

Office of the Kansas Secretary of State

2016 Candidate Filing Information

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Candidates for public office may be nominated either by political party nomination or independent nomination. Democratic and Republican candidates must run in the primary and may file by either fee or petition. Candidates of other recognized parties (currently, Libertarian) do not run in the primary, but are nominated for the general election by the party's caucus or convention. Independent candidates do not run in the primary and may file for the general election only by petition. All non-federal candidates must pay report fees, appoint treasurers and file periodic campaign finance reports.

FILING DEADLINES

Democratic and Republican party candidates who wish to appear on the primary ballot on August 2, 2016, must file by noon June 1, 2016. [KSA 25-205]

Libertarian Party candidates nominated by caucus or convention must have nomination papers filed by the party in the Secretary of State's office by the same date as the deadline for primary candidates—noon on June 1—in order to appear on the general election ballot. [KSA 25-202, -305]

Independent candidates must file nomination petitions by noon August 1, 2016. [KSA 25-305(b)]

OBTAINING FORMS

Petition forms and declaration of intention forms (used to file by fee) for national offices may be obtained only through the Secretary of State's office. Forms for state offices may be obtained either at the Secretary of State's office or the county election office. Forms for county and township offices may be obtained only at the county election office.

FILING LOCATION

Candidates for national and state offices, for state legislature and for judicial offices file at the Secretary of State's office. The signature on a declaration of intention may be attested at the county election office or Secretary of State's office and the declaration then filed with the Secretary of State's office. **NOTE: The candidate is not considered filed until the petition or declaration and fee are received by the Secretary of State's office. [KSA 25-208] It is the responsibility of the candidate, not the county election officer, to ensure that filing documents are sent to and received by the Secretary of State.** Candidates for county and township offices and precinct committeemen and committeewomen file at the county election office. [KSA 25-208] Precinct committee candidates may have their signatures attested by a notary public rather than the county election officer, but their declarations of intention must be filed with the county election officer. [KSA 25-206]

FILING PROCEDURE

Filing by Fee

Only Democratic and Republican primary candidates may file by fee. The filing fee is either a set amount or based on a percentage of the salary of the office the candidate is seeking. [KSA 25-206]

Filing by Petition

National and State Offices Elected on a Statewide Basis

President / Vice President (see special section below)

United States Senator

Democratic and Republican primary candidates for statewide office must have signatures of 1% of the party's total voter registration. [KSA 25-205(e)(1)]

Independent candidates must have 5,000 signatures of registered voters. [KSA 25-303(b)]

National and State Offices Elected on Less Than a Statewide Basis

U.S. Representative, State Senator, State Representative, District Court Judge, District Magistrate Judge, State Board of Education, District Attorney

Democratic and Republican primary candidates (except state board of education and district attorney) must have valid signatures of 2% of the party's total voter registration from the district. [KSA 25-205(e)(2)]

Independent candidates (except state board of education and district attorney) must have valid signatures of 4% of the registered voters from the district. The petition must contain valid signatures of at least 25 voters but not more than 5,000 voters. [KSA 25-303(c)]

Primary candidates for state board of education must have valid signatures of 200 registered voters from the district. [KSA 25-1903(a)]

Independent candidates for state board of education must have valid signatures of 200 voters from the district. [KSA 25-1903]

Candidates for district attorney (partisan or independent) must have valid signatures of 5% of the previous vote for the office of Secretary of State in the county. [K.S.A. 22a-102]

County Offices Commissioner, sheriff, attorney, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds

Democratic and Republican primary candidates must have valid signatures of 3% of the party's registered voters from the district. [KSA 25-205(e)(3)]

Independent candidates must have valid signatures of 4% of the total registered voters from the district. [KSA 25-303(c)]

Township Offices Trustee, treasurer

Democratic and Republican primary candidates must have valid signatures of 3% of the party's registered voters from the township. [KSA 25-205(e)(4)]

Independent candidates must have valid signatures of 5%, and not less than 10 total, of the registered voters of the township. [KSA 25-303(d)]

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

General Election

Candidates for president and vice president must file and run as teams. They do not appear on the August primary ballot. Party candidates are nominated at national party conventions. Independent candidates are nominated by petitions containing 5,000 valid signatures of qualified voters. [K.S.A. 25-303(b)] Write-in candidates must file an affidavit of write-in candidacy with the Secretary of State's office by noon Monday, October 31, 2016. [K.S.A. 25-305(d)]

Presidential Preference Primary

There is no presidential preference primary in Kansas in 2016.

For caucus information, please contact:

Kansas Democratic Party at 785-234-0425

Kansas Republican Party at 785-234-3456

FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS

The Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (GEC) oversees campaign finance and ethics laws for the State of Kansas. This agency monitors the campaign finance and other reports submitted by state elected officials and candidates. Before receiving or spending any funds in a political campaign, a candidate must file an appointment of treasurer form with the Secretary of State. [KSA 25-4144] This form must be filed within 10 days after an individual becomes a candidate. GEC provides these forms to candidates. Candidates must file campaign finance reports by the dates listed below. Reports must include contributions and expenditures of candidates for that reporting period. Information and forms are available online at www.kansas.gov/ethics.

All campaign finance reports may be filed electronically at www.kssos.org/elections/campaign_finance. Candidates for statewide offices *must* file electronically. Completion of an Appointment of Treasurer form opens an account.

Candidates for national office file reports with the Federal Election Commission pursuant to federal law. Information is available online at www.fec.gov.

Candidates for local offices file reports with the county election officer pursuant to KSA 25-4148 and 25-901.

Deadlines for filing campaign finance reports

KSA 25-4148

<u>Date</u>	<u>Period of Coverage</u>
January 11, 2016	January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015
July 25, 2016	January 1 through July 21, 2016
October 31, 2016	July 22 through October 27, 2016
January 10, 2017	October 28 through December 31, 2016