

# Qualifying Procedures for Tennessee Candidates for United States House of Representatives

1. **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 page of the petition must be signed by the candidate and an election official and may not be photocopied. Additional pages may be obtained as necessary.
2. **Voters' Signatures.** The nominated petition must be signed by at least twenty-five voters who are registered in the candidate's house 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.
3. **Filing Deadline.** Primary candidates must file their nominating petitions no later than noon on April 1, 2004. Candidates who intend to run as independents on the November ballot must also file their petitions by noon on April 1, 2004.
4. **Where to File.** Primary and independent candidates must file their original nominate petition in the office of the State Election commission and a certified duplicate in the office of the Coordinator of Elections. Both of these must be received by the deadline listed above and may be mailed to:

Division of Elections  
312 Eighth Avenue, North  
8th Floor  
William R. Snodgrass Tower  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0309  
(615)741-7956

(However, primary and independent candidates for the office of United States Representative from a district located entirely in one county are required to file their nominating petitions in the office of the county election commission in that county). Primary candidates must also file a certified duplicate by the above qualifying deadline with the chairperson of their party's state Mayor committee. There are no filing fees.

State Democratic Party  
1808 West End Avenue, Suite 515  
Nashville, TN 37203-3315

State Republican Party  
PO Box 150368  
Nashville, TN. 372515-0368

5. **Campaign Contribution and Disclosure Filing.** Candidates should contact the Federal Election Commission and the Tennessee Registry of Election Finance for information regarding campaign contribution and disclosure reports and filing requirements. The addresses and phone numbers are as follows:

Federal Election Commission  
999 E. Street NW  
Washington, DC 20463  
(800) 424-9530

Registry of Election Finance  
404 James Robertson Pky, Suite 1614  
Nashville, TN 37243-1360  
(615) 741-7959