

## **2026 FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE SENATOR**

**DISTRICT 7 & 13 FILES WITH THE OAKLAND COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION:** *Oakland County Elections Division  
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**DISTRICT 8, 9, 10, 22 & 23 FILES WITH THE DEPT. OF STATE'S BUREAU OF ELECTIONS:** *Michigan Dept. of State  
Bureau of Elections  
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Lansing, MI 48918  
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### **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** or a \$100 nonrefundable filing fee in lieu of nominating petitions.

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 **may not** file a \$100 filing fee in lieu of qualifying petitions.

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 State Senator are required to comply with the [Campaign Finance Act](#) filing requirements with the State of Michigan.

## **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.

## **STATE SENATOR QUALIFICATIONS**

Must be a citizen of the United States, at least 21 years of age and a registered and qualified elector of the district by the filing deadline.

## **PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS**

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

### **Partisan Petition**

Min: 500  
Max: 1,000

### **Qualifying Petition**

Min: 1,500  
Max: 3,000

## **FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

A candidate who wishes to seek the Democratic or Republican Party nomination to the office of State Senator 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 State Senator 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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