

Nominating Petitions

A candidate may obtain a nominating petition form from their parish clerk of court or from the secretary of state's office and gather signatures of persons who are registered to vote on the office he or she seeks no more than 120 days before the qualifying period begins.

Requirements of a nominating petition include:

- candidate's name, domicile address, office he or she seeks, political party (if any), date of election;
- name of each voter who signed, typed or legibly written;
- signature of registered voter in the district, dated and witnessed;
- registered voter's ward and precinct where registered; and
- registered voter's residence address.

A nominating petition shall be submitted to the parish registrar of voters where the signers reside not less than 30 days before qualifying opens (special elections have different deadlines). The registrar of voters is required to certify the nominating petition and may stop when the total number of signers equals 115% of the number required.

Once certified the nominating petition is returned to the candidate to file with his or her notice of candidacy form during the qualifying period.