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**PETITION FILING INSTRUCTION SHEET
2024 GENERAL ELECTION
ELECTORS FOR PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

This information sheet is not meant to encompass all of the statutory and constitutional requirements for filing petitions, but is to be used only as a guide. If you have any additional questions, you should seek legal counsel.

The New Jersey Division of Elections accepts petitions on behalf of the Secretary of State, who serves as the Chief Election Official of the State of New Jersey. Set forth below are qualifications for candidacy along with an overview of the statutory requirements for submitting petitions to conform with Title 19, the Election Laws of New Jersey.

Candidate direct nominating petitions may be filed in person or by mail, but must be received by the deadline date, on or before 4:00 p.m. on July 29, 2024. (N.J.S.A. 19:13-9)

For the 2024 general election, 14 Presidential electors are to be chosen. The petition for this office must contain the names of 14 Presidential elector candidates. If any petition is submitted with less than 14 names, it will be rejected.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:3-5, each of the 14 candidates for the office of Elector for President and Vice President, must meet the following qualifications:

- shall have attained the age of 25 years by the day of the swearing into office
- a United States Citizen for seven years by the day of the swearing into office
- a resident of New Jersey as of the day of the General Election

Each candidate should read and follow petition instructions.

In accordance with Title 19, petitions must meet the following requirements:

- Candidate's name, residence address, post-office address, and candidate's email address must appear on each petition. (N.J.S.A. 19:13-6); (Pages 1 and 2 of Petition)
- Signed "**Affidavit of Person who Circulates this Petition and Witnesses Signatures**". The person who circulates the petition does not have to be a signer of the petition and shall not be required to be a registered voter, but shall be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and not otherwise disqualified from voting under the State Constitution or election laws of New Jersey. **Note: Affidavit must be notarized.** (N.J.S.A. 19:13-7); (Page 13 of Petition)

- Each of the 14 candidates must sign an **“Oath of Allegiance.”**; **“Affirmation of Allegiance”** or **“Declaration of Allegiance”**; (N.J.S.A. 19:13-8); (Pages 15-56 of Petition)
Note: Oath of allegiance, Affirmation of allegiance or Declaration of allegiance must be notarized.
- Each of the 14 candidates must sign a **“Certificate of Acceptance to be Signed by Candidate.”** (N.J.S.A. 19:13-8); (Pages 57-70 of Petition)
- **“Candidate’s Request for Slogan on the Official General Election Ballot.”** A candidate shall state a designation/slogan which must not exceed three (3) words. Further, “...no such designation shall contain the designation name, derivative, or any part thereof as a noun or an adjective of any political party entitled to participate in the primary.” (N.J.S.A. 19:13-4); (Page 14 of Petition)
- Contain the names, addresses and signatures of at least 800 legally qualified New Jersey voters throughout the entire state on the **“Signature Sheet”**. (N.J.S.A. 19:13-5); (Pages 3-12 of Petition)

The person submitting a petition will be asked to provide the day and evening telephone numbers in addition to an email address of the candidate, in order to notify him or her if a challenge to the petition is filed. The daytime phone number will also be used for public information purposes, i.e., press/citizen inquiry.

Completed candidate petitions can either be hand-delivered or mailed to the Division of Elections. Please find the contact information listed below.

Office Location:

225 W. State Street, 5th Floor
Trenton, NJ 08608

Mailing Address for United States Postal Service:

P.O. Box 304
Trenton, NJ 08625-0304

Delivery address for all other carriers, i.e., UPS, FedEx, etc.:

225 W. State Street, 5th Floor
Trenton, NJ 08608

Schedule a candidate petition filing appointment:

In an effort to improve the petition filing experience, the Division of Elections offers petition filers an opportunity to schedule an appointment prior to the petition filing date. Scheduling an appointment will improve the petition filing process and help reduce the time spent filing your petition.

Schedule an appointment by visiting <http://nj.gov/state/elections/candidate-petitions.html>.

We suggest filing your petition as early as possible!