

**1S-2.0001 Designation of Division of Elections as Filing Office for Department of State; Requirements for Candidate Qualifying Papers; Withdrawal of Candidacy.**

(1) The Division of Elections, Room 316, R. A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250 is hereby designated on behalf of the Department of State as the filing or qualifying office, that is, the official address and the location for candidates seeking to qualify for nomination or election to any federal, state, legislative, multicounty or judicial office with the exception of county court judge. Candidates for the office of county court judge shall qualify with the supervisor of elections for that county.

(2) All qualifying papers required to be filed with the Department of State as the office where the candidate is required to qualify shall be filed with the Division of Elections.

(3)(a) Except as noted herein, any qualifying paper filed with a qualifying office, whether the Division of Elections or a supervisor of elections, must be an original.

(b) A facsimile, email, photocopy, scanned copy or any type of electronically transmitted document shall not be accepted as a qualifying paper, except a candidate who has filed a current full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests with the Commission on Ethics or the supervisor of elections prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying. A current full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests is one that covers the immediately preceding calendar or tax year. For example, for a qualifying period that occurs in 2014, the current full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests form would be one that covers the 2013 calendar or tax year.

(4) Qualifying papers shall be deemed filed by the qualifying office upon the date of actual receipt by the qualifying office, except for those qualifying papers accepted and held during the 14-day period before the beginning of the qualifying period to be processed and filed during the qualifying period pursuant to Section 99.061(8), F.S. The qualifying papers that are received and held during the 14-day period before the beginning of the qualifying period shall not be deemed filed until the beginning of the qualifying period.

(5)(a) The following qualifying forms for candidates required by Sections 99.061, 103.022, and 105.031, F.S., are hereby incorporated by reference:

1. DS-DE 9 (Rev. 10/10) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00292>), entitled, "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates."

2. DS-DE 24 (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00293>), entitled, "Candidate Oath – Candidate with Party Affiliation."

3. DS-DE 24A (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00294>), entitled, "Candidate Oath – Write-In Candidate."

4. DS-DE 24B (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00295>), entitled, "Candidate Oath – Candidate with No Party Affiliation."

5. DS-DE 24C (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00296>), entitled, "Candidate Oath – Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen."

6. DS-DE 24D (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00314>), entitled, "Candidate Oath – District Committeemen and Committeewomen."

7. DS-DE 24E (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00315>), entitled, "Candidate Oath – State Committeemen and Committeewomen."

8. DS-DE 24F (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00316>), entitled, "Candidate Oath – School Board Write-In Candidate."

9. DS-DE 25 (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00297>), entitled, "Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office."

10. DS-DE 25A (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00298>), entitled "Candidate Oath – School Board Nonpartisan Office."

11. DS-DE 26 (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00299>), entitled, "Judicial Office Candidate Oath."

12. DS-DE 26A (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00300>), entitled, "Judicial Office Candidate Oath – Write-In Candidate."

13. DS-DE 27 (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00301>), entitled “Federal Candidate Oath – Candidate with Party Affiliation.”

14. DS-DE 27A (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00302>), entitled “Federal Candidate Oath – Write-In Candidate.”

15. DS-DE 27B (Rev. 5/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00303>), entitled “Federal Candidate Oath – Candidate with No Party Affiliation.”

16. DS-DE 85 (Rev. 10/10) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00304>), entitled, “Oath of Candidate Write-In for President and Vice President.”

(b) The forms in paragraph (a) are available from the Division of Elections, R. A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, by contact at (850) 245-6200, or by download from the Division’s webpage at: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/index.shtml>.

(6) A candidate may withdraw his or her candidacy by submitting a document specifying the candidate’s withdrawal from the particular public office he or she seeks to the qualifying office before which he or she qualifies (or has qualified) by mail, facsimile, email, photocopy, scanned copy or other type of electronic transmission that contains the signature of the candidate. The withdrawal is not effective until it is received by the qualifying office.

(7) Qualifying papers filed by a candidate with the qualifying office before the effective date of this rule that satisfy the requirements of applicable qualifying statutes, but which are not on the prescribed forms incorporated by reference in this rule, remain valid as qualifying papers after the effective date of the rule.

*Rulemaking Authority 20.05(1)(e), 20.10(3), 97.012(1), 99.061(10), 103.022 FS. Law Implemented 20.05(1)(b), 99.061, 99.095, 103.022, 105.031(1), 105.035 FS. History–New 12-6-84, Formerly 1C-7.001, 1C-7.0001, Amended 2-13-90, 11-7-10, 9-7-11.*