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2026 CANDIDATE GUIDE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Candidates and Campaign Treasurers

FROM: Brian E. Corley

SUBJECT: 2026 Candidate's Guide

This guide has been prepared in order that candidates and their campaign treasurers might easily familiarize themselves with their duties and responsibilities under the Florida Election Code. It is also my belief that this guide will inform and educate candidates and their campaign staff with the procedures and services of the Supervisor of Elections' Office.

Included in this guide are **samples** of all forms required for qualifying and financial reporting. A "Qualifying Packet" will be sent to pre-filed candidates by my office in early March 2026. All necessary forms and fees are required to be complete and filed by the end of candidate qualifying (no later than April 24, 2026, for judicial candidates and June 12, 2026, for county candidates).

Know that it is my intent that this guide be a valuable reference to you in your campaign. However, questions will arise that have not been addressed in this booklet. Please call my office at any time if you have additional questions or need clarification.

Also, please know that should any conflict of information arise between this guide and the Florida Statutes, the Florida Election Code will prevail. My staff and I stand ready to assist in any way that we are permitted by Florida law.

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Glossary of Terms:

1. ***Affiliated Party Committee:*** A separate, affiliated party committee established by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the minority leaders of either house of the Legislature, to support the election of candidates of the respective leader's political party. (Section 103.092(1)-(2), Florida Statutes)
2. ***Campaign Fund Raiser:*** Any affair held to raise funds to be used in a campaign for public office. (Section 106.011(1), Florida Statutes)
3. ***Campaign Treasurer:*** An individual appointed by a candidate or political committee as provided in Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. (Section 106.011(2), Florida Statutes)
4. ***Candidate:*** (See Chapter 4: Becoming a Candidate; Sections 97.021(7) and 106.011(3), Florida Statutes.)
5. ***Contribution:*** (See Section 106.011(5), Florida Statutes; and Section III, Campaign Depository.)
6. ***Division:*** The Division of Elections of the Florida Department of State. (Section 97.021(9), Florida Statutes)
7. ***Election:*** Primary election, special primary election, general election, special election, or municipal election held in this state for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates to public office, choosing delegates to the national nominating conventions of political parties, selecting a member of a political party executive committee, or submitting an issue to the electors for their approval or rejection. (Section 106.011(7), Florida Statutes)
8. ***Electioneering Communication:*** (See Sections 106.011(8)(a) and 106.011(8)(b), Florida Statutes, for what term does not include; and Chapter 11: Electioneering Communications.)
9. ***Electioneering Communications Organization:*** Any group – other than a political party, affiliated party committee, or political committee – whose election-related activities are limited to making expenditures for electioneering communications or accepting contributions for the purpose of making electioneering communications and whose activities would not otherwise require the group to register as a political party or political committee under Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. (Section 106.011(9), Florida Statutes)
10. ***Expenditure:*** (See Section 106.011(10), Florida Statutes; and Section III, Campaign Depository.)
11. ***Filing Officer:*** The person before whom a candidate qualifies or the agency or officer with whom a political committee or an electioneering communications organization registers. (Section 106.011(11), Florida Statutes)
12. ***General Election:*** An election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the even-numbered years, for the purpose of filling national, state, county, and district offices and for voting on constitutional amendments not otherwise provided for by law. (Section 97.021(17), Florida Statutes)

13. **Independent Expenditure:** (See Section 106.011(12), Florida Statutes; and Chapter 10: Expenditures.)
14. **In-Kind Contribution:** (See In-Kind Contributions under and Section III, Campaign Depository; and Division of Elections Advisory Opinion 04-06.)
15. **Judicial Office:** Includes the office of Justice of the Supreme Court, judge of a district court of appeal, judge of a circuit court, and county court judge. A judicial office is a nonpartisan office, and a candidate for election or retention thereto is prohibited from campaigning or qualifying for such an office based on party affiliation. (Section 105.011, Florida Statutes)
16. **Minor Political Party:** Any group which on January 1 preceding a primary election does not have registered as members five percent of the total registered electors of the state. (Sections 97.021(20) and 103.095, Florida Statutes)
17. **Nominal Value:** Having a retail value of \$10 or less. (Section 97.021(22), Florida Statutes)
18. **Nonpartisan Office:** An office for which a candidate is prohibited from campaigning or qualifying for election or retention in office based on party affiliation. (Section 97.021(23), Florida Statutes)
19. **Office Account:** A candidate elected to office or a candidate who will be elected to office by virtue of their being unopposed may transfer funds from the campaign account to an office account up to limits listed under Section 106.141(5), Florida Statutes. This fund must be used only for legitimate expenses in connection with the candidate's public office. (Section 106.141, Florida Statutes)
20. **Person:** An individual or a corporation, association, firm, partnership, joint venture, joint stock company, club, organization, estate, trust, business trust, syndicate, or other combination of individuals having collective capacity. The term includes a political party, affiliated party committee, or political committee. (Section 106.011(14), Florida Statutes)
21. **Petty Cash:** Cash accumulated pursuant to statutory limits and spent in amounts of less than \$100 to be used only for office supplies, transportation expenses, and other necessities by the candidate. (Sections 106.07 and 106.12, Florida Statutes)
22. **Political Advertisement:** (See Section 106.011(15), Florida Statutes; and Section VII, Political Advertising.)
23. **Political Committee:** A combination of two or more individuals, or a person other than an individual, that, in an aggregate amount in excess of \$500 during a single calendar year, (a) accepts contributions for the purpose of making contributions to any candidate, political committee, affiliated party committee, or political party; (b) accepts contributions for the purpose of expressly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or an issue; (c) makes expenditures that expressly advocate the election or defeat of a candidate or the passage or defeat of an issue; or (d) makes contributions to a common fund, other than a joint checking account between spouses, from which contributions are made to any candidate, political committee, affiliated party committee, or political party. The term does not cover national political parties, the state and county executive committees of political parties, and affiliated party committees regulated by Chapter 103, Florida Statutes;

corporations formed for purposes other than to support or oppose issues or candidates, if their political activities are limited to contributions to candidates, political parties, affiliated party committees, or political committees or expenditures in support of or opposition to an issue from corporate or business funds and if no contributions are received by such corporations or business entities; or electioneering communications organizations. (Section 106.011(16), Florida Statutes)

24. **Political Party:** A group that nominates candidates for office and whose state organization shall be represented by a state executive committee. (Sections 100.061 and 103.091, Florida Statutes)
25. **Primary Election:** An election held preceding the general election for the purpose of nominating a party nominee to be voted for in the general election to fill a national, state, county, or district office. (Section 97.021(31), Florida Statutes)
26. **Public Office:** A state, county, municipal, or school or other district office or position that is filled by vote of the electors. (Section 106.011(17), Florida Statutes)
27. **Special Election:** Called for the purpose of voting on a party nominee to fill a vacancy in the national, state, county, or district office. (Section 97.021(36), Florida Statutes)
28. **Special Primary Election:** A special nomination election designated by the Governor, called for the purpose of nominating a party nominee to be voted on in a general or special election. (Section 97.021(37), Florida Statutes)
29. **Statewide Office:** Governor, Cabinet, and Supreme Court Justice.
30. **Unopposed Candidate:** A candidate for nomination or election to an office who, after the last day on which a person, including a write-in candidate, may qualify, is without opposition in the election at which the office is to be filled or who is without such opposition after such date as a result of a primary election or of withdrawal by other candidates seeking the same office. A candidate is not an unopposed candidate if there is a vacancy to be filled under Section 100.111(3), Florida Statutes, if there is a legal proceeding pending regarding the right to a ballot position for the office sought by the candidate, or if the candidate is seeking retention as a justice or judge. (Section 106.011(18), Florida Statutes)



Guidelines for Determining When Residency Qualifications for Elected Office Must be Met

DE Reference Guide 0008 (Updated 01/2024)

These guidelines are for reference only. They are not to be construed as legal advice or representation. For any particular set of facts or circumstances, refer to the applicable state, federal law, and case law, and/or consult a private attorney before drawing any legal conclusions or relying upon this information.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS – GENERAL OVERVIEW

- **In general.** Unless otherwise provided for constitutionally, legislatively or judicially, any residency requirement for an elected office must be met at the time of assuming office.
- **Oath.** State law requires that all candidates at the time of qualifying subscribe to an oath ([s. 99.021, F.S.](#)) that they are qualified electors of their county. In order to be a qualified elector, one must be a resident of Florida and the county wherein he or she registers to vote. The oath also provides that the candidate is qualified for the office being sought. However, this oath is considered prospective in nature – it becomes effective at the time of assuming office or at time of election, as applicable, unless otherwise provided for constitutionally, legislatively or judicially.¹
- **Continuous residency.** Failure to maintain the residency throughout the term may result in vacancy in office. See generally [s. 3, Art. X, Fla. Const.](#) and [s. 114.01\(1\)\(g\), F.S.](#)²

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS – SPECIFIC OFFICES

The following represent residency requirements for candidates and elected officials.

➤ CITY COMMISSIONER

- **At the time of assuming office, unless provided otherwise by city charter or ordinance.**³

➤ CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS (U.S. SENATORS AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES)

- Must be an inhabitant of the state when elected. (ss. 2 & 3, Art.1., [U.S. Constitution](#))
- States have no authority to add residency requirements to federal offices.
- Questions about residency relating to a U.S. Senator or U.S. Representative should be directed to the respective Congressional chamber which has *exclusive* jurisdiction over the qualifications including the residency of its membership. See s. 5, Art. I., [U.S. Constitution](#).
- Addresses: [Clerk of U.S. House of Representatives](#), U.S. Capitol, Room H154, Washington, DC 20515–6601; phone: (202) 225–7000; [Secretary of the Senate](#), United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510; phone: (202) 224-3121.

➤ COUNTY COMMISSIONER

- **At the time of election.**
- See *State v. Grassi*, 532 So.2d 1055 (Fla. 1988); [s. 1\(e\), Art. VIII, Fla. Const.](#); [DE 90-30](#), [DE 92-10](#), [DE 94-04](#); & [AGO 74-293](#).

¹ See *Davis v. Crawford*, 116 So. 41 (Fla. 1928); *State v. Haskell*, 72 So. 651 (Fla. 1916)

² In absence of a statute, constitutional provision, or municipal ordinance that establishes a residency requirement, failure to establish or maintain residency alone does not trigger a vacancy in office. See [AGO 75-113](#); [AGO 88-11](#) (exception for redistricting)

³ See [DE 94-04](#); [DE 92-10](#); *Nichols v. State*, 177 So.2d 467 (Fla. 1965) & *Marina v. Leahy*, 578 So.2d 382 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1991)(re: reasonable durational residency requirements).

- **CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY OFFICERS (E.G., CLERK OF COURT, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, PROPERTY TAX APPRAISER, SHERIFF⁴, ETC.)**
 - **At the time of assuming office.**⁵
 - By analogy, see *Advisory Opinion to Governor*, 192 So.2d 757 (Fla. 1966); [DE 92-10](#), & [DE 94-04](#)
- **GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, AND CABINET MEMBERS**
 - **At the time of election.**
 - Must be resident of State for preceding seven years. See [s. 5, Art. IV, Fla. Const.](#)
- **JUDGES**
 - **At the time of assuming office.**
 - By analogy, see *Advisory Opinion to Governor*, 192 So.2d 757 (Fla. 1966); [DE 94-04](#), & [DE 78-31](#); [s. 8, Art. V, Fla. Const.](#) (eligibility of justice/judge must be elector of state and reside in territorial jurisdiction of court).
- **LEGISLATORS (STATE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES)**
 - **At the time of election.**
 - A legislator assumes office on Election Day (*Ruiz v. Farias*, 43 So. 3d. 124, 127 (Fla. 3DCA 2010)).
 - A legislator must be a resident of the district 'from which elected' and be a resident in state for two years prior to election. See [s. 15, Art. III, Fla. Const.](#) (terms and qualifications, including residency).
 - Further questions about residency should be directed to the respective Florida legislative chamber which has *exclusive* jurisdiction over the qualifications of its members. See Joint Rule 7.1 of the [Senate](#)⁶ and [House](#)⁷ publications, which addresses residency for its respective membership.
- **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER**
 - **At the time of assuming office.**
 - See ss. [1001.34](#) (membership) & [1001.361](#)⁸(election), F.S.
- **SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**
 - **At the time of assuming office.**
 - See DE 94-04; s. 1001.463, F.S. (vacancy - failure to maintain residency); [s. 5, Art. IX, Fla. Const.](#) (4-yr term); [s. 1001.46, F.S.](#) (elected/term); [s. 1001.461, F.S.](#) (appointed/term).
- **WRITE-IN CANDIDATE**
 - **Refer to particular office listed above.**

RESIDENCY QUESTIONS

Any questions regarding residency requirements for officials *not* expressly stated in the Florida Election Code should be addressed to the Florida Attorney General's Office.

Sources: Division of Elections' Advisory opinions (<https://dos.fl.gov/elections/laws-rules/advisory-opinions/>); Attorney General Opinions (<https://www.myfloridalegal.com/ag-opinions/>); Florida laws, U.S. and Florida constitutions, case law.

⁴ For Sheriff residency, see [DE 18-11](#) (No residency requirements exist for a county sheriff other than those required by being a qualified elector, *i.e.*, being a legal resident of Florida and of the county in which the sheriff is registered to vote.)

⁵ No minimum residency requirements exist in Florida Constitution but some county charters may mandate durational residency.

⁶ https://www.flsenate.gov/UserContent/Publications/SenateRules/2022-2024_Rules.pdf

⁷ <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?PublicationType=Reference&CommitteId=&Session=2024&DocumentType=The+Rules+Of+The+House+of+Representatives&FileName=2022-2024+House+Rules+-+Edition+1.pdf>

⁸ See chapter 2023-101, Laws of Florida – changed residency requirement from time of qualifying to time of assuming office

I. BECOMING A CANDIDATE

A. WHAT IS A CANDIDATE?

A candidate is defined in **97.021(7), Florida Statutes**, as any person to whom any one or more of the following applies:

- < any person who seeks to qualify for nomination or election by means of the petitioning process;
- < any person who seeks to qualify for election as a write-in candidate;
- < any person who receives contributions or makes expenditures, or gives his or her consent for any other person to receive contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bringing about his or her nomination or election to, or retention in, public office;
- < any person who appoints a treasurer and designates a primary depository; or
- < any person who files qualification papers and subscribes to a candidate's oath as required by law.

This definition does not include candidates for a political party executive committee. However, candidates for political party executive committees **may file** an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates (Form DS-DE 9) if collecting and/or expending funds on their campaign because they will be required to file a 4th day financial report if collecting/expending funds. Candidates for political party executive committees **may opt** to complete a contact information sheet instead of the appointment of treasurer form that will be used to add them to the Pasco County campaign finance portal.

B. WHO CAN BE A CANDIDATE?

- < Anyone who is a registered voter;
- < Anyone who is not a registered member of another political party other than the one under which they are filing/qualifying; and,
- < Anyone who has not been a registered member of any other political party for at least 365 consecutive days preceding the beginning of qualifying before the general election for which the candidate seeks to qualify (includes political party executive committee office). The deadline for the party change is June 8, 2025. (**legislative change in 2026**)

NOTE... regarding residency issues stated below, see Division of Elections opinion DE94-04

- < Constitutional office candidates and judicial candidates must reside in the district for which they are qualifying at the time of **assuming** office;

- < County Commission candidates must reside in the district for which they are qualifying at the time of being **elected** to office;
- < School Board candidates must reside in the district for which they are qualifying at the time of **assuming** office;
- < Write-In candidates – refer to particular office;
- < If required, one's current position or office must be resigned under the "Resign to Run" law by May 29, 2026 (**99.012(3), Florida Statutes**). For advisory opinions regarding resign to run, visit <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/laws-rules/advisory-opinions/advisory-opinions-by-year/>
- < In addition to the “Resign to Run” law, candidates **may** need to be aware of the Federal “Hatch Act” as it applies to candidacy and political activities. Informational resources for both the “Resign to Run” law and the Federal “Hatch Act” are:
 - < Commission on Ethics – <http://www.ethics.state.fl.us>
 - < Division of Elections – <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections>
 - < United States Office of Special Counsel – <https://osc.gov/FAQ#tabGroup03>

C. WHO CAN BE A JUDICIAL CANDIDATE?

- < Anyone who is a registered voter;
- < Anyone who has been a member in good standing of the Florida bar for the last five (5) years.
- < Judicial candidates must also sign a Statement of Candidate for Judicial Office affirming they have received, read, and understand the requirements of the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct.

D. AS A JUDICIAL CANDIDATE, WHAT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED?

Pursuant to Section **105.071, Florida Statutes**, a candidate for judicial office shall not:

- 1) Participate in any partisan political activities.
- 2) Campaign as a member of any political party.
- 3) Publicly represent or advertise himself/herself as a member of any political party.
- 4) Endorse any candidate.
- 5) Make political speeches other than in his/her own behalf.
- 6) Make contributions to political party funds.
- 7) Accept contributions from any political party.
- 8) Solicit contributions from any political party.
- 9) Accept or retain a place on any political party committee.
- 10) Make a contribution to any person, group, or organization for its endorsement to judicial office.

- 11) Agree to pay all or part of any advertisement sponsored by any person, group, or organization wherein the candidate may be endorsed for judicial office by any such person, group, or organization.

Section **105.09, Florida Statutes** states that no political party or partisan political organization shall endorse, support, or assist any candidate in a campaign for election to judicial office.

E. WHEN DO I ANNOUNCE MY CANDIDACY?

- < Candidacy may be announced at any time;
- < **Must file** Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (**Form DS-DE 9**) with the Supervisor of Elections' Office **before** any contributions are accepted or expenditures are made, including gathering signatures on petition cards (**106.021, Florida Statutes**) (excludes candidates for special district offices that do not intend to collect or expend campaign funds);
- < Must file a Statement of Candidate (**Form DS-DE 84**) within ten (10) days of filing the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository stating the candidate has been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, F.S. (**106.023, Florida Statutes**). The Statement of Candidate is provided by the Supervisor of Elections or available online.

Note: In addition to the requirements of **106.021, Florida Statutes**, the candidate will be required to file online financial reports via the internet.

Online filing will be discussed in Section IV of this Guide.

F. IS IT POSSIBLE TO RUN FOR A DIFFERENT OFFICE AFTER I BECOME A CANDIDATE?

Yes. Permitted under **106.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes**, you may change your mind and run for a different office after becoming a candidate, providing that you:

- < File a new Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository, designating the new office;
- < Within 15 days of the new appointment, notify, in writing, all contributors and offer to return their contributions pro rata. The Request for Return of Contributions Form (**DS-DE 86**) must be included with the written notice;
- < If, within 30 days after being notified, the contributor has not requested his contribution to be returned, you may use the funds in the campaign for your newly designated office.

G. WHICH COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE TO BE ELECTED IN 2026?

County Commissioner – Districts 2 and 4
County Court Judge – Group 5
School Board Member – Districts 1, 3, and 5

H. WHICH SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICIALS ARE TO BE ELECTED IN 2026? (Special District offices up for election are subject to change)

Pasco County Mosquito Control District 2
Abbott Square Community Development District
Asturia Community Development District
Avalon Park West Community Development District
Ballantrae Community Development District
Bexley Community Development District
Bridgewater of Wesley Chapel Community Development District
Chapel Creek Community Development District
Chapel Crossings Community Development District
Concord Station Community Development District
Connerton West Community Development District
Copperspring Community Development District
Country Walk Community Development District
Cypress Preserve Community Development District
Del Webb Bexley Community Development District
Dupree Lakes Community Development District
Epperson North Community Development District
Epperson Ranch Community Development District
Epperson Ranch II Community Development District
Estancia at Wiregrass Community Development District
Heritage Pines Community Development District
Heritage Springs Community Development District
Hidden Creek North Community Development District
Lake Bernadette Community Development District
Lake Padgett Estates Independent Special District
LakeShore Ranch Community Development District
Lakeside Community Development District
Lexington Oaks Community Development District
Long Lake Ranch Community Development District
Long Lake Reserve Community Development District
Longleaf Community Development District
Meadow Pointe Community Development District
Meadow Pointe II Community Development District
Meadow Pointe III Community Development District
Meadow Pointe IV Community Development District
Mirada I Community Development District

Mirada II Community Development District
Mitchell Ranch Community Development District
New River Community Development District
North AR-1 Pasco Community Development District
Northwood Community Development District
Oak Creek Community Development District
Oakstead Community Development District
Parkview at Long Lake Ranch Community Development District
Preserve at South Branch Community Development District
Preserve at Wilderness Lake Community Development District
River Landing Community Development District
Seven Oaks Community Development District
Silverado Community Development District
Summerstone Community Development District
Summit View Community Development District
Suncoast Community Development District
Talavera Community Development District
Terra Bella Community Development District
The Groves Community Development District
The Verandahs Community Development District
TSR Community Development District
Union Park Community Development District
Union Park East Community Development District
Watergrass I Community Development District
Watergrass II Community Development District
Waters Edge Community Development District
Wesbridge Community Development District
Wiregrass I Community Development District
Wiregrass II Community Development District
Zephyr Lakes Community Development District
Zephyr Ridge Community Development District

Note: CDDs and ISDs conducting resident elections for the first time must have their seats confirmed by the district's management company prior to the publication of the Notice of General Election. Once resident elections commence, CDDs and ISDs will have two or three open seats in each election cycle. Open seats for districts who have already conducted resident elections will be verified by the CDDs/ISDs and their management companies prior to the publication of the Notice of General Election as well.

II. CANDIDATE QUALIFYING

A. WHEN AND WHERE DO I FILE MY QUALIFYING PAPERS?

Pursuant to **99.061, Florida Statutes**, you must file your qualifying papers in the office of the Supervisor of Elections at any time between:

NOON, June 8th and NOON, June 12, 2026

NO QUALIFYING PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12:00 NOON ON JUNE 12, 2026.

Qualifying for Judicial Candidates begins at Noon, April 20th and goes through Noon, April 24, 2026. Judicial qualifying papers **will not** be accepted after 12:00 Noon on April 24, 2026 (**99.061 and 105.031, Florida Statutes**).

Qualifying papers will be accepted in the Dade City, Land O' Lakes, and New Port Richey offices at any time during the qualifying period. If you wish to qualify by mail, you may forward your completed papers to:

HONORABLE BRIAN E. CORLEY
Supervisor of Elections
14236 6th Street, Suite 200
P. O. Box 300
Dade City, FL 33526-0300

Note: 99.061(8), Florida Statutes states that qualifying papers may be submitted to the qualifying officer up to 14 days prior to the qualifying period. However, the papers will not be processed and filed until the qualifying period actually begins. All papers submitted before the qualifying period are still subject to any and all requirements prescribed in **99.061(7)(a), Florida Statutes**.

B. WHAT MUST I FILE WHEN I QUALIFY?

Law requires that a candidate file the following:

- < Candidate Oath (correct form depends on the office sought) **Emergency Forms are in effect due to 2026 Legislation. Visit [Forms - Division of Elections - Florida Department of State](#) for the latest version of the forms**

(Form DS-DE 301A, B, or C; 302NP; or 304SB)

AND

- < Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2025
(CE Form 6 – filed electronically – NO paper form is available)

OR

- < Statement of Financial Interests 2025 (Special district offices only)
(**CE Form 1 – filed electronically – NO paper form is available**)

AND

- < Qualifying Fee (check **MUST** be drawn on campaign account (cannot be a cashier's check – additional restrictions apply) – exception is Special District Candidates)

OR

- < Candidate Petition Certificate – Issued by the Supervisor of Elections

AND

- < Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (**Form DS-DE 9**. You may have already filed this form with the Supervisor of Elections (excluding candidates for special district offices that do not intend to collect or expend campaign funds).

AND

- < Statement of Candidate (**Form DS-DE 84**). You may have already filed this form with the Supervisor of Elections (excluding candidates for special district offices that do not intend to collect or expend campaign funds).

NOTE: ALL candidate forms are public record. If a candidate meets the requirement of exemption from public records (**119.071(4), Florida Statutes**), documents filed with the qualifying officer will be redacted as the candidate's residence address is required on some qualifying forms. In order to be exempt, you must complete a form with the Supervisor of Elections' Office. You may access the required form through the Division of Elections website or PascoVotes.gov.

C. WHAT MUST A JUDICIAL CANDIDATE FILE TO QUALIFY?

Law requires that a judicial candidate file the following: **Qualifying period has ended**

- < Candidate Oath Judicial Office
(**Form DS-DE 303JU**)

AND

- < Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2025
(**CE Form 6 – filed electronically – NO paper form is available**)

AND

- < Qualifying Fee (check **MUST** be drawn on campaign account – cannot be a cashier’s check – additional restrictions apply)

OR

- < Candidate Petition Certificate – Issued by the Supervisor of Elections

AND

- < Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (**Form DS-DE 9**). You may have already filed this Form with the Supervisor of Elections.

AND

- < Statement of Candidate for Judicial Office (**Form DS-DE 83**). You may have already filed this form with the Supervisor of Elections.

AND

- < Statement of Candidate (**Form DS-DE 84**). You may have already filed this form with the Supervisor of Elections.

NOTE: ALL candidate forms are public record. If a candidate meets the requirement of exemption from public records (**119.071(4), Florida Statutes**), documents filed with the qualifying officer will be redacted as the candidate’s residence address is required on some qualifying forms. In order to be exempt, you must complete a form with the Supervisor of Elections’ Office. You may access the required form through the Division of Elections website or PascoVotes.gov.

D. IF MY QUALIFYING PAPERS ARE FILED WITH AN ERROR(S) OR OMISSION(S), WILL I BE CONSIDERED DISQUALIFIED?

Pursuant to **99.061(7)(b), Florida Statutes**, if the filing officer receives qualifying papers that do not include all items 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 (NOON, June 12, 2026 or NOON, April 24, 2026 for Judicial Candidates).

Any financial disclosure forms filed with errors may be amended and re-filed electronically through the Commission on Ethics website.

E. AFTER FILING AS A CANDIDATE, MAY I LATER CHANGE THE WAY MY NAME IS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT?

Pursuant to **99.061(7)(b), Florida Statutes**, a candidate's name, as it is to appear on the ballot, may **not** be changed after the end of qualifying.

Candidates known by a “nickname” will be required to complete an affidavit attesting to the validity of the nickname. The affidavit is part of the Candidate Oath filed during qualifying.

Candidates should also include the phonetic pronunciation of their name on the Candidate Oath filed during qualifying. This will ensure their name will be pronounced correctly on all audio ballots that may be used by voters with disabilities.

The Candidate Oath is not considered complete unless **all** pages are received (even if blank).

F. MAY I GET MY QUALIFYING FEE BACK IF I DECIDE NOT TO RUN?

Yes. **99.092(1), Florida Statutes** provides for reimbursement for the qualifying fee provided that you withdraw your candidacy before the qualifying period ends.

G. WHAT ARE THE AMOUNTS OF THE QUALIFYING FEES FOR COUNTY OFFICES?

Pursuant to **99.092, Florida Statutes**, qualifying fees are based on the position’s salary as of July 1st immediately preceding qualifying. For 2026, Pasco County qualifying fees will be as follows:

County Commissioner (4-year term)	\$6,784.38
County Court Judge (6-year term) (Nonpartisan)	\$7,590.20
School Board Member (4-year term) (Nonpartisan)	\$2,000.00

Partisan candidates pay 6% of the annual salary of the office sought (**99.092, Florida Statutes**). The qualifying fee consists of the following:

Filing Fee	3.0%
Party Assessment, if levied	2.0%
Election Assessment	<u>1.0%</u>
	6.0%

The 1.0% election assessment is deposited into the Elections Commission Trust Fund.

No Party Affiliation and Nonpartisan candidates (county judge and school board) pay 4.0%. Fee breakdown is the same as partisan candidates less the 2% party assessment.

NOTE: The qualifying fee for Special District Candidates is \$25.00 (99.061(3), Florida Statutes). Special district candidates file an Affidavit of Intention when they opt to **not** expend funds or accept funds on behalf of their campaign instead of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (Form DS-DE 9).

H. CAN I QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE BY PETITION?

Pursuant to **99.095, Florida Statutes**, a person seeking to qualify for nomination to any office may qualify to have their name placed on the ballot by means of the petitioning process. **HOWEVER**, signatures **MAY NOT** be obtained until the candidate has filed the appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository pursuant to **106.021, Florida Statutes**. Additionally, the signatures are only valid for the qualifying period immediately following such filings.

- < The format of the petition (**Form DS-DE 104**) shall be prescribed by the division and shall be used by the candidates to reproduce for circulation. Candidates will be required to obtain signatures of at least one percent (1%) of the total number of registered voters in their district. (The registration statistics used in computing the requisite number of signatures are those for the 2024 General Election.)
- < If you are qualifying by the petition process, the number of valid signatures you must secure is **4,011**. This excludes Special District candidates who are only required to submit 25 valid signatures.
- < The statutory fee for signature verification is ten cents (\$.10) per signature verified. The fee is due when the petitioner submits the petitions for verification to the Supervisor of Elections. Payments should be made by campaign check. However, if paid for in-kind by the candidate, payment must be made by cash or check. Debit and/or credit card payments will not be accepted. If paying by cash, exact payment is required.
- < Additionally, **99.097(4), Florida Statutes**, allows you to file an Undue Burden Affidavit with the Supervisor of Elections exempting you from paying the ten cents (\$.10) per name checked. This oath must be filed with the Supervisor of Elections at the time petitions are submitted for verification. The form used will be the "Affidavit of Undue Burden."
- < The signed petitions must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections **prior to 12:00 Noon on May 11, 2026**, for verification. The petition deadline for Judicial Candidates is **prior to Noon, March 23, 2026**.
- < The Supervisor of Elections will notify you, in writing, whether the required number of signatures has been obtained prior to the first day of qualifying.
- < You will not be required to pay the qualifying fee and will be entitled to have your name printed on the ballot.

NOTE: If the candidate is running for an office which will be grouped on the ballot with two or more similar offices to be filled at the same election and the petition does not indicate the group or district office for which they are running, the signatures obtained on the petition will not be counted.

I. MAY I HAVE MY NAME PLACED ON THE BALLOT AS A CANDIDATE WITH NO PARTY AFFILIATION?

- < Yes. The Florida Statutes provide in Chapter **99.0955(1)**, that each person seeking to qualify for election as a candidate with no party affiliation shall file his or her qualification papers and pay the qualifying fee or qualify by the petition process method with the officer and during the times and under the circumstances prescribed in **99.061, Florida Statutes**.

- < **NOTE** ... In addition, any person seeking to qualify for office as a candidate with no party affiliation shall, at the time of subscribing to the oath or affirmation, state in writing that he or she is registered without any party affiliation and that he or she has not been a registered member of any political party for at least 365 consecutive days preceding the beginning of qualifying before the general election for which the person seeks to qualify. The deadline for the party change is June 8, 2025. (**legislative change in 2026**)

- < Upon qualifying, the candidate is entitled to have his or her name placed on the general election ballot.

III. CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY

A. APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER

- < Section **106.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes**, requires that before you accept any contributions (even a contribution from yourself) or make any expenditures, your Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (**Form DS-DE 9**) must be filed with the Supervisor of Elections. (may be filed by candidates for political party executive committee office who intend to take and/or spend campaign monies)
- < Your campaign treasurer must accept the position in writing.
- < The form is not effective until received by the filing officer (not upon mailing).
- < It is not required, but it is suggested that your treasurer be someone with a knowledge of bookkeeping or accounting procedures, as well as basic computer skills.
- < You may serve as your own campaign treasurer.

1) HOW MANY TREASURERS MAY I APPOINT?

- < Pursuant to **106.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes**, you may appoint one (1) campaign treasurer and not more than three (3) deputy campaign treasurers.
- < The qualifications for a deputy treasurer are the same as those for a campaign treasurer.
- < You must file your treasurer's and each of your deputy treasurers' written acceptances with the Supervisor of Elections, along with their names and addresses. (Use **Form DS-DE 9** in appointing your treasurer and each deputy treasurer.)
- < A deputy treasurer may exercise any of the powers and duties of a campaign treasurer when specifically authorized to do so by the candidate and the campaign treasurer.

2) MAY I REPLACE MY TREASURER OR A DEPUTY TREASURER?

- < Yes. **106.021(2), Florida Statutes** provides that in the case of the death, resignation, or removal of your campaign treasurer, you must appoint a successor in the same manner in which your original treasurer was appointed.
- < A treasurer's resignation does not become effective until it is submitted to the candidate in writing, and a copy of the letter of resignation is filed with the Supervisor of Elections.

- < A candidate's removal of their treasurer does not become effective until written notice of the removal is given to the treasurer and is filed with the Supervisor of Elections.

3) **MAY AN INDIVIDUAL SERVE AS A CAMPAIGN TREASURER FOR MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE?**

- < Yes. **106.021(1)(c), Florida Statutes**, states that an individual may be appointed and serve as a campaign treasurer for a candidate and a political committee or two or more candidates or political committees.

B. DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY

- < Your campaign depository may be any bank, savings and loan association, or credit union authorized to transact business in the State of Florida.
 - < Some banks are requiring campaigns to have an EIN and complete a Form 8871 with the IRS
 - < For more information visit: <https://www.irs.gov/>
- < As stated in **106.021(1)(a & b), Florida Statutes**, you must designate one primary campaign depository for the purpose of depositing all contributions received and disbursing all expenditures made by the candidate.
- < In addition, you may also designate one (1) secondary depository for the sole purpose of depositing contributions and forwarding the deposits to the primary depository, **106.021(1)(b), Florida Statutes**.
- < **No expenditures may be made from a secondary depository.**

As soon as the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed with the Supervisor of Elections, your campaign account may be opened, and you may begin accepting campaign contributions and expending campaign funds in furtherance of your candidacy.

- < Campaign Checks must contain the following information:
 - Name of the campaign account of the candidate
 - Account number and name of bank
 - Exact amount of expenditure
 - Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer
 - Exact purpose of the expenditure
 - Name of the payee

This information may be typed or hand-printed on starter checks until printed checks arrive.

C. SEPARATE INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT AND CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

- < Pursuant to **106.021(1)(b), Florida Statutes**, your treasurer may deposit any funds, which are in the primary campaign depository and which are not currently needed for the disbursement of expenditures into a separate interest-bearing account in any bank, savings and loan association, or credit union authorized to transact business in the State of Florida.
- < The separate interest-bearing account shall be designated "Name of Candidate, Separate Interest-Bearing Campaign Account."
- < Your treasurer or deputy treasurer may then purchase a certificate of deposit with such unneeded funds in such bank, savings and loan association, or credit union.
- < The separate interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit shall be separate from any personal or other account or certificate of deposit.
- < The transfer of funds from a primary depository to a separate interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit must be reported on the Treasurer's Report - Funds Transfer (**Form DS-DE 94**). This amount will **not** be reflected on the summary page.
- < The transfer of funds from an interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit to the primary account must be reported on the Campaign Treasurer's Report - Funds Transfer (**Form DS-DE 94**). This amount will **not** be reflected on the summary page.
- < Any interest earned must be reported as a contribution to the campaign account.

D. CONTRIBUTIONS

1) **WHAT IS A CONTRIBUTION?** Section **106.011(5), Florida Statutes**, defines a contribution as:

- < A gift, subscription, conveyance, deposit, loan, payment, or distribution of money or anything of value, including contributions in-kind having an attributable monetary value in any form, made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or making an electioneering communication.
- < A transfer of funds between political committees, between electioneering communication organizations, or between any combination of these groups.
- < The payment, by a person other than a candidate or political committee, of compensation for the personal services of another person which are rendered to a candidate or political committee without charge to the candidate or political committee for such services.

- < The transfer of funds by a campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer between a primary depository and a separate interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit and the term includes interest earned on such account or certificate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing meanings of "contribution," the term shall not be construed to include services, including, but not limited to, legal and accounting services, provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political committee. **NOTE:** This definition shall not be construed to include editorial endorsements.

Note: The law provides no exceptions for reporting contribution information, regardless of the size of the contribution (e.g., the reporting requirements would be the same for a 50 cents contribution as for a \$1,000.00 contribution).

Additionally, monies contributed through online payment systems (like PayPal, Square, Anedot, etc.) should be treated like "checks" and the received date is when the funds are "swept" into the account. If the online payment system takes fees, the fee is an expenditure while the contributor gets credit for the entire contribution. Online payment systems should be "shutdown" by the last date to receive contributions and all monies must be "swept" into the campaign account prior to the deadline to receive funds.

Protected Address Contributors: When reporting contributions from contributors (or expenditures from vendors) with protected addresses, an address must be listed. A report may not list any form of "Exempt by Law" or "Withheld by Law" in the address fields. However, the statutes do not require residential addresses. So, the address may be a PO Box or a business address. If neither of those alternatives are available, their residence address will need to be listed.

Once the report is filed, the reporting system will look through the voter file to verify they have a protected address and redact those that have the request on file. Please be aware that contributors (or vendors) who do not have a request for a protected address on the voter file will not have their addresses redacted.

In 2026, legislation was enacted that effects contributions by 'foreign nationals.' See 106.08, Florida Statutes for more information.

2) **HOW SOON FOLLOWING RECEIPT MUST CONTRIBUTIONS BE DEPOSITED IN MY CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT?**

- < All funds must be deposited prior to the end of the fifth business day following receipt by the campaign treasurer... Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded. (**106.05, Florida Statutes**)
- < **All deposits shall be accompanied by a bank deposit slip containing the name of each contributor and the amount contributed by each (including cash contributions).**

3) **IS THERE A LIMIT TO THE AMOUNT A PERSON MAY CONTRIBUTE TO MY CAMPAIGN?**

- < Except for political parties, or affiliated party committees, no person, or political committee may make contributions in excess of **\$1,000** per election to your campaign (**106.08(1), Florida Statutes**).

NOTE: Primary and General Elections are deemed to be separate elections so long as the candidate is not unopposed. For example:

- If opposed in the Primary Election the candidate may accept:
 - Up to \$1,000/contributor no later than midnight on August 13, 2026
- If opposed in the Primary and General Elections the candidate may accept:
 - Up to \$1,000/contributor no later than midnight on August 13, 2026
 - Up to \$1,000/contributor between August 14th and midnight on October 29, 2026
 - Funds received between August 14th – 18th must be used for the General Election
- If opposed in the General Election only the candidate may accept:
 - Up to \$1,000/contributor through the day of the Primary Election on August 18, 2026
 - Up to \$1,000/contributor between August 19th and midnight on October 29, 2026

★ **NOTE: 106.08 (5)(c), Florida Statutes** states:

- Candidates, political committees, affiliated party committees, and political parties may not make contributions, in exchange for political support, to any religious, charitable, civic, or other cause or organization established primarily for the public good. It is not a violation of this paragraph for:
 1. A candidate, political committee, affiliated party committee, or political party executive committee to make gifts of money in lieu of flowers in memory of a deceased person;
 2. A candidate to continue membership in, or make regular donations from personal or business funds to, religious, political party, affiliated party committee, civic, or charitable groups of which the candidate is a member or to which the candidate has been a regular donor for more than six (6) months; or
 3. A candidate to purchase, with campaign funds, tickets, admission to events, or advertisements from religious, civic, political party, affiliated party committee, or charitable groups.

4) **HOW MUCH MONEY MAY I CONTRIBUTE TO MY OWN CAMPAIGN?**

- < **106.08(1)(b), Florida Statutes.** There is no limit to the amount you may contribute (loan) to your own campaign.

5) **WHAT IS A CONTRIBUTION IN-KIND?**

- < A contribution in-kind is a contribution having an attributable monetary value in any form, made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or making an electioneering communication (**106.011(5)(a), Florida Statutes**).
- < However, the contributor may not have spent any additional funds in excess of the limits provided in the law for the specific purpose of furthering that candidate's nomination or election.

- < Pursuant to **106.055, Florida Statutes**, contributions in-kind must be reported on the campaign treasurer's report to the Supervisor of Elections, and a fair market value must be placed upon the contributed item by the contributor.

6) MAY I ACCEPT CASH CONTRIBUTIONS?

- < Yes...however, a person may not make or accept an aggregate cash contribution or contribution by means of cashier's check in excess of \$50.00 **PER ELECTION. (106.09, Florida Statutes)**

7) WHEN IS THE LAST DAY TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS?

- < As required in **106.08(3), Florida Statutes**, any contributions received by a candidate with opposition in an election must return all contributions, which are **received less than 5 days before an election**. It is recommended that all means of accepting contributions via online services be 'turned off' in advance of the deadline so no contributions are received after the deadline.
- < However, you must only abide by this restriction if you have opposition in that election. For example, if you are not in the primary but will be in the General Election, you may continue to accept contributions during the 5-day cut-off period for the primary but may not accept them during the cut-off period for the general.
- < Contributions, which are returned prior to being deposited into the campaign account, may be reported to the Supervisor of Elections on the Contributions Returned (**Form DS-DE 2 (106.07(4)(b), Florida Statutes)**).
- < Any contributions received by a candidate or campaign treasurer of a candidate after the date on which the candidate withdraws their candidacy, or after the date the candidate is defeated, becomes unopposed, or is elected to office, shall be returned to the person, and shall not be used or expended by or on behalf of the candidate.

NOTE: **106.15(4), Florida Statutes**, prohibits the acceptance or solicitation of a contribution in a building owned by a governmental entity...except if the building is rented for a fundraiser.

8) WHAT MUST I DO WITH AN ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTION?

- < Do **not** spend these funds.
- < It must be reported on your treasurer's report and a letter explaining the circumstances of the anonymous contribution be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections.

- < Additionally, at the end of your campaign, the funds be donated pursuant to **106.141, Florida Statutes.**

9) MAY I HAVE A PETTY CASH FUND?

- < Yes. (**106.12, Florida Statutes**)
- < From the time the campaign treasurer is appointed until the end of qualifying, an amount of \$500.00 per calendar quarter may be withdrawn for providing a petty cash fund for the candidate.
- < Following the close of qualifying and until the election at which you are eliminated or elected to office, or the time at which you become unopposed, your treasurer may withdraw \$100.00 per week from the primary campaign account for the petty cash fund.
- < Expenditures from the petty cash fund may be made for office supplies, transportation expenses and other necessities.
- < The petty cash fund may only be spent in amounts **LESS** than \$100.00.
- < Do not mix cash contributions with petty cash.
- < Individual expenditures paid from petty cash need not be reported individually on your Itemized Expenditures Report, but the total amount withdrawn, and the total amount spent must be reported in each reporting period.
- < Your petty cash fund shall **NOT** be used for the purchase of time, space, or service from communications media as described in **106.011(13), Florida Statutes.**

10) MAY A CANDIDATE DRAW A SALARY FROM HIS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT?

- < No.
- < As stated in **106.1405, Florida Statutes**, a candidate or the spouse of a candidate may not use funds on deposit in a campaign account of such candidate to defray normal living expenses for the candidate or the candidate's family, other than expenses actually incurred for transportation, meals, and lodging by the candidate or a family member during travel in the course of the campaign.

11) ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS REGARDING LOANS MADE TO ME FOR MY CAMPAIGN?

- < Section **106.075, Florida Statutes**, states that a person who is elected to office must report all loans, exceeding \$500 in value, made to the candidate, and used by

the candidate for campaign purposes and made in the 12 months preceding the candidate's election to office, to the Supervisor of Elections.

- < The report must be made, in the manner prescribed by the Department of State, within 10 days after being elected to office.
- < The Campaign Loans Report (**Form DS-DE 73 and 73A**) shall be used for this purpose.
- < Any person who makes a contribution to an individual to pay all or part of a loan incurred, in the 12 months preceding the election, to be used for the individual's campaign, may not contribute more than the amount which is allowed in **106.08(1), Florida Statutes**.

E. EXPENDITURES

- < As defined in **106.011(10), Florida Statutes**, an expenditure is a purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, transfer of funds by a campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer between a primary campaign depository and a separate interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit, or gift of money or anything of value made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or making an electioneering communication.
- < No candidate, campaign manager, treasurer, deputy treasurer, or political committee or any officer or agent thereof, or any person acting on behalf of any of the foregoing, shall authorize any expenses, nor shall any campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer sign a check drawn on the primary campaign account for any purpose, unless there are **sufficient funds on deposit in the primary depository account** of the candidate or political committee to pay the full amount of the authorized expense, to honor all other checks drawn on such account, which checks are outstanding, and to meet all expenses previously authorized but not yet paid. However, an expense may be incurred for the purchase of goods or services if there are sufficient funds on deposit in the primary depository account to pay the full amount of the incurred expense, to honor all checks drawn on such account, which checks are outstanding, and to meet all other expenses previously authorized but not yet paid, provided that payment for such goods or services is made upon final delivery and acceptance of the goods or services; and an expenditure from petty cash pursuant to the provisions of s. 106.12 may be authorized, if there is a sufficient amount of money in the petty cash fund to pay for such expenditure. Payment for credit card purchases shall be made pursuant to s. 106.125. Any expense incurred or authorized in excess of such funds on deposit shall, in addition to other penalties provided by law, constitute a violation of this chapter. As used in this subsection, the term "sufficient funds on deposit in the primary depository account of the candidate or political committee" means that the funds at issue have been delivered for deposit to the financial institution at which such account is maintained. The term shall not be construed to mean that such funds are available for withdrawal in accordance with the deposit rules or the funds availability policies of such financial institution.
- < Regarding expenditures, a candidate shall:

1. Pay all campaign expenditures by a check drawn on the campaign account (except petty cash);
2. Pay the qualifying fee by a check drawn on the campaign account; (except for Special District candidates)
3. Pay for all expenses authorized or incurred for the purchase of goods or services upon final delivery and acceptance of the goods or services; and
4. Pay for public utilities when the bill is received. Utility companies providing services to candidates must charge a deposit sufficient to meet all anticipated charges during a billing period.

1) **ARE THERE ANY EXPENDITURES THAT ARE PROHIBITED PRIOR TO THE TIME I ACTUALLY QUALIFY?**

- < No. Any expenditure that may be lawfully made after you qualify may be made before you qualify.
- < Keep in mind that the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository must be filed prior to making **ANY** campaign expenditures.

2) **ARE THERE ANY LIMITS ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT I MAY SPEND ON MY CAMPAIGN?**

- < No.

3) **MAY GASOLINE CREDIT CARDS, VISA, MASTERCARD, ETC. BE USED IN PAYING CAMPAIGN EXPENSES?**

- < No. Campaign credit cards may only be used by candidates for statewide offices.
- < Candidates for less than statewide offices may only pay for expenses by using petty cash or by a check drawn on the campaign account at the time the goods or services are received.

4) **MAY DEBIT CARDS BE USED FOR PAYING CAMPAIGN EXPENSES?**

- < Yes. **Section 106.11(2)(a), Florida Statutes**, authorizes use of debit cards but with restrictions.
- < Debit cards are considered bank checks, if:
 1. Debit cards are obtained from the same bank as the primary campaign depository.
 2. Debit cards are issued in the name of the treasurer, deputy treasurer, or authorized user and the name of the campaign account of the candidate or political committee.

3. No more than three debit cards are requested and issued.
 4. The person using the debit card does not receive cash as part of, or independent of, any transaction for goods or services.
 5. All receipts for debit card transactions **MUST** contain:
 - a. The last four digits of the debit card number.
 - b. The exact amount of the expenditure.
 - c. The name of the payee.
 - d. The signature of the campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer, or authorized user.
 - e. The exact purpose for which the expenditure is authorized.
- < Any information required by this subparagraph but not included on the debit card transaction receipt may be handwritten on, or attached to, the receipt by the authorized user before submission to the treasurer.
- < Debit cards are not subject to the requirements of paragraph (1)(b).
- < The campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer, or authorized user who signs the check or uses the debit card shall be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information on such check and for ensuring that such expenditure is an authorized expenditure.

F. INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

- < Pursuant to **106.011(5)** and **106.071, Florida Statutes**, an expenditure made to advocate a candidate's election or defeat is an independent expenditure only if the expenditure is not controlled by, coordinated with, or made upon consultation with any candidate or agent of such candidate.
- < An expenditure for the purpose of expressly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate which is made by the national, state, or county executive committee of a political party, including any subordinate committee of a national, state, or county committee of a political party, or by a political committee or committee of continuous existence, or any other person, shall not be considered an independent expenditure if the committee or persons communicate with the candidate, the candidate's campaign, or an agent acting on behalf of the candidate, including any pollster, media consultant, advertising agency, vendor, advisor, or staff member, concerning the preparation of, use of, or payment for the specified expenditure or advertising campaign at issue; or
- < Makes a payment in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, at the request or suggestion of, or pursuant to any general or particular understanding with the candidate, the candidate's campaign, a political committee supporting the candidate, or an agent of the candidate relating to the specific expenditure or advertising campaign at issue; or
- < Makes a payment for the dissemination, distribution, or republication, in whole or in part, of any broadcast or any written, graphic, or other form of campaign material prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign, or an agent of the candidate, including any pollster, media consultant, advertising agency, vendor, advisor or staff member; or

- < Makes a payment based on information about the candidate’s plans, project, or needs communicated to a member of the committee or person by the candidate or an agent of the candidate, provided the committee or person uses the information in any way, in whole or part, either directly or indirectly, to design, prepare, or pay for the specific expenditure or advertising campaign at issue; or
- < After the last day of qualifying for statewide or legislative office, consults about the candidate’s plans, projects, or needs in connection with the candidate’s pursuit of election to office and the information is used in any way to plan, create, design, or prepare an independent expenditure or advertising campaign with;
- < Any officer, director, employee, or agent of a national, state or county executive committee of a political party that has made or intends to make expenditures in connection with or contributions to the candidate; or
- < Any person whose professional services have been retained by a national, state, or county executive committee of a political party that has made or intends to make expenditures in connection with or contributions to the candidates; or
- < After the last day of qualifying for statewide or legislative office, retains the professional services of any person also providing those services to the candidate in connection with the candidate’s pursuit of election to office; or
- < Arranges, coordinates, or directs the expenditure, in any way, with the candidate or an agent of the candidate.
- < Each person who makes an independent expenditure with respect to any candidate or issue, and each individual who makes an expenditure for an electioneering communication which is not otherwise reported pursuant to this chapter, which expenditure, in the aggregate, is in the amount of \$5,000 or more, shall file periodic reports of such expenditures in the same manner, at the same time, subject to the same penalties, and with the same officer as a political committee supporting or opposing such candidate or issue.
- < The report shall contain the full name and address of the person making the expenditure; the full name and address of each person to whom and for whom each such expenditure has been made; the amount, date, and purpose of each such expenditure; a description of the services or goods obtained by each such expenditure; the issue to which the expenditure relates; and the name and address of, and office sought by, each candidate on whose behalf such expenditure was made.
- < Any political advertisement paid for by an independent expenditure shall prominently state “Paid political advertisement paid for by (Name and address of person paying for advertisement) independently of any (candidate or committee).”

G. CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISERS

- < Section **106.011(1), Florida Statutes**, defines a campaign fundraiser as an affair held to raise funds to be used in a campaign for public office. This includes any affair within the realm of pass-the-hat to countywide gatherings.
 - 1) **WHAT ARE THE REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR A CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER?**
 - < As stated in **106.025, Florida Statutes**, all money and other contributions collected with respect to a campaign fundraiser shall be deemed to be campaign contributions.
 - < All such contributions shall be accounted for and are subject to the same restrictions as other campaign contributions.
 - < All expenditures made with respect to the campaign fundraiser which are made or reimbursed are to be paid with a check drawn on the campaign depository of the candidate for whom the funds are to be used and shall be deemed to be campaign expenditures, accounted for and subject to the same restrictions as other campaign expenditures.
 - < It is suggested that tickets with stubs be used so that the name and address of the contributor can be written on the stub at the time of sale and remitted to the campaign treasurer for reporting.
 - < Any tickets or advertising for a campaign fundraiser are **NOT** exempt from, and must comply with the requirements of **106.143, Florida Statutes** (Political Advertisements).

IMPORTANT: Pursuant to **Section 849.09, Florida Statutes**, it is unlawful for any person in this state to set up, promote, or conduct any lottery for money or anything of value. This includes but is not limited to raffles.

H. ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON HOW I MAY USE THE LEFTOVER FUNDS IN MY CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT?

- < Yes. Section **106.141, Florida Statutes**, states that each candidate who withdraws their candidacy, becomes an unopposed candidate, or is eliminated as a candidate or elected to office, shall within 90 days, dispose of the funds on deposit in their campaign account and file a report reflecting the disposition of all remaining funds.
- < If there are funds in a separate interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit at the time the candidate becomes unopposed, withdraws, is eliminated as a candidate, or elected, the funds and the accumulated interest earned thereon must be transferred to the campaign account within seven (7) days.

- < However, if the funds are subject to penalty if withdrawn within the seven (7) day period, the funds and the accumulated interest earned thereon may be transferred as soon as they may be withdrawn without penalty, or within 90 days after the candidate becomes unopposed, withdraws their candidacy, or is eliminated or elected, whichever comes first.
- < A candidate required to dispose of funds pursuant to this section may, prior to such disposition, be reimbursed by the campaign, in full or in part, for any reported contributions by the candidate to the campaign.
- < Section **106.11(5), Florida Statutes**, allows a candidate who withdraws their candidacy, becomes unopposed, is eliminated, or elected to office to expend funds from their campaign account to:
 - 1) Purchase "thank you" advertising for up to 75 days after the candidate withdraws, becomes unopposed, or is eliminated or elected.
 - 2) Pay for items that were obligated before the candidate withdrew, became unopposed, or was eliminated or elected.
 - 3) Pay for expenditures necessary to close down the campaign office and to prepare final campaign reports.
 - 4) **106.141(4)(a), Florida Statutes**, states that any funds not spent or obligated may be disposed of by the following means or combination thereof:
 - a) return pro rata to each contributor the funds that have not been spent or obligated to be spent;
 - b) donate the funds that have not been spent or obligated to a charitable organization or organizations that meet the qualifications of s.501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
 - c) give not more than \$25,000 of the funds that have not been spent or obligated to the affiliated party committee or political party of which such candidate is a member; or
 - d) give the funds that have not been spent or obligated to the General Revenue Fund of the county.
- < As stated in **106.141(5)(d) and (g), Florida Statutes**, if you are elected to office or will be elected to office by virtue of being unopposed, you may transfer from the campaign account to an office account any amount of funds on deposit in such campaign account up to \$5,000 multiplied by the number of years in the term of office for which you are elected. However, candidates for County Judge are limited to a transfer of \$3,000.00.
- < Any funds so transferred by a candidate shall be used only for legitimate expenses in connection with the candidate's public office.
- < This money retained from your campaign account must be used to open a new account to be entitled "Office Account" and the candidate elected to office is required to file a report on the 10th day following the calendar quarter until the account is closed.

- < These reports are in the same form and contain the same type of information as the campaign reports.
- < The office account shall be separate from any personal or other account, and funds may be used for travel expenses incurred by the officer or the officer's staff members, personal taxes payable on office account funds by the candidate or elected public official, or expenses incurred in the operation of the office, including the employment of additional staff.

NOTE: Prior to disposing of funds pursuant to subsection (4) or transferring funds into an office account pursuant to subsection (5), or retaining funds for reelection pursuant to subsection (6), any candidate who filed an affidavit stating that they were unable to pay the fee for verification of petition signatures without imposing an undue burden on personal resources or on resources otherwise available to them, shall reimburse the state or local governmental entity, whichever is applicable, for such waived fee. If there are insufficient funds in the account to pay the full amount of the fee, the remaining funds shall be disbursed in the above manner until no funds remain. All funds disbursed pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the qualifying officer. Any reimbursement for petition verification costs, which are reimbursable by the state, shall be forwarded by the qualifying officer to the state for deposit in the General Revenue Fund.

ADDITIONALLY: If a candidate receives a refund check after all surplus funds have been disposed of, the check may be endorsed by the candidate and the refund disposed of pursuant to **106.141, Florida Statutes**. An amended report must be filed showing the refund and the subsequent disposition.

IV. ONLINE FILING

A. WHAT IS ONLINE FILING?

- < In accordance with Board of County Commission Ordinance 10-167, **ALL** Campaign Treasurer's reports are to be filed online using the Pasco County Candidate and Committee Financial Reporting System provided at no cost to you by the Supervisor of Elections' office. The campaign treasurer will input the required information into the online reporting system. (Required information is discussed in Section V.)
- < On or before the due date, the report should be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections' website. Upon receipt of the online transmission, staff will review and release the information to the Supervisor of Elections' website on the internet. Once the information is submitted and released, the report may be viewed by all concerned parties.
- < This method expedites filling out and filing of the required financial reports of contributions and expenditures. This reporting system can be accessed from any internet connected PC or MAC and is extremely user friendly.
- < In order to operate the system, a PC or MAC, an internet connection, a web browser such as Internet Explorer, a printer, and Adobe Acrobat Reader are required.

B. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES TO ONLINE FILING?

- < Online filing will provide the public, news media, and candidates easier access to campaign finance information. Upon notification of a candidate's submission, campaign treasurer reports will be released to the Supervisor of Elections' website. The candidate/public may view, print, or download the campaign finance reports. Computers will be available to candidates in the Supervisor of Elections' Office to assist them in preparing their reports, if needed.
- < Each candidate and treasurer will be given a "How To" guide which will walk them through the process of using the filing system. Elections' office staff members are also available to answer basic questions on data entry and research.
- < If upon review, the Supervisor of Elections' Office determines that an amendment must be filed, then, time is of the essence in order that the amendment be filed and reflected in all records prior to the filing of your next report. Online filing, like electronic filing, will significantly decrease the number of requests for amendments.

C. WHICH CANDIDATE'S MUST FILE ONLINE?

- < **ALL** Pasco County Candidates collecting and expending funds on their campaign

- < This policy will now include candidates for state or county political party executive committee members who collect or expend funds on their campaign. However, the only report due for these “candidates” is the 4th day report due prior to the Primary Election in which they are to be elected.

D. WHAT IS NEEDED TO FILE ONLINE?

- < A copy of the Policies of the Supervisor of Elections’ Office Regarding Campaign Treasurer’s Reports (**EF 99-03**) will be given to the candidate.
- < The candidate will be assigned an identification number and password that is required to be entered during log-in. This information is shared between the candidate and treasurer so that both parties may access the system. It is the candidate’s responsibility for protecting the sign-on credentials from disclosure.
- < Both the candidate and treasurer will also be assigned individual PINs used as their electronic signature during the submission of the treasurer’s reports.
- < The Supervisor of Elections MAY remind the campaign treasurer of the report due date by email. Once submitted, the report will state an Online Submission Confirmation Number including the date and time of submission. After submission, the Treasurer’s Reports should be printed using the online reporting system and maintained by the treasurer.

E. EXAMPLE OF ONLINE FILING SUBMISSION (Summary Sheet)

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY	
(1) <u>Steven Van Gorden</u> Name	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> OFFICE USE ONLY ONLINE SUBMISSION [1347939] Submitted on: 2/23/2026 10:02:01 (eastern) </div>
(2) <u>11550 Adam Lee Way</u> Address (number and street)	
<u>Dade City, FL 33525</u> City, State, Zip Code	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if address has changed	(3) ID Number: <u>1859</u>
(4) Check appropriate box(es):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate Office Sought: <u>Dade City City Commissioner, Group 2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded
<input type="checkbox"/> Political Committee (PC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if PTY has disbanded
<input type="checkbox"/> Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Executive Committee (PTY)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)	
(5) Report Identifiers	
Cover Period: From <u>1</u> / <u>1</u> / <u>2026</u> To <u>2</u> / <u>20</u> / <u>2026</u> Report Type: <u>Q1</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Special Election Report	
(6) Contributions This Report	(7) Expenditures This Report
Cash & Checks \$ <u> </u> , <u> </u> , <u>3</u> , <u>100</u> . <u>00</u>	Monetary Expenditures \$ <u> </u> , <u> </u> , <u>524</u> . <u>95</u>
Loans \$ <u> </u> , <u> </u> , <u>100</u> . <u>00</u>	Transfers to Office Account \$ <u> </u> , <u> </u> , <u>0</u> . <u>00</u>
Total Monetary \$ <u> </u> , <u> </u> , <u>3</u> , <u>200</u> . <u>00</u>	Total Monetary \$ <u> </u> , <u> </u> , <u>524</u> . <u>95</u>
In-Kind \$ <u> </u> , <u> </u> , <u>0</u> . <u>00</u>	

V. CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORTING INFORMATION

A. REPORTING OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

- < According to **106.07, Florida Statutes**, your treasurer shall file campaign treasurer's reports for contributions (Itemized Contributions, **Form DS-DE 13**) via online filing with the Supervisor of Elections according to the schedule listed in the calendar section of this handbook. (Section VI.)
- < Each report shall contain the full name, address, and occupation, if any, of each person who has made one or more contributions to your campaign within the reporting period, together with the amount and date of such contributions. For corporations, the report must provide as clear a description as practicable of the principal type of business conducted by a corporation.
- < HOWEVER, if the amount is \$100.00 or less, or from a "relative" as defined in **112.312, Florida Statutes**, provided the relationship is reported, the occupation of the contributor or the principal type of business need not be listed.
- < **Addresses may be withheld** from your report when the individual meets the requirements set forth in **119.071(4), Florida Statutes**. Your treasurer should follow the instructions listed in the financial reporting system guide when entering contributions into the financial reports from these exempt individuals.
- < Your treasurer shall also file campaign treasurer's reports for expenditures (Itemized Expenditures, **Form DS-DE 14**) via online filing with the Supervisor of Elections according to the schedule listed in the calendar section of this handbook. (Section VI.)
- < Each report shall contain the full name and address of each person to whom expenditures have been made by or on behalf of the candidate within the reporting period; the amount, date, and purpose of such expenditure. However, expenditures made from the petty cash fund provided by **106.12, Florida Statutes**, need not be reported individually.
- < Each treasurer's report of your campaign must include the Campaign Treasurer's Report Summary (**Form DS-DE 12**). This form summarizes all contributions and expenditures entered into the financial reporting system on **forms DS-DE 13 and DS-DE 14**. Every summary page contains the current reporting period information and displays running totals for contributions and expenditures reported on prior reports.
- < The Supervisor of Elections' Office will notify campaign treasurers when reports are incomplete or contain errors that need to be amended. Corrections or amendments to reports must be received within seven (7) days of notification from the Supervisor of Elections' Office.

B. PENALTY FOR LATE FILING

- < Section **106.07(8)(b), Florida Statutes**, states the following penalty for late reporting. The amount of the fine is \$50 per day for the first three (3) days late; and thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.
- < However, for the reports immediately preceding each Primary Election and General Election, the fine shall be \$500 per each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

NOTE: 106.07(8)(d), Florida Statutes, provides that the Supervisor of Elections shall notify the Florida Elections Commission of any repeated late filing, failure to file a report after notice, or failure to pay the fine imposed.

- < Reports must be filed no later than **midnight** Eastern Standard Time on the day designated.
- < It is incumbent upon the treasurer filing the report to ensure that the submitted reports indicate the Online Submission Confirmation Code along with the date and time stamp as proof of timely filing.
- < The Supervisor of Elections’ Office recommends campaign treasurers print a hard copy of the submitted reports for their files. The printed copy will list the Online Submission Confirmation Code, date and time filed and will serve as proof of submission. A copy of the “Draft” will not serve as proof of submission since a draft copy has not actually been submitted and will not display the Online Submission Confirmation Code, date or time filed.
- < **NOTE:** Fines assessed for late filing shall not be allowable campaign expenditures and shall be paid only with the **personal funds** of the candidate. **FILE TREASURER’S REPORTS TIMELY!**

EXAMPLES OF PENALTIES FOR LATE REPORT FILING

Example # 1

Treasurer’s report is due October 9, 2026. The report is filed online via the financial reporting system on October 12, 2026.

Days late	- 3 -	\$50.00 per late day	\$150.00
Total Contributions for the reporting period	\$80.00	25% of \$80.00	\$ 20.00
Total Expenditures for the reporting period	\$50.00	<i>Fine = A check drawn on the candidate’s PERSONAL account in the amount of \$20.00</i>	

Example # 2:

Treasurer’s report is due October 9, 2026. The report is filed online via the financial reporting system on October 23, 2026.

Days late	- 14 -	\$ 50.00 per late day for 3 days \$ 500.00 per late day for 11 days	\$ 150.00 <u>+\$5,500.00</u> \$5,650.00
Total Contributions for the reporting period	\$5,225.00	25% of \$5,225.00	\$1,306.25
Total Expenditures for the reporting period	\$3,422.00	<i>Fine = A check drawn on the candidate’s PERSONAL account in the amount of \$1,306.25</i>	

Example # 3

Treasurer’s report is due October 30, 2026. The report is filed online via the financial reporting system on October 31, 2026.

Days late	- 1 -	\$ 500.00 per late day (higher start rate due to being 4 th day report)	\$500.00
Total Contributions for the reporting period	\$1,325.00		
Total Expenditures for the reporting period	\$6,721.00	25% of \$6,721.00 <i>Fine = A check drawn on the candidate’s PERSONAL account in the amount of \$500.00</i>	\$1,680.25

C. INCOMPLETE REPORTS

- < Section **106.07(2)(b)1**, Florida Statutes, states that any report that is deemed incomplete by the qualifying officer will be accepted on a conditional basis.
- < In this event, the campaign treasurer will be notified by phone and/or email. If no immediate response is received, the treasurer will be notified by certified mail as to why the report is incomplete and within seven (7) days after receipt of such notice **MUST** file an amended report providing information necessary to complete the report. Failure to file the required information after such notice shall constitute a violation of **Chapter 106, Florida Statutes**.

D. WAIVER OF REPORTS

- < As stated in **106.07(7), Florida Statutes**, in any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, a report is not required to be filed for that period on the regular due date.
- < However, the filing officer must be notified in writing on the reporting date that no report is being filed by virtue of such inactivity.
- < In this event, the next report filed must specify that it covers the entire period from the last submitted report through the period of the report being filed.
- < The Waiver of Report Form (**DS-DE 87**) may be used for compliance with this requirement.

VI. 2026 CANDIDATE'S REPORTING CALENDAR

Q = Quarterly **P** = Primary **G** = General **TR** = Termination

Report Code	Reporting Period	Report Due Date
2026-Q1	01/01/2026 – 03/31/2026	04/10/2026
2026-Q2	04/01/2026 – 05/31/2026	06/10/2026
2026-P1	6/01/2026 – 06/12/2026	06/19/2026
2026-P2	6/13/2026 – 6/26/2026	07/03/2026
2026-P3	06/27/2026 – 07/10/2026	07/17/2026
2026-P4	07/11/2026 – 07/17/2026	07/24/2026
2026-P5	07/18/2026 – 07/24/2026	07/31/2026
2026-P6	07/25/2026 – 07/31/2026	08/07/2026
2026-P7	08/01/2026 – 08/13/2026	08/14/2026
2026-G1	08/14/2026 – 08/21/2026	08/28/2026
2026-G2	08/22/2026 – 09/04/2026	09/11/2026
2026-G3	09/05/2026 – 09/18/2026	09/25/2026
2026-G4	09/19/2026 – 10/02/2026	10/09/2026
2026-G5	10/03/2026 – 10/16/2026	10/23/2026
2026-G6	10/17/2026 – 10/29/2026	10/30/2026
2026-TRJQ	04/01/2026 – 07/23/2026	07/23/2026
2026-TRQ	06/01/2026 – 09/10/2026	09/10/2026
2026-TRP	08/14/2026 – 11/16/2026	11/16/2026
2026-TRG	10/30/2026 – 02/01/2027	02/01/2027
2026-Q4 (PC Only)	10/30/2026 – 12/31/2026	01/11/2027

90-DAY TERMINATION REPORTS

(Listed on the bottom of the table on previous page)

After April Qualifying

A 90-day report for any unopposed candidate after qualifying ends is due **July 23, 2026**. This termination report code will be listed as **TR-JQ**.

After June Qualifying

A 90-day report for any unopposed candidate after qualifying ends is due **September 10, 2026**. This termination report code will be listed as **TR-Q**.

After Primary Election

If eliminated or elected in the primary, a final 90-day report is due **November 16, 2026**. This termination report code will be listed as **TR-P**.

After General Election

After the General Election, a 90-day final report is due **February 1, 2027**. This termination report code will be listed as **TR-G**.

Candidates who withdraw from their race will need to contact the Supervisor of Elections' Office who will establish a termination report code (TR-W) for each candidate.

Note: Termination reports deemed late are also assessed fines. The amount of the fine is \$50 per day late, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

REMEMBER TO FILE TIMELY!

2026 REPORT FILING CHECK LIST

Report Code	Report Due Date	Date Report Filed w/SOE	Amendment Required	Amendment Date Filed
2026-Q1	4/10/2026			
2026-P1	06/19/2026			
2026-P2	07/03/2026			
2026-P3	07/17/2026			
2026-P4	07/24/2026			
2026-P5	07/31/2026			
2026-P6	08/07/2026			
2026-P7	08/14/2026			
2026-G1	08/28/2026			
2026-G2	09/11/2026			
2026-G3	09/25/2026			
2026-G4	10/09/2026			
2026-G5	10/23/2026			
2026-G6	10/30/2026			

VII. POLITICAL ADVERTISING

- * Section **106.143(1), Florida Statutes**...any political advertising and any campaign literature published, displayed, or circulated prior to or on the day of any election **by a candidate** (except write-in candidates) shall be marked:

"Political advertisement paid for and approved by _____, _____, for _____."
(Name of Candidate) (Party Affiliation) (Office Sought)

OR

"Paid by _____, _____, for _____."
(Name of Candidate) (Party Affiliation) (Office Sought)

- * Political advertisements paid for by **write-in candidates** that are displayed, or circulated prior to or on the day of any election must prominently state:

"Political advertisement paid for and approved by (name of candidate), write-in candidate, for (office sought)."

OR

"Paid by (name of candidate), write-in candidate, for (office sought)."

NOTE: The disclaimer language alternatives provided above must be verbatim as quoted in 106.143, Florida Statutes. Variations are prohibited by law.

- * **Any other political advertisement** published, displayed, or circulated prior to, or on the day of, any election must prominently:
- Be marked "paid political advertisement" or with the abbreviation "Pd. Pol. Adv."
 - State the name and address of the persons paying for the advertisement.
 - State whether the advertisement and the cost of production is paid for or provided in-kind by or at the expense of the entity publishing, displaying, broadcasting, or circulating the political advertisement; or
 - State who provided or paid for the advertisement and cost of production, if different from the source of sponsorship.
 - The above shall not apply if the source of sponsorship is obviously clear from the content or format of the political advertisement.
 - Any political advertisement must indicate the political party if the candidate is running for partisan office.
 - Any political advertisement endorsing the candidate shall express whether the permission of the candidate has been obtained.

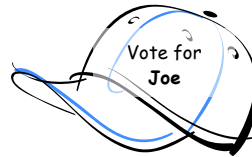
- No political advertisement of a candidate who is not an incumbent of the office for which he/she is running shall use the word "re-elect." Additionally, such advertisement must include the word "for" between the candidate's name and the office for which the candidate is running in order that incumbency is not implied.

NOTE: Campaign business cards, letterhead, in addition to social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, X, etc.) are considered political advertisements and are subject to all of the laws for political advertising. Exemptions may apply to electronic mediums, see 106.143(10), Florida Statutes.

- * This subsection does not apply to campaign messages used by a candidate and the candidate supporters if those messages are designed to be worn by a person.
- * However, pursuant to **106.143(3), Florida Statutes**, any political advertisement of a candidate running for partisan office shall express the name of the political party of which the candidate is seeking nomination or is the nominee. If the candidate for partisan office is running as a candidate with no party affiliation, any political advertisement of the candidate must state that the candidate has no party affiliation.
- * It is unlawful for any candidate or person on behalf of a candidate to represent that any person or organization supports such candidate unless the person or organization so represented has given specific approval in writing to the candidate to make such representation. However, this does not apply to:
 - a. Editorial endorsement by the newspaper, radio, or television station, or other recognized news medium.
 - b. Publication by a party committee advocating the candidacy of its nominees.
- * **106.143(5)(a), Florida Statutes**, states that any political advertisement, including those paid for by a political party, other than an independent expenditure, offered by or on behalf of a candidate must be approved in advance by the candidate. Such political advertisement must expressly state that the content of the advertisement was approved by the candidate and must state who paid for the advertisement. The candidate shall provide a written statement of authorization to the newspaper, radio station, television station, or other medium for each such advertisement submitted for publication, display, broadcast, or other distribution.
- * Any person who makes an independent expenditure for a political advertisement shall provide a written statement that no candidate has approved the advertisement to the newspaper, radio station, television station, or other medium for each such advertisement submitted for publication, display, broadcast, or other distribution. The advertisement must also contain a statement that no candidate has approved the advertisement.
- * This subsection does not apply to campaign messages used by a candidate and his or her supporters if those messages are designed to be worn by a person or to novelty items having a retail value of \$10 or less which support, but do not oppose, a candidate or issue. Bumper stickers are not included. They **must** have the disclaimer language but are exempt from using the word "for" between the candidate's name and office sought.

- * Any political advertisement which is published, displayed, or produced in a language other than English may provide the information required by this section in the language used in the advertisement.
- * Section **106.143(10), Florida Statutes**, states: The disclaimer requirement in section **106.143(1), Florida Statutes**, does not apply to any campaign message or political advertisement used by a candidate and the candidate's supporters or by a political committee if the message or advertisement is:

- (a) Designed to be worn by a person.



- (b) Placed as a paid link on an Internet website, provided the message or advertisement is no more than 200 characters in length and the link directs the user to another Internet website that complies with the disclaimer requirements in section **106.143(1), Florida Statutes**.
- (c) Placed as a graphic or picture link where compliance with the requirements of this section is not reasonably practical due to the size of the graphic or picture link and the link directs the user to another Internet website that complies with section **106.143(1), Florida Statutes**.
- (d) Placed at no cost on an Internet website for which there is no cost to post content for public users.
- (e) Placed or distributed on an unpaid profile or account which is available to the public without charge or on a social networking Internet website, as long as the source of the message or advertisement is patently clear from the content or format of the message or advertisement. A candidate or political committee may prominently display a statement indicating that the website or account is an official website or account of the candidate or political committee and is approved by the candidate or political committee. A website or account may not be marked as official without prior approval by the candidate or political committee.
- (f) Distributed as a text message or other message via Short Message Service, provided the message is no more than 200 characters in length or requires the recipient to sign up or opt in to receive it.
- (g) Connected with or included in any software application or accompanying function, provided that the user signs up, opts in, downloads, or otherwise accesses the application from or through a website that complies with section **106.143(1), Florida Statutes**.
- (h) Sent by a third-party user from or through a campaign or committee's website, provided the website complies with section **106.143(1), Florida Statutes**.
- (i) Contained in or distributed through any other technology-related item, service, or device for which compliance with section **106.143(1), Florida Statutes**, is not reasonably practical due to the size or nature of such item, service, or device as available, or the means of displaying the message or advertisement makes compliance with section **106.143(1), Florida Statutes** impracticable.

- < Section **106.147, Florida Statutes**, mandates:
 - a) Any telephone call supporting or opposing a candidate, elected public official, or ballot proposal must identify the persons or organizations sponsoring the call by stating either: "paid for by _____" (insert name of persons or organization sponsoring the call) or "paid for on behalf of _____" (insert name of person(s) or organization authorizing call). This paragraph does not apply to any telephone call in which both the individual making the call is not being paid and the individuals participating in the call know each other prior to the call.
 - b) Any telephone call conducted for the purpose of polling respondents concerning a candidate or elected public official which is a part of the series of like telephone calls that consists of fewer than 1,000 completed calls and averages more than two minutes in duration is presumed to be a political poll and not subject to the provisions of paragraph (a).
 - c) No telephone call shall state or imply that the caller represents any person or organization unless the person or organization so represented has given specific approval in writing to make such representation.
 - d) No telephone call shall state or imply that the caller represents a nonexistent person or organization.
- < Any telephone call, not conducted by independent expenditure, supporting, or opposing a candidate or ballot proposal, requires prior written authorization by the candidate or sponsor of the ballot proposal that the call supports. A copy of such written authorization must be placed on file with the qualifying officer by the candidate or sponsor of the ballot proposal prior to the time the calls commence.
- < The term "person" includes any candidate; any officer of any political committee, affiliated party committee, or political party executive committee; any officer, partner, attorney, or other representative of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity; and any agent or other person acting on behalf of any candidate, political committee, committee of continuous existence, affiliated party committee, political party executive committee, or corporation, partnership, or other business entity.
- < Section **106.1475, Florida Statutes**, states that any person or organization that conducts any business in this state which consists of making paid telephone calls supporting or opposing any candidate or elected public official must, prior to conducting such business have and continuously maintain, for at least 180 days following the cessation of such business activities in the state, a registered agent for the purpose of any service of process, notice, or demand required or authorized by law and must file with the division a notice of such registered agent. Such registered agent must be an individual who is a resident of this state, a domestic corporation, or a foreign corporation authorized to do business in this state. However, this subsection does not apply to any person or organization already lawfully registered to conduct business in this state.

Note: Conducting business in this state includes both placing telephone calls from a location in this state and placing telephone calls from a location outside this state to individuals located in this state.

- < The notice form (**DS-DE 100**) may be obtained from the Division of Elections and must contain at least:
- 1) The name, address, and telephone number of the registered agent.
 - 2) The name, address, and telephone number of the person or organization conducting business in this state.
 - 3) The person or organization conducting business in this state must immediately notify the Division of Elections of any changes in this information.

EXAMPLES:

Partisan office with non-incumbent candidate running with no party affiliation:

**ELECT YOSEMITE SAM
FOR SHERIFF**

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Yosemite Sam, No Party
Affiliation, for Sheriff.

Non-incumbent judicial candidate:

**GEORGE JUSTICE
FOR COUNTY COURT JUDGE, GROUP 1**

Paid by George Justice, Nonpartisan, for County Court Judge, Group 1.

Incumbent for partisan office:

**KEEP IMA LANDOWNER
PROPERTY APPRAISER**

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Ima Landowner,
Republican, for Property Appraiser.

Incumbent partisan candidate, advertisement paid for in-kind:

**RE-ELECT INA ZONE
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Pd. Pol. Adv. Paid for In-kind by Jim Lander, 123 Main Street, Anytown, FL.
Approved by Ina Zone, Democrat, for County Commission.

Non-incumbent nonpartisan candidate:

**ELECT JASON EDUCATOR
FOR
SCHOOL BOARD**

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Jason
Educator for School Board.

Incumbent nonpartisan candidate:

**RE-ELECT ADAM TEACHER
SCHOOL BOARD**

Paid by Adam Teacher for School Board, District 5.

Note: A candidate running for an office that has a district, group, or seat number does not have to indicate the district, group, or seat number in the political advertisement or disclaimer.

PLEASE NOTE: Hetherington v Madden, No.: 3:21-cv-671-MCR-ZCB, 2022 WL 18356994 (N.D. Fla. 2022), declared that the following portion of section 106.143(3), Florida Statutes, is unconstitutional, both facially and as applied, in violation of the First Amendment: “A political advertisement of a candidate running for nonpartisan office may not state the candidate’s political party affiliation. This section does not prohibit a political advertisement from stating the candidate’s partisan-related experience. A candidate for nonpartisan office is prohibited from campaigning based on party affiliation.” 106.143(3), F.S. The court also enjoined the Florida Elections Commission and State Attorney from enforcing the provision. However, the Court in Hetherington noted that section 105.071, F.S., which was not challenged in that lawsuit, independently restricts similar conduct as to judicial candidates.

CAMPAIGN SIGNS

As indicated in **106.1435, Florida Statutes**, after a candidate withdraws, is eliminated, or elected, the candidate shall make a good faith effort to remove all political campaign advertisements within 30 days. However, in order to comply with the Land Development Code, political signs or posters must be removed within 15 days after the political issue has been decided. Please note the section entitled "Political Signs". This information was provided by the Pasco County Department of Land Development. A candidate is not expected to remove those political campaign advertisements which are in the form of signs used by an outdoor advertising business as provided in Chapter 479. The provisions herein do not apply to political campaign advertisements placed on motor vehicles or to campaign messages designed to be worn by persons.

If the political signs are not removed within the specified time, a political subdivision or government entity has the authority to remove advertisements and may charge the candidate the actual cost for such removal.

No political advertisements shall be erected, posted, painted, tacked, nailed, or otherwise displayed, placed, or located on or above any state or county road right-of-way.

NOTE: Some polling locations and Early Voting sites may not allow campaign signs to be erected, posted, painted, tacked, nailed, or otherwise displayed, placed, or located on their property except during polling hours, as stipulated in Florida Statutes.

Additionally: This does not preclude municipalities from imposing additional or more stringent requirements on the usage or removal of political campaign advertisement. Candidates should contact individual municipalities for information regarding their political campaign advertisements.

Dade City	352-523-5050	New Port Richey	727-853-1016
San Antonio	352-588-2127	Port Richey	727-816-1900
St. Leo	352-588-2622	Zephyrhills	813-780-0000

POLITICAL SIGNS

Candidates should familiarize themselves with Pasco County Board of County Commissioners Resolution 11-300. This resolution details the county’s policy on political signs at county owned facilities for both Early Voting periods and Election Days. A copy of this resolution is given to each person who pulls papers to run for office.

Permits are no longer required by Pasco County for temporary signs, but they remain subject to Sections 406.1 and 406.2 of the Pasco County Development Code regulations. Visit https://library.municode.com/fl/pasco_county/codes/land_development_code?nodeId=CH400PETYAP_S406MIPE for more information on temporary signs in Pasco County.

Adherence to the guidelines by candidates and campaign workers will avoid citations, fines and/or confiscation of illegal signs by Pasco County Code Enforcement. For clarification or additional information, contact the Zoning/Planning Division at (727) 847-8140 or the Code Compliance Division at (727) 847-2411.

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS IN THE STATE RIGHTS OF WAY

Chapter **479.11(8), Florida Statutes**, mandates that political campaign signs may not be placed in the right of way of any state or national highway.

Chapter **479.16(14), Florida Statutes**, states that temporary political campaign signs placed on private property but visible from a state or national highway are statutorily exempted from any sign permit.

All political campaign signs placed on the State right of way will be picked up by the Florida Department of Transportation staff and placed in one of the department maintenance yards.

All campaign staff/workers should be made aware of the regulations for political sign placement. If workers are given a copy of this notice prior to distributing campaign signs, it will eliminate a trip(s) to the maintenance yard to retrieve the confiscated signs.

VIII. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. BALLOT POSITIONING

- < As required in **101.151, Florida Statutes**, Primary Election ballots are by party, group number and district with the candidates listed alphabetically by surname for each race. Each nominee of a political party chosen in a primary shall appear on the general election ballot in the same numbered group and district as on the Primary Election ballot.
- < Section **101.151(3)(a), Florida Statutes**, requires that the general election ballot be arranged so that the names of candidates of the party that received the highest number of votes for Governor in the last election in which a Governor was elected shall be placed first under the heading for each office, together with an appropriate abbreviation of the party name.
- < The names of the candidates of the party that received the second highest vote for Governor shall be second under the heading for each office, together with an appropriate abbreviation of the party name.
- < Minor political party candidates and candidates with no party affiliation shall have their names appear on the general election ballot following the names of recognized political parties, in the same order as they were certified.
- < Section **101.151(4)(b), Florida Statutes**, provides that when two or more candidates running for the same office on a Primary Election ballot have the same or similar surname, the word “incumbent” shall appear next to the incumbent’s name.

B. VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

- < Vote by Mail ballots are **tentatively scheduled** to be mailed on July 9, 2026, for the Primary Election and on September 24, 2026, for the General Election. Pursuant to Florida Statutes, military and overseas ballots will be mailed the week of July 1st and September 14th respectively.
- < After the initial mailing, Vote by Mail ballots are mailed daily upon request through the tenth day prior to the election. **(101.62(2), Florida Statutes)**
- < Data for Vote by Mail ballot voters may be obtained through the Supervisor of Elections’ Office. However, this information is only available to those entitled to the data, per Florida Statutes. Candidates requesting this data must do so in writing, include their campaign contact information, and the candidate’s signature.
- < Visit <https://www.pascovotes.gov/Candidates/Guide-for-Candidates/Data-Requests> for information on data requests and the Vote by Mail Ballot Information Request Form

- < Any registered voter may request/vote a mail ballot without cause. The Vote by Mail ballot may be requested in person, in writing, by email, or by telephone. All requests must contain all information required by Florida Statutes.
- < Pursuant to **101.68(2)(a), Florida Statutes**, the canvassing board may process returned Vote by Mail ballots through the tabulation equipment once the public test has been completed. However, **NO** results may be released until after the polls close on Election Day.
- < The following dates are the **tentative** dates the Pasco County Canvassing Board will begin canvassing mail ballots: (subject to change)

Primary Election	August 13-14, 2026	8:00 a.m.
General Election	October 26-27, 2026	8:00 a.m.
- < Reasonable access, upon request, to review or inspect ballot materials will be granted prior to canvassing or tabulation.

Vote by Mail Canvassing will be conducted at:

Supervisor of Elections – Election Service Center
Pasco County Technology Center
38283 McDonald Street
Dade City, Florida 33525

NOTE: Candidates may pick up a ballot ONLY for themselves at any time, except during the mandatory Early Voting period. However, with a written request signed by the voter, the candidate may pick up a ballot for an immediate family member once mailing of domestic ballots begins for an election. All applicable requirements must be met prior to the ballot being produced.

C. EARLY VOTING

- < In Pasco County, Early Voting will be conducted for an eight (8) day period prior to the Primary Election. Early Voting will be conducted for a thirteen (13) day period prior to the General Election. The Early Voting locations listed below are subject to change.
- < Pasco County plans to use twelve (12) Early Voting sites in 2026. **The sites are:**
 - East Pasco Government Center, Lobby, Dade City
 - Alice Hall Community Center, Zephyrhills (subject to change)
 - New River Branch Library, Zephyrhills
 - Wesley Chapel District Park, Wesley Chapel
 - Land O’ Lakes Recreation Center, Land O’ Lakes
 - Utilities Administration Building, Land O’ Lakes
 - Odessa Community Center, Odessa
 - J. Ben Harrill Recreation Complex, Holiday
 - New Port Richey Recreation Center, New Port Richey

West Pasco Government Center, New Port Richey
Wiregrass Ranch Sports Campus, Wesley Chapel
Veterans Memorial Park, Hudson

NOTE: The Hudson Regional Library will be under construction and **unavailable** for 2026 for both Early Voting and Election Day. Early Voting **will no longer** be conducted at the Regency Park Library.

< **The dates for Early Voting are:**

Primary Election	August 8 th – August 15, 2026
General Election	October 19 th – October 31, 2026

< **The times for Early Voting are:**

<u>Primary Election</u>	
All days	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
<u>General Election</u>	
All days	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

D. SAMPLE BALLOTS

- < Sample ballots include all races and are available online at www.PascoVotes.gov approximately one month prior to the election. **(101.20, Florida Statutes)**
- < Precinct specific sample ballots will also be mailed to every eligible registered voter prior to the Primary and General Elections.
- < Per Florida Statute, sample ballots are also published in newspapers of general circulation prior to Election Day.

E. VOTER REGISTRATION DATA

- < Requests for voter registration or Vote by Mail ballot data may be made in person, by telephone, in writing, or by email. (Supervisor of Elections' Office contact information is listed at the end of this document)
- < The voter information provided may include, but is not limited to name, address, ID number, precinct, party, gender, race, voting history, etc. Email addresses are only included when specifically requested. The data is in text file format and is sortable once opened in specific applications (such as Excel or Access). Contact the elections' office for more information on what is available.

- < Data for Vote by Mail ballot voters may be obtained through the Supervisor of Elections' Office. However, this information is only available to those entitled to the data. Candidates requesting this data must do so in writing and include their campaign contact information and the candidate's signature. Vote by Mail data is not available until 60 days prior to the Primary Election.
- < Visit <https://www.pascovotes.gov/Candidates/Guide-for-Candidates/Data-Requests> for information on data requests and the Vote by Mail Ballot Information Request Form.

NOTE: Voter data is free of charge. Once data is requested, candidates will be able to log into the data retrieval program. Instructions for data retrieval will be given to each candidate when they file for office or upon request.

PUBLIC TEST

Section **101.5612(1), Florida Statutes**, requires all electronic or electromechanical voting systems shall be thoroughly tested at the conclusion of maintenance and programming. Tests shall be sufficient to determine that the voting system is properly programmed, the election is correctly defined on the voting system, and all of the voting system input, output, and communication devices are working properly.

Pursuant to **101.5612(2), Florida Statutes**, on any day not more than 25 days prior to the commencement of Early Voting as provided in **101.657, Florida Statutes**, the supervisor of elections shall have the automatic tabulating equipment publicly tested to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

The following **tentative** schedule will apply to the 2026 elections: (subject to change)

Primary Election –

Monday, August 3, 2026 3:00 p.m.

General Election –

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 2:00 p.m.

The testing location will be:

Supervisor of Elections – Election Service Center
Pasco County Technology Center
38283 McDonald Street
Dade City, Florida 33525

PROHIBITED ACTS

Sections **104 and 106 Florida Statutes**, detail prohibited acts for candidates.

- No person shall pay money or give anything of value for the privilege of speaking at a political meeting in the furtherance of his or her candidacy, nor shall anyone speaking for such a person pay money or give anything of value for such privilege.
- No candidate, in the furtherance of his or her candidacy for nomination or election to public office in any election, shall use any state-owned aircraft or motor vehicle, as provided in **Chapter 287, Florida Statutes**, solely for the purpose of furthering his or her candidacy.
- A candidate may not, in the furtherance of his or her candidacy for nomination or election to public office in any election, use the services of any state, county, municipal, or district officer or employee of the state during working hours.
- A person may not make any contribution through or in the name of another, directly or indirectly, in any election.

Candidates may **not**:

- Solicit contributions from any religious, charitable, civic, or other causes or organizations established primarily for the public good.
- Make contributions, in exchange for political support, to any religious, charitable, civic, or other cause or organizations established primarily for the public good.

It is **not** a violation:

- To make gifts of money in lieu of flowers in memory of a deceased person.
- For a candidate to continue membership in or make regular donations from personal or business funds to, religious, political party, civic, or charitable groups of which the candidate is a member or to which the candidate has been a regular donor for more than six months.
- For a candidate to purchase, with campaign funds, tickets, admission to events, or advertisements from religious, civic, political party, or charitable groups.
- No person shall make and no person shall solicit or knowingly accept any political contribution in a building owned by a governmental entity. “Accept” means to receive a contribution by personal hand delivery from a contributor or the contributor’s agent. This prohibition does not apply when a government-owned building or any portion thereof is rented for the specific purpose of holding a campaign fund raiser.
- A candidate may not, with actual malice, make any false statement about an opposing candidate.
- A candidate may not falsely represent that he or she served or is currently serving in the military, whether active duty, Reserve or National Guard.

- Any candidate, campaign manager, campaign treasurer, or deputy treasurer who willfully certifies the correctness of any report while knowing that such report is incorrect, false, or incomplete commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- Additional prohibited acts that apply to judicial candidates may be found in **105.071, Florida Statutes**.

OATH OF OFFICE

After a candidate is elected to office, the Division of Elections will send an Oath of Office (Form DS-DE 56) along with a notice of any monies owed. The form and any monies owed are due to the state NOT the local Supervisor of Elections. Questions concerning the Oath of Office should be directed to the Division of Elections at 800-851-6200 or ElecRecords@dos.fl.gov.

IX. CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
Number of Seats:	Two: Districts 2 and 4
Election Date:	August 18, 2026 and/or November 3, 2026
Commence Term:	November 17, 2026
Qualifications:	Registered voter Must reside in the district at the time of election
Term of Office:	4-years
Electorate:	Registered voters of Pasco County
Qualifying Period:	Noon, June 8 through Noon, June 12, 2026
Qualifying Fee:	\$6,784.38
Method of Qualifying:	Qualifying fee in the amount of 6% of the annual salary sought OR Petition Option: 4,011 A copy of the petition may be downloaded from the Division of Elections' website. Candidates are responsible for reproduction of the petition. Petitions must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections prior to Noon, May 11, 2026.
Other Requirements: Emergency Forms may be in effect. Check the Division of Elections website for current forms	Appointment of Campaign Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84) Candidate Oath – State and Local Partisan Office (DS-DE 301 A, B, or C) Form 6 - Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2025 (electronically filed and paper copy submitted during qualifying)
Campaign Treasurer's Reports Due:	Refer to Section V of 2026 Candidate's Guide

COUNTY COURT JUDGE (Nonpartisan Office)	
Number of Seats:	One: Group 5
Election Date:	August 18, 2026 and/or November 3, 2026
Commence Term:	January 5, 2027
Qualifications:	Registered voter Member in good standing of the Florida Bar for the last five (5) years Must reside in the district at the time of assuming office
Term of Office:	6-years
Electorate:	Registered voters of Pasco County
Qualifying Period:	Noon, April 20 through Noon, April 24, 2026
Qualifying Fee:	\$7,590.20
Method of Qualifying:	Qualifying fee in the amount of 4% of the annual salary sought OR Petition Option: 4,011 A copy of the petition may be downloaded from the Division of Elections' website. Candidates are responsible for reproduction of the petition. Petitions must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections prior to Noon, March 23, 2026.
Other Requirements: Emergency Forms may be in effect. Check the Division of Elections website for current forms	Appointment of Campaign Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 83 and DS-DE 84) Candidate Oath – Judicial Office (DS-DE 303JU) Form 6 - Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2025 (electronically filed and paper copy submitted during qualifying)
Campaign Treasurer's Reports Due:	Refer to Section V of 2026 Candidate's Guide

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (Nonpartisan Office)	
Number of Seats:	Three: Districts 1, 3, and 5
Election Date:	August 18, 2026 and/or November 3, 2026
Commence Term:	November 17, 2026
Qualifications:	Registered voter Must reside in the district at the time of assuming office
Term of Office:	4-years
Electorate:	Registered voters of Pasco County
Qualifying Period:	Noon, June 8 through Noon, June 12, 2026
Qualifying Fee:	\$2,000.00
Method of Qualifying:	Qualifying fee in the amount of 4% of the annual salary sought OR Petition Option: 4,011 A copy of the petition may be downloaded from the Division of Elections' website. Candidates are responsible for reproduction of the petition. Petitions must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections prior to Noon, May 11, 2026.
Other Requirements: <i>Emergency Forms may be in effect. Check the Division of Elections website for current forms</i>	Appointment of Campaign Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84) Candidate Oath – School Board Nonpartisan Office (DS-DE 304SB) Form 6 - Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2025 (electronically filed and paper copy submitted during qualifying)
Campaign Treasurer's Reports Due:	Refer to Section V of 2026 Candidate's Guide

CANDIDATE WITH NO PARTY AFFILIATION	
Election Date:	November 3, 2026
Commence Term:	Depends on office sought
Qualifications:	Registered voter Residency requirement if applicable Registered with No Party Affiliation (365-day requirement)
Term of Office:	Depends on office sought
Electorate:	Registered voters of Pasco County (may be registered under any party)
Qualifying Period:	Noon, June 8 through Noon, June 12, 2026
Qualifying Fee:	Depends on office sought
Method of Qualifying:	Qualifying fee in the amount of 4% of the annual salary sought OR Petition Option: 4,011 A copy of the petition may be downloaded from the Division of Elections' website. Candidates are responsible for reproduction of the petition. Petitions must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections prior to Noon, May 11, 2026.
Other Requirements: Emergency Forms may be in effect. Check the Division of Elections website for current forms	Appointment of Campaign Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84) Candidate Oath – State and Local Partisan Office (DS-DE 301 B) Form 6 - Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2025 (electronically filed and paper copy submitted during qualifying)
Campaign Treasurer's Reports Due:	Refer to Section V of 2026 Candidate's Guide

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE	
Election Date:	November 3, 2026
Commence Term:	Depends on office sought
Qualifications:	Registered voter Residency requirement: Refer to particular office sought Additional qualification requirements for judicial write-in candidates
Term of Office:	Depends on office sought
Electorate:	Registered voters of Pasco County
Qualifying Period:	Noon, June 8 through Noon, June 12, 2026 (unless Judicial)
Qualifying Fee:	None
Method of Qualifying: <i>Emergency Forms may be in effect. Check the Division of Elections website for current forms</i>	Candidate Oath (DS-DE 301C, or 302NP, or 303JU, or 304SB) Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests of 2025 (Special District offices only) (electronically filed and paper copy submitted during qualifying) OR Form 6 - Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests 2025 (electronically filed and paper copy submitted during qualifying)
Other Requirements:	Appointment of Campaign Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 83 or 84)
Campaign Treasurer's Reports Due:	Refer to Section V of 2026 Candidate's Guide

PASCO COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (Nonpartisan Office)	
Number of Seats:	One: District 2
Election Date:	November 3, 2026
Commence Term:	January 5, 2027
Qualifications:	Registered voter residing in the district who maintains their residency during their term
Term of Office:	4-years
Electorate:	Registered voters of Pasco County residing in the district
Qualifying Period:	Noon, June 8 through Noon, June 12, 2026
Salaried:	Yes/not to exceed \$4,800 per year
Method of Qualifying:	<p>Filing fee of \$25.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>25 valid petitions (there is a 10 cents charge per petition verified by the Supervisor of Elections' Office)</p> <p>A copy of the petition may be downloaded from the Division of Elections' website. Candidates are responsible for reproduction of the petition.</p> <p>Petitions must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections prior to Noon, May 11, 2026.</p>
Other Requirements: <i>Emergency Forms may be in effect. Check the Division of Elections website for current forms</i>	<p>**Appointment of Campaign Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9)</p> <p>**Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84)</p> <p>Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office (DS-DE 302NP)</p> <p>Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests 2025 (electronically filed and paper copy submitted during qualifying)</p>
Campaign Treasurer's Reports Due:	Refer to Section V of 2026 Candidate's Guide

**The DS-DE9 and the DS-DE 84 need only be completed by special district candidates who intend to collect and/or expend campaign funds with the exception of paying the \$25 qualifying fee or 10 cents per petition verified by the Supervisor of Elections' Office.

LAKE PADGETT ESTATES INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT (ISD) SUPERVISORS (Nonpartisan Office)	
Number of Seats:	Two: Seats 1 and 2
Election Date:	November 3, 2026
Commence Term:	November 17, 2026
Qualifications:	Registered voter residing in the district who maintains their residency during their term
Term of Office:	4-years
Electorate:	Registered voters of Pasco County residing in the district
Qualifying Period:	Noon, June 8 through Noon, June 12, 2026
Salaried:	Yes/not to exceed \$4,800 per year
Method of Qualifying:	<p>Filing fee of \$25.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>25 valid petitions (there is a 10 cents charge per petition verified by the Supervisor of Elections' Office)</p> <p>A copy of the petition may be downloaded from the Division of Elections' website. Candidates are responsible for reproduction of the petition.</p> <p>Petitions must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections prior to Noon, May 11, 2026.</p>
Requirements: <i>Emergency Forms may be in effect. Check the Division of Elections website for current forms</i>	<p>*Appointment of Campaign Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9)</p> <p>*Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84)</p> <p>Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office (DS-DE 302NP)</p> <p>Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests 2025 (electronically filed and paper copy submitted during qualifying)</p>
Campaign Treasurer's Reports Due:	Refer to Section V of 2026 Candidate's Guide

*The DS-DE9 and the DS-DE 84 need only be completed by special district candidates who intend to collect and/or expend campaign funds with the exception of paying the \$25 qualifying fee or 10 cents per petition verified by the Supervisor of Elections' Office.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (CDD) SUPERVISORS (Nonpartisan Office)	
Number of Seats:	**Varies depending on the CDD
Election Date:	November 3, 2026
Commence Term:	November 17, 2026
Qualifications:	Registered voter residing in the district who maintains their residency during their term
Term of Office:	4-years
Electorate:	Registered voters of Pasco County residing in the district
Qualifying Period:	Noon, June 8 through Noon, June 12, 2026
Salaried:	Yes/Not to exceed \$4,800 per year
Method of Qualifying:	<p>Filing fee of \$25.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>25 valid petitions (there is a 10 cents charge per petition verified by the Supervisor of Elections' Office)</p> <p>A copy of the petition may be downloaded from the Division of Elections' website. Candidates are responsible for reproduction of the petition.</p> <p>Petitions must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections prior to Noon, May 11, 2026.</p>
Other Requirements: Emergency Forms may be in effect. Check the Division of Elections website for current forms	<p>*Appointment of Campaign Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9)</p> <p>*Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84)</p> <p>Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office (DS-DE 302NP)</p> <p>Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests 2025 (electronically filed and paper copy submitted during qualifying)</p>
Campaign Treasurer's Reports Due:	Refer to Section V of 2026 Candidate's Guide

*The DS-DE9 and the DS-DE 84 need only be completed by special district candidates who intend to collect and/or expend campaign funds with the exception of paying the \$25 qualifying fee or 10 cents per petition verified by the Supervisor of Elections' Office.

X. SAMPLE CANDIDATE FORMS – SOME EXAMPLE FORMS

MAY BE OUTDATED VERSIONS

<http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/forms-publications/forms/>
<http://www.ethics.state.fl.us/FinancialDisclosure/DownloadAForm.aspx>

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES <small>(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)</small> (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)				OFFICE USE ONLY	
NOTE: This form must be on file with the filing officer before opening the campaign account.					
1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):					
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Filing of Form <input type="checkbox"/> Re-filing to Change: <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer/Deputy <input type="checkbox"/> Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Party					
2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last): <small>(Please Print or Type Name)</small>			3. Address (include PO Box or Street, City, State, Zip Code):		
4. Telephone: <small>()</small>		5. Candidate's Voter Registration #: <small>(not required for qualifying purposes)</small>		6. Email Address:	
7. Office Sought (include district, circuit, group, or seat #):			8. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check the box <input type="checkbox"/> Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <small>I intend to run as a Write-In Candidate.</small>		
9. If a candidate for a partisan office, check the box and fill in the name of the party you intend to run as a <input type="checkbox"/> Write-In Candidate. <input type="checkbox"/> No Party Affiliation Candidate. <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Party candidate.					
10. I have appointed the following person to act as my: <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Treasurer					
11. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer:		12. Telephone:		13. Email Address:	
14. Mailing Address:		15. City:		16. State:	
				17. Zip Code:	
18. I have designated the following bank as my (check appropriate box): <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository					
19. Name of Bank:		20. Address:			
21. City:		22. County:		23. State:	
				24. Zip Code:	
UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF THE CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.					
25. Date:			26. Signature of Candidate: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">X</div>		
27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate box) I, _____ do hereby accept the appointment designated above as: <small>(Please Print or Type Name)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Treasurer. <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Treasurer.					
28. Date:			29. Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">X</div>		
<small>DS-DE 9 (Rev. 09/23)</small>				<small>Rule 1S-2.0001, F.A.C.</small>	

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**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

OFFICE USE ONLY

I, _____,

candidate for the office of _____;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of

Chapter 1

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Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

<p>STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE (Section 105.031(5), F.S.) (Please Type)</p>	<p>OFFICE USE ONLY</p>
<p>I, _____ a judicial _____ of the Fl _____</p> <p>S A M P L E - Use 04/2026 REVISION</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(Date)</p> <p>Each candidate for judicial office, including an incumbent judge, shall file a statement with the qualifying officer, within 10 days after filing the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.</p>	

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REQUEST FOR RETURN OF CONTRIBUTION

(Section 106.021, F.S.)

(PLEASE TYPE)

I, _____,
hereby request that the pro rata share of my contribution to the
campaign of _____ as a
candidate for the office of _____
be returned to me pursuant to Section 106.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes.

X

Signature

Date

Address

City

State

Zip Code

<p>CANDIDATE OATH SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE</p> <p>Check box <i>only</i> if you are seeking to qualify as a write-in candidate: <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in candidate</p>	<p>OFFICE USE ONLY</p>						
<p>Candidate Oath</p>							
<p>Name to appear on ballot: _____</p>							
<p>SAMPLE - Use 04/2026 REVISION</p>							
<p>If you do, you must also specify the amount owed and each entity that levied the same on the reverse side.</p>							
<p>X () _____</p> <p>Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address</p> <p>Address of Legal Residence City State ZIP Code</p> <p>STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF _____</p> <p>Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of online notarization <input type="checkbox"/> OR physical presence <input type="checkbox"/> this _____ day of _____, 20____</p> <p>Personally Known <input type="checkbox"/> OR Produced Identification <input type="checkbox"/> Type of Identification Produced: _____</p> <p>DS-DE 304SB (Eff. 10/2023) Rule 1S-2.0001, F.A.C.</p>							
<p>Signature of Notary Public Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:</p>							
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Tanya	TAWN-yuh (not TAN)						
<p>DO NOT SUBMIT THIS PAGE TO THE FILING OFFICER</p>							

2023 Form 6 - Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests

General Information	
Name:	Dr John M Legg
Address:	102
County:	
Organization:	N/A
CANDIDATE FOR	
Position:	Superintendent of Sc
	Pasco
Net Worth	
My Net Worth as of	

SAMPLE -
Use 2025
Form
REVISION

2023 Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests

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General Information

Name: Donald Foltz
Address: 2876 POSADA LN, ODESSA, FL 33556
County:

SUPREME COURT CLERK
LAW OFFICE, ODESSA

Organization
N/A

CANDIDATE FOR

Position
Special District

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Disclosure Period

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS

Primary Sources of

PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME (Over \$2,500) (Major sources of income to the reporting person)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Source of Income	Source's Address	Description of the Source's Principal Business Activity
VERIZON CORP RSRCS GROUP LLC	One Verizon Way Basking Ridge NJ 07920	Wireless Company

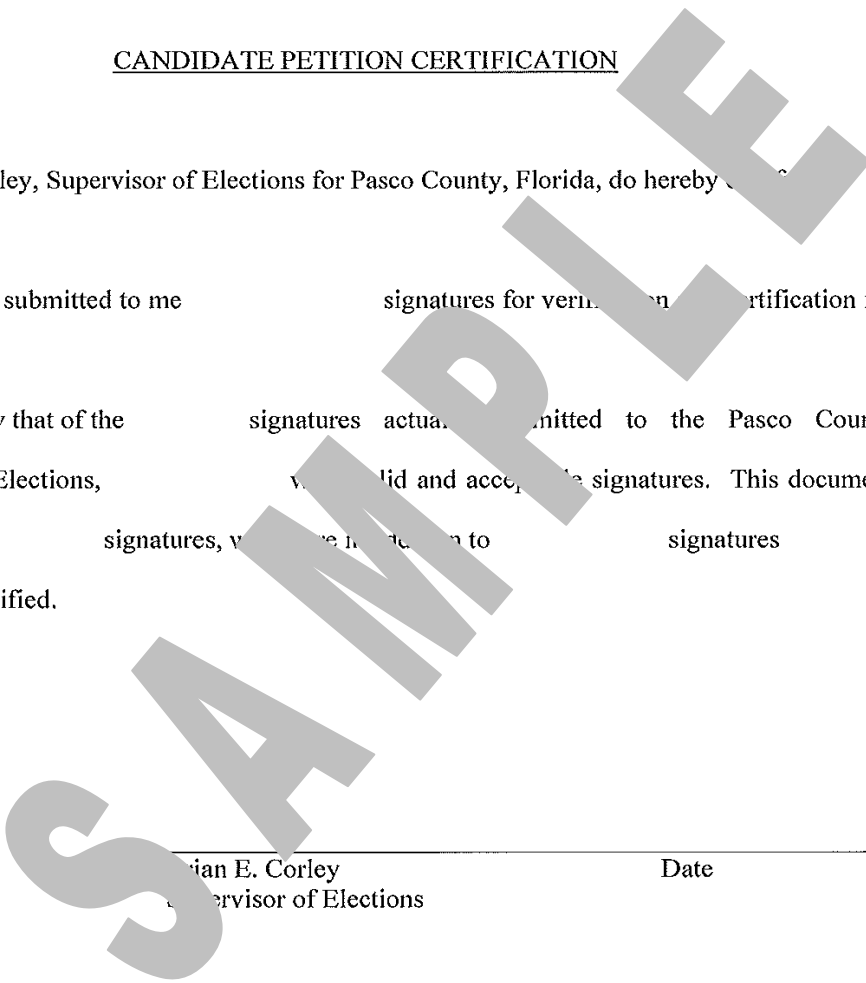
Brian E. Corley
Supervisor of Elections
Post Office Box 300
Dade City, FL 33526-0300



CANDIDATE PETITION CERTIFICATION

I, Brian E. Corley, Supervisor of Elections for Pasco County, Florida, do hereby certify that I have received and verified the signatures for verification and certification for the office of _____.

I further certify that of the _____ signatures actually submitted to the Pasco County Supervisor of Elections, _____ valid and acceptable signatures. This document certifies _____ signatures, versus the need for _____ signatures previously certified.



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Supervisor of Elections

Date

(Seal)

East Pasco Government Center
Dade City
(352) 521-4302

Central Pasco Professional Center
Land O' Lakes
(813) 929-2788

West Pasco Government Center
New Port Richey
(727) 847-8162

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CANDIDATE PETITION			
<p><i>Notes: - All information on this form becomes a public record upon receipt by the Supervisor of Elections. - It is a crime to knowingly sign more than one petition for a candidate. [Section 104.185, Florida Statutes] - If all requested information on this form is not completed, the form will not be valid as a Candidate Petition form.</i></p>			
<p>I, _____, undersigned, a registered voter (print name as it appears on your voter information card)</p> <p>in said state and county, petition to have the name of _____ placed on the Primary/General Election Ballot as a: [check/complete one, if applicable]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonpartisan <input type="checkbox"/> No party affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Party candidate for the office of _____ (insert title of office and jurisdiction, state, circuit, group, seat number, if applicable)</p>			
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)	or Voter Registration Number	Address	
City	County	State	Zip Code
Signature of Voter		Date Signed (MM/DD/YY) <i>[to be completed by Voter]</i>	
Rule 18-2.045, F.A.C.		DS-DE 104 (Eff. 09/11)	

***Candidates are responsible for reproduction of the petition.**

****Petitions must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections prior to Noon, May 11, 2026. Judicial petitions are due by Noon, March 23, 2026.**

AFFIDAVIT OF UNDUE BURDEN FOR CANDIDATES

Notice: An undue burden affidavit may be filed by a candidate seeking to qualify for an office. The charges to verify signatures pursuant to section [99.097\(4\)\(a\)-\(b\)](#), Florida Statutes, would impose an undue burden on personal resources or other resources otherwise available to such candidate.

If any person is paid to solicit signatures on a petition, an undue burden oath may not be substituted in lieu of paying the fees to verify the petition. If an undue burden oath has been filed and payment is subsequently made to any person to solicit signatures on a petition, the undue burden oath is no longer valid and a fee for signatures previously submitted to the supervisor of elections and any that are submitted thereafter shall be paid. See s. [99.097\(6\)](#), Florida Statutes.

(1) If contributions as defined in section [106.011](#), Florida Statutes, are received, all such contributions must first be used to reimburse the supervisor of elections for any signature verification fees that were not paid because of the filing of an undue burden oath. (2) Any candidate who qualifies for the petition process and who has surplus funds, must first apply the surplus funds to the reimbursement of any signature verification fee (if applicable) upon terminating the campaign. See s. [106.141\(7\)](#), Florida Statutes.

I certify under oath that I intend to qualify as a candidate for the office of _____ and I am willing 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.

Print Name

Address

State

X _____
Signature

City

Telephone Number

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Signature of Notary Public
 Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me
 by means of online notarization
 or physical presence
 this _____ day of _____, 20____
 Personally Known or Produced identification
 Type of Identification Produced: _____

CONTRIBUTIONS RETURNED

(Section 106.07(4)(c), F.S.)

(PLEASE TYPE)

OFFICE USE ONLY

This report applies only to contributions received by any candidate, committee, or organization but returned to the contributor before being deposited in the campaign account.

Candidate

Committee Organization

Full Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Full Name and Address of Contributor: _____ _____ _____ Amount of Contribution: \$ _____ Date Received: _____ Date Returned: _____	Full Name and Address of Contributor: _____ _____ _____ Amount of Contribution: \$ _____ Date Received: _____ Date Returned: _____
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I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THIS REPORT AND IT IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

Type or Print Name of Candidate, Treasurer or Chairman

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN LOANS REPORT

(Section 106.075, F.S.)

(PLEASE TYPE)

OFFICE USE ONLY

This report applies to all candidates ELECTED to office who had loans exceeding \$500 in value, which were accepted and used for campaign purposes within the 12 months preceding the election. All such loans must be reported to the filing officer within 10 days after the candidate's election to office.

Full Name of Newly Elected Official

Office

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THIS REPORT
AND IT IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

Type or Print Name of Newly Elected Official

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN LOANS REPORT ITEMIZED

Page _____ of _____

(PLEASE TYPE)

FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF LENDER: _____ _____ _____ OCCUPATION: _____ AMOUNT OF LOAN: _____ DATE RECEIVED: _____	FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF LENDER: _____ _____ _____ OCCUPATION: _____ AMOUNT OF LOAN: _____ DATE RECEIVED: _____
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STATEMENT OF ETHICAL CAMPAIGN PRACTICES
(Pasco County Ordinance No. 20-02)

As a candidate for public office in Pasco County, I believe that political issues can be resolved without appealing to racial, ethnic, religious, sexual, or other prejudices. I recognize that such negative appeals serve only to divide this community and create long-term moral, social, and economic problems. Therefore:

1. I shall conduct my campaign openly, publicly discuss the issues, and avoid criticizing my opponent in a personal nature.
2. I shall not permit any unethical practice which undermines our system of fair elections.
3. I shall listen respectfully to persons with opposing viewpoints and avoid language that is insulting or inappropriate.
4. I shall not make my race, color, religion, gender, national origin, physical disability, or sexual orientation an issue in my campaign.
5. I shall not make my opponent's race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, marital status, familial status, physical disability, or sexual orientation an issue in my campaign.
6. I will condemn any appeal to prejudice based on race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, marital status, familial status, physical disability, or sexual orientation.
7. I shall not attack or question my opponent's name.
8. I shall not publish, display, or circulate any defamatory campaign literature or political advertisement nor shall I tolerate or permit members of my campaign organization to engage in such activities.
9. I shall not tolerate nor permit members of my campaign organization to engage in activities designed to destroy or remove campaign materials or signs lawfully displayed on public or private property.
10. I will abide by any ordinance or property restriction related to the placement or posting of campaign signage.
11. I shall not tolerate my supporters engaging in these activities which I condemn, nor shall I accept their continuing to engage in such activities. I will not permit any member of my campaign organization to engage in such activities and will immediately and publicly repudiate the support of any other individual or group which resorts to the methods and tactics that I hereby condemn.
12. I shall run a positive campaign emphasizing my qualifications for office and my positions on issues of public concerns and I will limit my attacks on an opponent to legitimate challenges to that person's record, qualifications, and positions.
13. I will neither use nor permit the use of malicious untruths or innuendoes about an opponent's personal life, nor will I make or condone unfounded accusations discrediting an opponent's credibility.
14. I will not use or permit the use of campaign material either in print or by electronic means through social media that falsifies, distorts, or misrepresents facts.

Executed on this day _____ of _____, 20____

WITNESS:

BY CANDIDATE:

Signature _____

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Print Name _____

POLICIES OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE REGARDING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORTS

1. POLICY ON ELECTRONIC FILING

Our office requires on-line filing of campaign treasurer's reports in order to make campaign contributions and expenditures readily available to the public. Campaign Finance Reports, for candidates and committees, will be displayed on our website. A numeric ID and password is required to access the reporting system (sign-in credentials). Electronic Signature PINs are required for the submission of the financial reports. PINs are assigned to candidates/committee chairs and treasurers. Please refer to the Acknowledgement of Electronic Filing Information document for more information regarding sign-in credentials and PINs.

2. POLICY ON LATE REPORTS

The day after the report is due, we will call or email the candidate/committee to inform them of the failure to file and that the report is subject to a fine each day late according to Florida Statutes. If the report remains unfiled, the matter will be forwarded to the Florida Elections Commission. It could be determined to be a willful violation. All fines assessed must be paid within twenty (20) days after the receipt of the notice of payment due (personal funds of the candidate). The Florida Elections Commission will be notified if fines have not been remitted in a timely manner and they will pursue the fine.

3. POLICY ON JUSTIFYING LATE REPORTS

Reports must be filed timely. There are no justifiable reasons for filing late reports unless otherwise determined by the Florida Elections Commission. Please refer to the Acknowledgement of Electronic Filing Information document for more information regarding electronic filing, late reports, and the unavailability of the electronic filing system.

4. POLICY ON REPORTS THAT NEED AMENDING

When it is determined that a report needs amending, our office will initially contact the campaign treasurer by telephone or email and request that the report be amended. Within seven (7) days of notification an addendum to the report must be filed. If the amended report is not received within this time frame, the matter will be referred to the Florida Elections Commission and could be determined to be a willful violation.

5. POLICY ON REVIEW OF REPORTS

Our office checks the following: summary page for balances; contributions and expenditures pages for date ranges, complete addresses, correct contributor types, correct contribution and expenditure types, and contribution limits. Our office does not review reports for typos.

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY			
<p>(1) _____ Name</p> <p>(2) _____ Address (number and street)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>City, State, Zip Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check here if address has changed</p> <p>(3) ID Number: _____</p> <p>(4) Check appropriate box(es):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Office Sought: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Political Committee (PC)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Party Executive Committee (PTY) <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if PTY has disbanded</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">OFFICE USE ONLY</div>		
Report Identifiers			
<p>Cover Period: From _____ / _____ / _____ Report Type: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Special Election Report</p>			
<p>(6) Contributions This Report</p> <p>Cash & Checks \$ _____</p> <p>Loans \$ _____</p> <p>Total Monetary _____</p> <p>In-Kind _____</p>	<p>(7) Expenditures This Report</p> <p>Monetary Expenditures \$ _____</p> <p>Transfers to Office Account \$ _____</p> <p>Total Monetary \$ _____</p>		
<p>(8) Other Distributions</p> <p>\$ _____</p>	<p>(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date</p> <p>\$ _____</p>		
<p>(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date</p> <p>\$ _____</p>	<p>(11) Certification</p> <p style="text-align: center;">It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)</p> <p>I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none; padding: 5px;"> <p>(Type name) _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Treasurer</p> <p>X _____</p> <p>Signature</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none; padding: 5px;"> <p>(Type name) _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)</p> <p>X _____</p> <p>Signature</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>(Type name) _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Treasurer</p> <p>X _____</p> <p>Signature</p>	<p>(Type name) _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)</p> <p>X _____</p> <p>Signature</p>
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name _____ (2) I.D. Number _____

(3) Cover Period ____ / ____ / ____ through ____ / ____ / ____ (4) Page ____ of ____

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	In-kind Description	(11) Amount	(12) Amount
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SAMPLE

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name _____ (2) I.D. Number _____
 (3) Cover Period ____/____/____ through ____/____/____ (4) Page _____ of _____

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expense Type	(10) Account	(11) Amount
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – FUND TRANSFERS

(1) Name _____ (2) I.D. Number _____
 (3) Cover Period ____/____/____ through ____/____/____ (4) Page _____ of _____

(5) Date	(7) Name of Financial Institution Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Transfer Type	(9) Nature of Account	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
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WAIVER OF REPORT

(Section 106.07(7), F.S.)

(PLEASE TYPE)

OFFICE ONLY

Name

Address

Office State

City State Zip Code

Candidate

Political Committee

Party Executive Committee

NOTE: This form does not apply to an electioneering communications organization (ECO). An ECO must file a report (not a waiver) that no reportable contributions or expenditures were made during the reporting period (s. 106.0703(6), F.S.).

Check here if address has changed since last report.

Check here if C has DISBANDED and will no longer file reports.

TYPE OF REPORT (Check Appropriate Box and Complete Applicable Line beneath Box)

QUARTERLY REPORT
Indicate report #
Q _____

PRIMARY ELECTION
Indicate report #
P _____

GENERAL ELECTION
Indicate report #
G _____

OTHER REPORT TYPE
Indicate report type and #
as applicable:

TERMINAL

SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTIFICATION OF NO ACTIVITY IN CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD OF

THROUGH _____

X _____
Signature

Date

X _____
Signature

Date

REQUIRED SIGNATURES FOR:

- Candidates:**
Candidate and Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer (s. 106.07(5), F.S.)
- Political Committees:**
Chairman and Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer (s. 106.07(5), F.S.)
- Party Executive Committees:**
Treasurer and Chairman (s. 106.29(2), F.S.)

Except as noted above for an ECO, in any reporting period when there has been no activity in the account (no funds expended or received) the filing of the required report is waived. However, the filing officer must be notified in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed.

**AFFIDAVIT OF INTENTION
SPECIAL DISTRICT CANDIDATE**

State of Florida
Pasco County

I, _____ candidate for the special
(Print name)

district of: _____ in the
(District name including district #, or group #)

General Election certify that I will not collect, solicit, or accept any contribution; be it a gift, subscription, conveyance, deposit, loan, payment, or distribution of money or anything of value including contributions in kind having an attributable monetary value in any form, made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or making an electioneering communication (106.011(5), Florida Statutes). I further certify that the only expenditures in the name of my candidacy will be the candidate qualifying fee or, in lieu of the qualifying fee, the signature verification fee for candidate petition.

I certify that in the event I do collect, solicit, or accept any contribution, as described above, or make a campaign expenditure; be it a purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, or transfer of funds by a campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer between a campaign depository and a separate interest-bearing account or certificates of deposit, or anything of value made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or making an electioneering communication (106.011(10), Florida Statutes) my campaign will be governed by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

Signature of Candidate

Date

99.061, Florida Statutes
04/23

Section 1. Election	Official Use Only					
Election Date: _____						
Select Early Voting or Election Day: _____						
Section 2. Category of Authorized Persons						
Complete Only One of the Boxes Below:						
I am a candidate (or candidate designee*) for the following office in this election: _____						
I am the chair (or designee*) of the County Executive Committee of the following Party: _____						
I am the chair (or designee*) of the following Political Committee: _____						
* A candidate or chair as indicated above must first submit a written, signed designation to the supervisor of elections (or for statewide candidates/issues, to the Division of Elections) authorizing the designee to designate poll watchers on his or her behalf.						
Section 3. Candidate/Chair/Designee						
I request that the listed person(s) below (none of whom is a candidate or a sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer or other law enforcement officer), who are and registered voters of the county in which they will serve, be approved as poll watchers at the locations indicated below.						
Name: _____						
Address: _____						
Email address: _____						
Phone: _____						
By submitting this form, I certify that I am the person listed above and I am authorized under s. 101.131, Florida Statutes, to designate poll watchers.						
Date Submitted: _____ Note: This form becomes a public record when submitted to the Supervisor of Elections.						
Section 4. List of Designated Poll Watchers						
Official Use Only						
Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Residential Address	Phone #	Polling Place / Early Voting Site (Either write "All Locations" or specify location)	Approved (Y/N)	Assigned Badge Number

Form DS-DE 125 (Eff. 8/2016) Rule 15-2.054, F. A. C. Early Voting Deadline - No later than noon at least 14 days before early voting begins
Page 1 of ____ Election Day Deadline - No later than noon of the 2nd Tuesday before the election

Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Residential Address	Phone #	Polling Place / Early Voting Site (Either write "All Locations" or specify location)	Approved (Y/N)	Assigned Badge Number

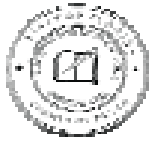
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identify the person as a registered

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6. Must bring his or her own materials and necessities.
 7. Is allowed within the polling room to observe the conduct of the election. He or she may not obstruct the orderly conduct of the election.
 8. May observe the voter check-in process. He or she may not come closer to the inspectors' table or the voting booths than is reasonably necessary to perform the poll watcher's functions.
 9. May not speak to or otherwise interact with voters nor provide assistance to a voter in any way with the voting of his/her ballot, unless a Request for Assistance Form is completed at the voter's request.
 10. May make and provide written voter challenges to the precinct clerk.
 11. Shall pose any questions regarding polling place procedures directly to the precinct clerk for resolution.
- Note: For further details or requirements governing the designation and conduct of poll watchers, refer to sections 101.131 and 101.111, Florida Statutes; Rule 15-2.034 of the Florida Administrative Code, and the rule's incorporated form, DS-DE 11, which contains the Polling Place Procedures Manual.



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PASCO COUNTY VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

Vote-by-Mail (VBM) request information is confidential and exempt from public disclosure under section 101.62(3), Florida Statutes, except for the following person or entities who may obtain and use if for personal purposes only:

1. Voter – entitled to access his/her own request information
2. Canvassing Board
3. Election Official
4. Political Party or official thereof
5. Candidate who has filed qualification papers and proposed in an upcoming election
6. Registered Political Committees

Check the applicable box below for access to the VBM request information for Pasco County:

- Voter Candidate for office of: _____
- Canvassing Board Registered Political Committee: _____
- Election Official Political Party official thereof: _____

I affirm that I am a person authorized by section 101.62(3), Florida Statutes, to acquire vote-by-mail request information.

X _____ Date: _____
(electronic signature) (name) (address)

Requestor Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Requestor Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Requestor Email Address: _____

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