

GENERAL INFORMATION ON CANDIDATE FILING PROCEDURES

PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

All candidates (except candidates for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative and Superior Court Judge) must be registered voters at the time nomination documents are issued and otherwise qualified to vote for the office for which he or she is filing. (E.C. § 201)

State law requires that all nomination documents contain the candidate's name and the elective office title to which he or she is seeking nomination or election; and be signed by the elections official at the time of issuance. Verbal and written instructions regarding procedures to be followed in completing the nomination process are given to candidates or authorized agents when the forms are issued. Only official documents issued by the Elections Department may be used.

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| July 13 – August 7 (E-113 to E-88) | Candidate Nomination Period |
| August 8 – August 12 (E-87 to E-83) | Nomination Extension Period If eligible incumbent fails to file at the close of the Nomination Period. |
| September 7 – October 20 (E-57 to E-14) | Write-In Candidate Declaration Period |

CANDIDATE CANNOT WITHDRAW – No candidate that has filed a declaration of candidacy may withdraw as a candidate (E.C. § 8800). Candidates for school districts or general districts are permitted to withdraw up to, and including the deadline date to file a declaration of candidacy for that office pursuant to (E.C. §§ 10510 and 10603). Withdrawal of candidacy, to be effected in writing, is permitted up to and including the deadline date to file a Declaration of Candidacy for that office (E.C. §§ 10224 and 10603).