

# Qualifying to Run for Office

## 2018 Qualifying Period

Noon, June 18, 2018 –to– Noon, June 22, 2018

What happens when you go to the Supervisor of Elections office to qualify? You will file a *Loyalty Oath* and a *Financial Disclosure* (Form-1), and either pay the \$25 qualifying fee or file a *certification for 25 signatures* to qualify by petition.

## Qualifying Fees

\$25.00 (Unless qualifying by petition)

## Qualifying by Petition

In order to qualify by petition, and thereby have the qualifying fee waived, a person needs to gather the signatures of 25 qualified voters who reside within the District. The Division of Elections has prescribed the format of the petition, a copy of which can be obtained on the Division of Elections website via this link: [Candidate Petition Form \(dsde104\)](#).

The deadline to submit petitions to the Supervisor of Elections is **Noon, May 21, 2018**.

(NOTE: All candidates must, during the qualifying period, also file in person the two forms listed above.)

There are no date restrictions on petitions being submitted prior to the deadline.

There is a verification fee of \$0.10 per signature to ensure that signers are valid residents within the CDD. Cash is accepted. The Supervisor of Elections has stipulated that (unless your circumstances are dire) you must bring your petitions into the office in person.

Contact the Supervisor of Elections for more specific information on qualifying by petition.

## Election Campaigning

If you want to campaign, you are permitted to do so; provided that you do not expend any funds. If you are going to expend money for signage, business cards, etc., even if it is your own money, you must open a campaign account and will need to file the required forms. You will also need to appoint a campaign treasurer and designate a campaign depository. If campaigning, signatures may not be obtained until the candidate has filed his or her appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository.

## Qualifying Officers

The Qualifying Officer for Special District Offices is the Supervisor of Elections.

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