

PETITION FILING INSTRUCTION SHEET

2021 PRIMARY ELECTION

Set forth below are qualifications for candidacy along with an overview of the statutory requirements for submitting petitions to conform with Title 19, the Election Laws of New Jersey.

Candidate petitions must be filed in person and must be received by the deadline date, on or before 4:00 p.m. on April 5, 2021.

Each candidate should read and follow petition instructions carefully in order to ensure that the petition is accepted for filing.

PETITIONS MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- **For COUNTY REGISTER:** Petitions must contain the signatures of at least 100 Hudson County voters who are registered in the County for which the candidate is seeking office. *(N.J.S.A. 19:23-8)*
- Complete all information of the first page of the petition, prior to circulating for signatures.
- Candidate's name and address must appear on each petition booklet. *(N.J.S.A. 19:23-7)*
- Candidate must sign in two (2) places as indicated on petition:
 - "Certificate of Acceptance" *(N.J.S.A. 19:23-17)*
 - "Oath of Allegiance" *(N.J.S.A. 19:23-15)*
- Candidate may insert a designation/slogan, which must not exceed six (6) words. No such designation/slogan shall include or refer to the name of any person or any incorporated association of the State unless the written consent of such person or incorporated association of this State has been filed with the petition of nomination for such candidate or group of candidates. *(N.J.S.A. 19:23-17)*
- Petitioners/signers of the petition must sign in their own handwriting and print their given name and address in the presence of circulator.
- The circulator/witness is the person who collected the signatures on the petition and must complete and sign the Affidavit where indicated before an officer authorized by law to take affidavits. If that is a notary public, the notary must affix the notary stamp showing name and date of expiration of commission.
- If the same person circulated more than one petition, he/she must complete the affidavit in each booklet. **Note: Affidavit must be notarized.** *(N.J.S.A. 19:23-11)*
- The circulator does not have to be a signer of the petition, but must be a registered voter in the State whose party affiliation is of the same political party named in petition. *(N.J.S.A. 19:23-11)*

The person submitting the petitions will be asked to provide both the day and evening telephone numbers of the candidate, along with an email address in order to notify him/her if a challenge to the petition is filed.

This information sheet is not meant to encompass all of the statutory and constitutional requirements for filing petition, but is to be used only as a guide. If you have any additional questions you should seek legal counsel.

Candidate petitions must be hand-delivered to the address below:

Hudson County Clerk's Office: Division of Elections
Hudson County Plaza, 257 Cornelison Avenue - 4th Floor, Jersey City, N.J. 07302

For questions please contact the Hudson County Clerk's Office, Division of Elections at 201-369-3470 Option 6.