

Qualifying Requirements for Independent Districts

Independent Districts include: Fire Districts, Mosquito Control District, Soil & Water Conservation District and all Community Development Districts.

Candidates may qualify by paying a fee of \$25.00 or submitting 25 valid petitions from registered voters in the district.

- 1) Candidates **desiring to qualify by petition** must submit 25 valid petitions signed by district voters before **noon, May 21st**. You must use the State form (DS-DE 104) for your petitions.
- 3) **Resign to Run** – If you must resign from office in order to qualify for a different office (Florida Statute 99.012) your letter of resignation must be submitted to the proper authority by **June 10th**.
- 4) The **official qualifying period** begins at **noon June 18th** and **closes at noon on June 24th**. **Candidates are encouraged to prequalify by submitting their documents prior to the start of qualifying and we will hold them until qualifying period begins.**

These items are required to be correctly submitted before the close of qualifying:

Loyalty Oath for Non-Partisan Office (DS-DE 25) (*must be notarized*)
Form 1 Disclosure of Financial Interests
Collier County Affidavit of Intent
\$25.00 cash or check (unless qualifying by petition).

Important information for District Candidates:

You may have yourself listed by the Supervisor of Elections as a candidate at any time prior to qualifying by filing an Affidavit of Intent with our office.

Candidates for District Offices are not required to name a Campaign Treasurer and Depository or file campaign reports as long as you make no expenditures or accept any contributions on behalf of your campaign. This prohibition includes any in-kind contributions, even from yourself. This means that you may talk about your campaign, but no signs, flyers etc.

If at any time you should decide to make expenditures or accept contributions; you are required to file the necessary forms with the Supervisor of Elections beforehand. Upon filing the additional candidacy forms with the Supervisor you are required to follow Chapter 106 Florida Statutes and file are required campaign finance reports.

The Following forms are required before accepting donations or making expenditures:

Form DS-DE 9 Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Depository
Form DS-DE 84 Statement of Candidate.