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RUNNING FOR OFFICE

2021

INDEPENDENT PETITION DATES & GUIDELINES

First Day to Sign: April 13th

Filing Period: May 18th – May 25th



General Election Tuesday, November 2nd

Independent Petition:

- ❖ Must have 2.5% of registered voters that cast their ballot at the last gubernatorial race (minus blank/void) in the district to be voted on (see petition signature requirement chart).
- ❖ The Board of Elections office urges you to file your petition in person at the Board.
- ❖ The nominating petitions shall be filed in INK.
- ❖ The General Election date is to appear on the petition heading. Failure to have the correct election date will invalidate the entire petition.
- ❖ The candidate(s) full name, public office, title, term of office, and full residential address and PO Box, if applicable, must be filled in at the top of the petition **BEFORE** circulation.
- ❖ Candidate must choose a party name and emblem from the Board of Elections Office prior to passing petition.
- ❖ The first day to pass an Independent Party petitions is April 13th. You may have any registered voter in your district sign an independent petition that has not signed any other petition for that office (including a designating petition).
- ❖ The witness statement **OR** the notary public statement must be completed by the person who witnessed the signatures on the petition. Only **ONE** of the statements needs to be completed.
- ❖ All petitions containing ten (10) or more pages must be accompanied by a cover sheet (available at the Board of Elections). Two or more petition sheets must be securely fastened (no paper clips).

§6215.1 Rules for filing Independent petitions.

- ❖ May not file prior to May 18th.
- ❖ The sheets of a petition shall be numbered sequentially at the foot of each sheet.
- ❖ All petitions containing ten or more sheets shall be accompanied by a cover sheet. (Available at the Board of Elections). Two or more petition sheets must be securely fastened (no paper clips).
- ❖ Additional information can be found at, <http://www.elections.ny.gov/RunningOffice.html>, or you can contact our office at 315-376-5329.

Financial Disclosures:

- ❖ All candidates (potential candidates) must file financial disclosure forms with the State Board of Elections.
- ❖ Additional information can be found at, <http://www.elections.ny.gov/CampaignFinanceForms.html>, or by calling (800) 458-3453 or (518) 486-6627.

Petition Signature Requirement

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Diana	14
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Harrisburg	5
Lewis	8
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Lyonsdale	10
Martinsburg	11
Montague	2
New Bremen	24
Osceola	3
Pinckney	4
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Watson	14
West Turin	16
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Constableville	3
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