

2026 FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

DISTRICT 11 FILES WITH THE OAKLAND COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION:

*Oakland County Elections Division
1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Dept. 417
Pontiac MI 48341-0417
(248) 858-0563*

DISTRICT 6, 7, 9, 10 & 12 FILES WITH THE DEPT. OF STATE'S BUREAU OF ELECTIONS:

*Michigan Dept. of State
Bureau of Elections
Richard H. Austin Building – 1st Floor
430 W. Allegan
Lansing, MI 48918
(800) 292-5973*

PETITION FILING INFORMATION

• Democratic and Republican Party Candidates:

Democratic and Republican Party candidates must file partisan nominating petitions no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.**

Democratic and Republican Party candidates who submit a valid filing for office will be placed on the August 4, 2026 Primary Election ballot.

• Candidates Without Political Party Affiliation:

Candidates without political party affiliation must file qualifying petitions no later than **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2026.**

Candidates without political party affiliation who submit a valid filing for office will be placed on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot.

AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY REQUIRED OF ALL CANDIDATES

All candidates must submit an Affidavit of Identity when filing for office. Under Public Act 394 of 1984, a candidate who fails to file an Affidavit of Identity as required cannot be placed on the ballot. PA 217 of 1999 requires any candidate filing an Affidavit of Identity to state on the form that at the date the affidavit was executed, "all statements, reports, late filing fees, and fines required of the candidate or any candidate committee organized to support the candidate's election under the [Michigan Campaign Finance Act](#) have been filed or paid". Therefore, a candidate may not have any outstanding notices of failure to file or late fees with any filing official in the state.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

All candidates for the office of U.S. Representative in Congress are required to comply with the [Federal Election Campaign ACT \(FECA\)](#). Candidates seeking election to the office of U.S. Representative in Congress should contact the Federal Election Commission for information regarding their financial disclosure.

Phone: (800) 424-9530

Website: www.fec.gov

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE

Candidates must withdraw, in writing, with their filing official by the date below:

Democratic/Republican candidates: Friday, April 24, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.

Candidates without political party affiliation: Monday, July 20, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS QUALIFICATIONS

Must be at least 25 years of age, a citizen of the U.S. for 7 years when elected and an inhabitant of Michigan by election day.

PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Petition signature requirements are based on population of the district according to the 2020 census.

Partisan Petition

Min: 1,000

Max: 2,000

Qualifying Petition

Min: 3,000

Max: 6,000

FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

A candidate who wishes to seek the Democratic or Republican Party nomination to the office of U.S. Representative in Congress with write-in votes must file a Declaration of Intent with the appropriate filing official no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026.

A candidate who wishes to seek election to the office of U.S. Representative in Congress with write-in votes must file a Declaration of Intent with the appropriate filing official no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2026.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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