

Qualifying Procedures for Candidate for Tennessee House of Representatives.

Qualifying Petition. Candidates may obtain a nominating petition from a county election commission office or the office of the coordinator of elections. Petitions may be obtained no more than 90 days before the qualifying deadline date. Each voter who signs the petition must be signed by the candidate and an election official and may not be photocopied. Additional pages may be obtained as necessary.

Voters' Signatures. The nominated petition must be signed by at least twenty-five voters who are registered in the candidate's home district. Each voter who signs the petition must also supply his or her residence address as it appears on his or her voter registration records.

Filing Deadline. Primary candidates must file their nominating petitions no later than noon on April 1 2004. Candidates who intend to run as independent on the November ballot must also file their petitions by noon on April 1, 2004.

Where to File. Primary and independent candidates must file their original nominator petition in the office of the county election commission in the county of their residence and a certified duplicate in the county election commission office in each county wholly or partially within the candidate's home district. Each of these documents must be received by the respective election commissions by the deadline. There are no filing fees.

Campaign Contributions and Disclosure Filings. Candidates should contact the Tennessee Registry of Election Finance for information regarding campaign contributions, disclosure reports and filing requirements. The Registry's address and phone number are as follows:

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