

**MACOMB COUNTY
2020 FILING REQUIREMENTS
FOR
JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT**

ELECTION DATES: The primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

FILING DEADLINE: Non-Incumbent judicial candidates are required to file a nonpartisan nominating petition containing a minimum of 2,000 and a maximum of 4,000 valid signatures, an Affidavit of Identity (two copies) and an Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification (one copy) no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 21, 2020.**

FILING LOCATION: Macomb County Election Department
32 Market St.
Mount Clemens MI 48043

PETITION FORM: All non-incumbent judicial candidates are required to use the *nonpartisan nominating petition form* prescribed by the Secretary of State when collecting signatures. There are two versions of the form: 1) a “city/township” version and 2) a “countywide” version. The “city/township” version of the form is designed for circulation within a single city or township; the “countywide” version of the form can be signed by anyone registered to vote in a city or township within Macomb County. All Judge of Probate Court candidates may use either version of the form as convenient.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: Minimum of 2,000 and maximum of 4,000 from qualified and registered electors of Macomb County.

REQUIRED AFFIDAVITS: Non-Incumbent judicial candidates are required to file an Affidavit of Identity (two copies) and an Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification (one copy). The required affidavits can be obtained from the Macomb County Election Department or www.michigan.gov/sos. A candidate who fails to file the required documents by the filing deadline is ineligible to appear on the ballot.

Michigan election law requires any candidate filing an Affidavit of Identity to state on the form that at the date the affidavit was executed, “all statements, reports, late filing fees and fines required of the candidate or any candidate committee organized to support the candidate’s election under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act...have been filed or paid.” All judicial candidates are subject to the Campaign Finance Compliance Statement requirement. This remains true even if the candidate maintains a “Reporting Waiver.”

AFFIXING OFFICE DESIGNATION ON PETITION: Petitions for Macomb County Judge of Probate Court must bear the appropriate designation listed below to indicate the office sought by the candidate. Note that “incumbent” position means a position held by a judicial officer who is seeking reelection to his or her seat. Note that “non-incumbent” position means a position held by a judicial officer who is not seeking reelection to his or her seat.

- Regular Term – Incumbent Position

Michigan election law directs the Bureau of Elections to designate a judicial position as an “incumbent” position in any instance where 1) there is an incumbent judge eligible to seek reelection to the position and 2) the deadline for filing the Affidavit of Candidacy has not yet elapsed. If the incumbent judge does not file for reelection by the deadline for submitting an Affidavit of Candidacy, the Bureau of Elections will 1) redesignate the position as a “non-incumbent” position and 2) notify all candidates seeking election in the judicial district that a “non-incumbent” position exists. Michigan election law further stipulates that in such instances, 1) nominating petition sheets circulated for the “non-incumbent” position after the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline shall bear an office designation of “non-incumbent” position and 2) signatures collected prior to the Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline with “incumbent” office designation may be filed with the “non-incumbent” nominating petitions. The Affidavit of Candidacy filing deadline for the August 4, 2020 primary elapses at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020.

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE: Judge of Probate Court candidates who file for the August 4, 2020 primary ballot with a petition who wish to withdraw from the election must submit a written notice of withdrawal to the Macomb County Election Department no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020.**

QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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