

2010 CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION

Federal/State/County Candidates

Where to File

- **Federal Offices** - File with Secretary of State
- **State Offices** - File with the Secretary of State
- **County, Township or Municipal Offices** (*except Little Rock City*) - File with County Clerk

When to File

- **March 1, 2010 @ Noon through March 8, 2010 @ Noon** - Party Candidates and Independent Candidates
- **March 8, 2010 @ noon through August 4, 2010** - Write-in Candidates

What to File

- **Party Candidates:**
 1. **File with the secretary of the political party** - Party pledge, affidavit of eligibility, and pay filing fee
 2. **File with the County Clerk (county, township, or municipal offices) or Secretary of State (State offices) after filing with political party** - Party certificate and political practice pledge
- **Independent Candidates:**
 1. File a political practices pledge, an affidavit of eligibility, and a notice of candidacy during the filing period
 2. **05/01/2010 @Noon** – Deadline to file the Petition for Nomination with the following requirements:
 - **2/2/2010** – First day to circulate Petition for Nomination
 - **County, township, or district office required signatures** – 3% of the qualified electors in the county, township, or district in which the person is seeking office (no more than 2,000 signatures), based on the 2006 Governor's race
 - **State office** – 3% of the qualified electors of the state or (no more than 10,000 signatures), based on the 2006 Governor's race
- **Write-in Candidates:** File notice of write-in candidacy, the political practices pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the applicable entity
 - **Must also give Notice of Intent to County Board of Election Commissioners**

***Party Candidates will be placed on the Preferential Primary Ballot – 05/18/2010**

***Independent Candidates will be placed on the General Election Ballot – 11/02/2010**