

## 2008 CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION

### ❖ Presidential Candidates (Presidential Primary Ballot – 02/05/2008)

#### Where to File §7-8-201(a)(3)(A)(i)

- Secretary of State

#### When to File §7-8-201(a)(3)(A)(i)

- November 5, 2007 @ Noon - November 19, 2007 @ Noon

#### What to File §7-8-201(a)(3)(A)(i) & §7-8-201(a)(3)(B)(i)(ii)(iii)

- File Party Certificate with Secretary of State

### ❖ Candidates for County/State/Federal Offices (Party Candidates will be placed on the Preferential Primary Ballot – 05/20/2008 and Independent Candidates will be placed on the General Election Ballot – 11/04/2008)

#### Where to File §7-7-301(a)(1)(2)(3)

- **County Offices** - File with County Clerk
- **State Offices** - File with the Secretary of State
- **Federal Offices** - File with Secretary of State

#### When to File § 7-7-203 (c)(1)(2) / §7-7-103(b)(1)(A)

- March 3, 2008 @ Noon – March 10, 2008 @ Noon for Party Candidates and Independent Candidates
- March 18, 2008 @ noon - August 6, 2008 for Write-in Candidates §7-5-205(a)(1)

#### What to File

- **Party Candidates:** File Party Pledge and pay filing fee (depending on the political party's requirements) with the secretary of the political party; and then file a Party Certificate and Political Practices Pledge with the entity previously listed during the filing period §7-7-203(c)(1)
- **Independent Candidates:** File Notice of Candidacy during the filing period; §7-7-103(a) and then file the Petition for Nomination with the following requirements:
  - **05/01/2008 @ Noon** - Deadline to file Petition for Nomination §7-7-103(b)(1)(A)
  - **03/02/2008** – First day to circulate Petition for Nomination §7-7-103(b)(3)
  - Required signatures – 3% of the qualified electors in the state, county, township, or district in which the person is seeking office (no more than 2,000 signatures can be required for county, township or district office and no more than 10,000 signatures can be required for State Offices) §7-7-103(b)(1)(A)(B)
- **Write-in Candidates:** Notify proper entities of intention to be a write-in candidate and file Political Practices Pledge §7-5-205(a)(1)(2)

❖ **Judicial Candidates (Non Partisan Judicial Ballot – 05/20/2008)**

**Where to File** §7-10-103 (2)(A) /§7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i)/ §7-10-103(e)(1)(2)

- **District Judges:** File with County Clerk
- **Supreme Court Justices, Court of Appeals Judges and Circuit Judges:** File with Secretary of State

**When to File**

- **Judicial Candidates Paying the Filing Fee:** §7-10-103(b)(2)(B)
  - March 3, 2008 @ Noon – March 10, 2008 @ Noon
- **Judicial Candidates NOT Paying the Filing Fee:** §7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i)
  - January 17, 2008 @ Noon – January 31, 2008 @ Noon
- **Judicial Write-in Candidates:** §7-10-103 (d)(2)
  - Must file by March 21, 2008

**What to File** §7-7-103(b)(2)(A)/ §7-7-103(c)(1)(A)(i)(ii)/ §7-7-103(d)(2)(3)

- **Judicial Candidates Paying the Filing Fee:** Political Practices Pledge and pay their filing fee established by the State Board of Election Commission
- **Judicial Candidates NOT Paying the Filing Fee:** Must File Petition and Political Practices Pledge at the same time as listed above
  - December 2, 2007 - the first day to circulate petitions for ballot access §7-10-103 (c)(1)(B)
  - Required signatures for Judicial Candidates *EXCEPT District Judges* - 3% of the qualified electors in the district (contact Secretary of State for this number) §7-10-103(c)(2)(A)(B)(C)
  - District Judges are required to obtain 30 signatures of qualified electors in the district §7-10-103(c)(2)(D)
- **Judicial Write-in Candidates:** Notice of Intent and Political Practices Pledge §7-10-103(d)(2)(3)

❖ **School Board of Directors (Annual School Election—September 16, 2008)**

**Where to file**

- County Clerk's Office §6-14-111(d)(e)(g)

**When to file**

- **School Board Candidates filing by petition:** One week period ending @ Noon on July 18, 2008 §6-14-111(e)
- **Write-in Candidates:** One week period ending @ Noon on July 23, 2008 §6-14-111(g)

**What to File**

- **School Board Candidates filing by petition:** Petition and Political Practices Pledge
  - June 18, 2008 – First day to circulate petitions for signatures §6-14-111(e)(f)(1)
- **School Board Write-in Candidates:** Notice of intention and Political Practices Pledge §6-14-111(g)(1)(2)

❖ **Municipal Candidates (General Election Ballot – 11/04/2008)**

**Where to File**

- **Little Rock Municipal Offices:** File with the City Clerk of Little Rock §14-14-110(a)(2)
- **All other Municipal Offices:** File with the County Clerk §14-42-206(b)(1)

**When to File**

- **Alexander, Cammack, Maumelle, North Little Rock, Little Rock, and Wrightsville:**
  - August 6, 2008 – August 26, 2008 @ Noon §14-42-206(b)(1)/ §14-47-110 (a)(2)-Little Rock
- **Sherwood and Jacksonville:**
  - April 30, 2008 – May 19, 2008 @ Noon §14-42-206 (d)(1)(A)(i)

**What to File**

- File Petition of Nomination §14-42-206(b)(1)(A)(B)(C)
- Political Practices Pledge – *Little Rock Candidates* will need to contact Little Rock City Clerk §14-42-206(b)(3)- §14-47-110