

FILING FOR OFFICE - AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY

The Minnesota Secretary of State is the chief election official in Minnesota and is responsible for administration of the Minnesota election law. The Secretary of State's Office works with county auditors to conduct the elections process.

Candidate Qualifications

Minnesota law states that candidates for state and local offices must be eligible voters and at least 21-years-old when assuming office. They must have resided in their districts for at least 30 days before the general election, and have no other affidavit on file for any other elected office.

***exceptions:** A candidate for soil and water conservation district supervisor in a district not located in whole or in part in Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey, or Washington County, may also have on file an affidavit of candidacy:

- for mayor or council member of a statutory or home rule charter city of not more than 2,500 population contained in whole or in part in the soil and water conservation district; or
- for town supervisor in a town of not more than 2,500 population contained in whole or in part in the soil and water conservation district.

(Minnesota Statute 204B.06)

Affidavit of Candidacy

All SWCD Supervisor candidates must file an affidavit of candidacy. Candidates must state that the name listed on their affidavit is their true name by which they are commonly known in the community. Affidavits must be signed in the presence of a notary or an individual authorized to administer oaths. (Minnesota Statute 204B.06). Affidavits of candidacy may be completed starting 60 days before and during the filing period. A properly completed affidavit and filing fee must be received by the filing officer during the filing period. (Minnesota Statutes 204B.09).

Filing Period

The filing period opens May 18, 2010 and closes at 5 p.m., June 1, 2010 (Minnesota Statutes 204B.09).

Filing Location

Candidates for SWCD Supervisor file an affidavit of candidacy with the county auditor of the county in which the district office is located (Minnesota Statute 103C.305).

Filing Fee

Candidates must pay a filing fee (chart at right) at the time of filing their affidavit of candidacy. However, candidates may file a petition in place of the filing fee. Sample forms and information about the number of required signatures on a petition that replaces the filing fee are available from the filing officer. Candidates who provide the filing fee by check or other instrument for which sufficient funds are not available will have their names removed from the ballot and are liable for all costs incurred by election officials in removing their names from the ballot. (Minnesota Statute 204B.11)

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
Affidavit of Candidacy
 All information on this form is available to the public. Information provided will appear on the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us.

Note: If filing for partisan office and not a major party candidate, you must file both an affidavit of candidacy and a nominating petition. Candidates for non-partisan office who do not seek the nomination of a major political party shall be sworn in by nominating petition as provided in sections 204B.07 and 204B.08, and shall file an affidavit of candidacy as provided in section 204B.06. (Helen Stat. section 204B.01)

Please print on type.

Name (as it will appear on the ballot): _____
 Office Sought: _____ District # _____
 For Partisan Office Provide Political Party or Principle: _____
 For Judicial Office Provide Name of Incumbent: _____
 Legal Residence Address: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Campaign Contact Information
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Website: _____ Email: _____
 Phone Number: (____) _____

For all offices, I swear (or affirm) that this is my true name or the name by which I am generally known in the community.

If filing for a state or local office, I also swear (or affirm) that:

- I am eligible to vote in Minnesota.
- I have not been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or the upcoming primary or general election.
- I am, or will be, an incoming office, 71 years of age or more.
- I will have resided in the state for at least 90 days before the general election, and
- If a major political party candidate, I either participated in the party's most recent caucus or failed to vote for a majority of that party's candidates at the last general election.

If filing for one of the following offices, I also swear (or affirm) that I meet the requirements listed below:

- **United States Senator** - I will be an inhabitant of this state when elected and I will be at least 30 years old and a citizen of the United States for not less than seven years on the next January 1st, or if elected at special election, within 71 days after the election.
- **United States Representative** - I will be an inhabitant of this state when elected and I will be at least 21 years old and a citizen of the United States for not less than seven years on the next January 1st, or if elected at special election, within 71 days after the election.
- **Governor or Lieutenant Governor** - I will be at least 21 years old on the first Monday of the next January and a resident of Minnesota for not less than one year on the date of my election.
- **Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, District Court Judge, or County Attorney** - I am licensed to the law and licensed to practice law in Minnesota. My Minnesota license number is _____ and I copy my license to this affidavit.
- **State Senator or State Representative** - I will be a resident of Minnesota not less than one year and of this district for six months on the day of the general or special election.
- **County Sheriff** - I am a licensed peace officer in Minnesota. My Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training license number is _____ and a copy of my license is attached.
- **School Board Member** - I have not been convicted of an offense for which registration is required under Minnesota Statutes, section 243.165.

County, Municipal, School District, or Special District Office - I meet any other qualifications for that office prescribed by law.

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Candidate Signature: _____
 Date: _____ (Notary stamp)
 Notary public or other officer empowered to take and certify acknowledgments.

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FILING FOR OFFICE FEES	
Office	Filing fee
U.S. Senator	\$400
U.S. Representative in Congress	\$300
Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, State Auditor, Secretary of State	\$300
Judges	\$300
State Senator	\$100
State Representative	\$100
County Office	\$50
Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor	\$20

Minnesota Statutes 204B.11