Department of State shall immediately notify the candidate and the candidate shall, the end of qualifying notwithstanding, have 48 hours from the time such notification is received (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account. Failure to pay the fee as provided will disqualify the candidate.

*(Sections 99.061 and 99.092, Fla. Stat.)*

**Candidates Qualifying By the Petition Process:**

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24, Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party; or  
  
No Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24B, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate.
3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

*(Sections 99.061, 99.095, 99.0955 and 99.097, Fla. Stat.)*

### **Write-in Candidates:**

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Form DS-DE 24A, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for Write-in Candidates.
3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

At the time of qualifying, all write-in candidates must reside within the district represented by the office sought.

*(Section 99.0615, Fla. Stat.)*

A write-in candidate is not entitled to have his or her name printed on any ballot; however, a space for the write-in candidate's name to be written in shall be provided on the general election ballot. A write-in candidate is not required to pay a qualifying fee, election assessment or party assessment, or file petitions.

*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

### **Missing or Incomplete Information**

If the filing officer receives qualifying papers that do not include all items as required prior to the last day of qualifying, the filing officer shall make a reasonable effort to notify the candidate of the missing or incomplete items and shall inform the candidate that all required items must be received by the close of qualifying. A candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot may not be changed after the end of qualifying.

*(Section 99.061(7)(b), Fla. Stat.)*

### **Statement of Candidate**

Although not required for qualifying, each candidate must file a statement of candidate (DS-DE 84) with the Division of Elections within 10 days after filing the appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository. Willful failure to file this form is a violation of chapter 106.

*(Section 106.023, Fla. Stat.)*

# Justice of the Supreme Court and Judge, District Court of Appeal

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## Qualifications

1. Elector and resident of the territorial jurisdiction of the court upon taking office;
2. Must be a member of the Florida Bar for the preceding ten years;
3. No justice shall serve after attaining the age of seventy years except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which has been served.

*(Article V, Section 8, Florida Constitution)*

## Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, April 26 – Noon, April 30, 2010

Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, R. A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

*(Section 105.031, Fla. Stat.)*

## Qualifying Requirements

The following items must be received by the Division of Elections **no later than noon, April 30, 2010:**

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository. If you do not anticipate collecting or expending funds in connection with your candidacy, this form is still required to be filed; however, the campaign account does not have to be physically opened.
2. Form DS-DE 26, Judicial Offices Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate.
3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

4. Form DS-DE 96, Affidavit of Intention must be filed at the time of qualifying if you anticipate receiving no contributions or making no expenditures in connection with your campaign.

*(Sections 105.031 and 105.08, Fla. Stat.)*

## **Special Requirements**

If Form DS-DE 96, Affidavit of Intention is filed at the time of qualifying the candidate is exempt from filing campaign treasurer's reports. However, Form DS-DE 97, Affidavit of Compliance must still be filed as a final report within 90 days following the general election. If contributions or expenditures are received after filing the above sworn statements, a statement to that effect must be filed, a campaign account opened at the depository previously designated, and campaign treasurer's reports filed.

A candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot may not be changed after the end of qualifying.

*(Sections 105.031 and 105.08, Fla. Stat.)*

## **Statement of Candidate**

Although not required for qualifying, each judicial candidate must file statements of judicial candidate (DS-DE 83) and a statement of candidate (DS-DE 84) with the Division of Elections within 10 days after filing the appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository. Willful failure to file this form is a violation of chapters 105 and 106.

*(Section 105.031(5)(a) and 106.023, Fla. Stat.)*

# Circuit Judge

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## Qualifications

1. Elector and resident of the circuit upon taking office;
2. Must be a member of the Florida Bar for the preceding five years;
3. No judge shall serve after attaining the age of seventy years except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which has been served.

*(Article V, Section 8, Florida Constitution)*

## Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, April 26 – Noon, April 30, 2010

Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, R. A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

*(Section 105.031, Fla. Stat.)*

## Qualifying Requirements

The following items must be received by the Division of Elections **no later than noon, April 30, 2010**:

### Candidates Paying the Qualifying fee:

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Form DS-DE 26, Judicial Offices Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate.
3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.
4. Qualifying Fee: \$5,687.12 – 4% of the annual salary as of July 1, 2009.

The qualifying fee must:

- Be on a properly executed check;
- Be made payable to the Department of State;

- Be drawn upon the campaign account; and
- Be in an amount not less than the fee required.

If a candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the Department of State shall immediately notify the candidate and the candidate shall, the end of qualifying notwithstanding, have 48 hours from the time such notification is received (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account. Failure to pay the fee as provided will disqualify the candidate.

*(Sections 99.092(1) and 105.031, Fla. Stat.)*

**Candidates Qualifying By the Petition Process:**

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Form DS-DE 26, Judicial Offices Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate.
3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

*(Section 105.035, Fla. Stat.)*

**Write-in Candidates:**

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
2. Form DS-DE 26A, Judicial Offices Loyalty Oath for Write-in Candidates and Oath of Candidate.
3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2009 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2009 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

*(Sections 105.031 and 105.041, Fla. Stat.)*

At the time of qualifying, all write-in candidates must reside within the district represented by the office sought.

*(Section 99.0615, Fla. Stat.)*

A write-in candidate is not entitled to have his or her name printed on any ballot; however, a space for the write-in candidate's name to be written in shall be provided on the general election ballot. A write-in candidate is not required to pay a qualifying fee, election assessment or party assessment, or file petitions.

*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

### **Missing or Incomplete Information**

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*(Section 105.031(5)(b), Fla. Stat.)*

### **Statement of Candidate**

Although not required for qualifying, each judicial candidate must file statements of judicial candidate (DS-DE 83) and a statement of candidate (DS-DE 84) with the Division of Elections within 10 days after filing the appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository. Willful failure to file this form is a violation of chapters 105 and 106.

*(Section 105.031(5)(a) and 106.023, Fla. Stat.)*

# Multi-County Special District

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## Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, June 14 – Noon, June 18, 2010

Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, R. A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

## Qualifying Requirements

The following items must be received by the Division of Elections **no later than noon, June 18, 2010:**

### Candidates Paying the Qualifying Fee:

1. Form DS-DE 25, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for non-partisan office.
2. Qualifying fee of \$25.00.
3. Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests for the year 2009. A public officer who has filed a financial disclosure statement for 2009 with the Commission on Ethics or the supervisor of elections prior to qualifying for office may file **a copy** with this office for qualifying.

### Candidates Qualifying by the Petition Method:

1. Form DS-DE 25, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for non-partisan office.
2. Certified petition signatures from 25 registered electors of the geographical area of candidacy.
3. Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests for the year 2009. A public officer who has filed a financial disclosure statement for 2009 with the Commission on Ethics or the supervisor of elections prior to qualifying for office may file **a copy** with this office for qualifying.

### **Write-in Candidates:**

1. Form DS-DE 24A, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for Write-in Candidates.
2. Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests for the year 2009. A public officer who has filed a financial disclosure statement for 2009 with the Commission on Ethics or the supervisor of elections prior to qualifying for office may file a **copy** with this office for qualifying.

A write-in candidate is not entitled to have his or her name printed on any ballot; however, a space for the write-in candidate's name to be written in shall be provided on the general election ballot. A write-in candidate is not required to pay a qualifying fee, election assessment or party assessment, or file petitions.

*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

At the time of qualifying, all write-in candidates must reside within the district represented by the office sought.

*(Section 99.0615, Fla. Stat.)*

### **Statement of Candidate**

Although not required for qualifying, each candidate must file a statement of candidate (DS-DE 84) with the Division of Elections within 10 days after filing the appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository. Willful failure to file this form is a violation of chapter 106.

*(Section 106.023, Fla. Stat.)*

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