Becoming A Candidate in Manatee County

2016

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## 2016 ELECTION DATES

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**Dates to remember for 2016 County Candidates**

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# 2016 OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

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DEFINITIONS

Filing Officer: The election official to whom a candidate submits his qualifying papers and campaign reports: for county-wide offices, the filing officer is the county supervisor of elections; for multi-county, state or federal offices, the filing officer is the Florida Department of State (Sections 99.061 (1), (2)).

In-kind Contribution: A giving of goods, services or anything having attributable monetary value to a campaign, the value of which is determined by the person making the contribution (Sections 106.011, 106.055).

Non-partisan office: An office for which a candidate is prohibited from campaigning or qualifying for election or retention in office based upon party affiliation (Section 97.021(17)).

Partisan Office: An office for which a candidate is not prohibited from campaigning or qualifying for election to office based upon party affiliation.

Petition Process: A method of qualifying for office which requires obtaining a predetermined number of voter signatures on petition cards (Section 99.095).

Political Advertisement: A paid expression in any communications media, whether radio, television, newspaper, magazine, periodical, campaign literature, direct mail, or display or by means other than the spoken word in direct conversation, which supports or opposes any candidate, elected public official or issue. (Section 106.011(17)).

Qualifying: The dates set by law during which the final paperwork required for candidacy is filed with the candidate’s filing officer (Section 99.061).

WHAT IS A CANDIDATE?
A candidate is defined in 97.021(4) & 106.011(3), Florida Statutes, as any person who:
- Seeks to qualify for nomination or election by means of a petitioning process;
- Seeks to qualify for election as a write-in candidate;
- Receives contributions or makes expenditures or gives his or her consent for any other person to receive contributions or make expenditures with a view to bringing about his or her nomination or election to, or retention in, public office;

WHO CAN BE A CANDIDATE?
Candidates must be registered voters in Florida. Those seeking a partisan office may not have been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which the person seeks to qualify (June 20, 2016).

If required, one’s current position or office must be resigned under the “resign to run” law and in accordance with section 99.012(3), Florida Statutes.
QUALIFYING INFORMATION
County Court Judge - 2016

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Type of Election: Nonpartisan – Elected Countywide

Term of Office: 6 Years, beginning January 3, 2017

Election Dates: August 30, 2016 Primary Election
November 8, 2016 General Election (Runoff)

Qualifications

1. Citizen of the United States
2. A registered voter and resident of Manatee County
3. A member in good standing of the Florida Bar for a period of five years prior to qualifying (FS 34.021).

Residency Requirement – Candidates must reside in the district for which they are qualifying at the time of assuming office.

FORMS REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR THIS OFFICE:

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3) “Judicial Office Candidate Oath” Form DS-DE 26, or Judicial Office Candidate Oath – Write-In Candidate” Form DS-DE 26A

4) Form 6 – “Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests”

5) Cannon 7 Booklet – “Aid to Understanding Cannon 7”
Methods of Qualifying:

Qualifying Dates and Location
Noon, May 2, 2016 - Noon, May 6, 2016

Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 108, Bradenton
Florida 34205

Pre-qualifying papers can be accepted beginning April 18, 2016*

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JUDICIAL CANDIDATES:
Qualifying By Fee:
4% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2015.
**Four percent of the current salary is $5,520.80.

Qualifying By Petition:
Candidates must collect signatures of 1% of the registered voters residing in the county as of the last general election, November 2014. 2,127 valid signatures are required. A signature verification fee of 10 cents per name must be paid when petitions are submitted. The deadline to submit petitions: PRIOR to NOON, April 4, 2016.

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County Commission - 2016

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**Type of Election:** Partisan – Single Member Districts: Elected Within District
At Large Districts: Elected Countywide

**Term of Office:** 4 Years, beginning November 22, 2016

**Election Dates:**
- August 30, 2016 Primary Election
- November 8, 2016 General Election

**Qualifications**

1. Citizen of the United States
2. A registered voter of the district for which the candidate qualifies
3. A resident of Manatee County
   (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are single-member seats; 6 and 7 are at-large seats)
4. If running with political affiliation – must be a registered member of that political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which the candidate seeks to qualify.

**Residency Requirement** – Candidates must reside in the district for which they are qualifying at the time of being elected to office.

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4) **Form 6** – “Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests”
Methods of Qualifying:

Qualifying Dates and Location
Noon, June 20, 2016 - Noon, June 24, 2016

Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 108, Bradenton
Florida 34205

Pre-qualifying papers can be accepted beginning June 6, 2016*

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MAJOR PARTY CANDIDATES:

Qualifying By Fee:
6% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2015.
**Six percent of the current salary is $4,754.28.

Qualifying By Petition:
Candidates must collect signatures of 1% of the registered voters residing in the district or the county as of the last general election, November 2014. District 1 requires 468 valid signatures; District 3 requires 481 valid signatures; District 5 requires 528 valid signatures and District 7 At Large Seat requires 2,127 valid signatures. A signature verification fee of 10 cents per name must be paid when petitions are submitted. The deadline to submit petitions: PRIOR to NOON, May 23, 2016.

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Write-In:
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The names of write-in candidates do not appear on the ballot.

CANDIDATES WITH NO PARTY AFFILIATION and MINOR PARTY CANDIDATES:
Qualifications are met in the same manner and at the same time as major party candidates.
Names appear on the general election ballot.
The qualifying fee is 4% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2015.
**Four percent of the current salary is $3,169.52.

Minor party candidates pay a party assessment if one has been levied by the minor party.
Petition and write-in requirements are the same as for major party candidates.

Missing or Incomplete Information
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Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller – 2016

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**Type of Election:** Partisan – Elected Countywide

**Term of Office:** 4 Years, beginning January 3, 2017

**Election Dates:**
- August 30, 2016 – Primary Election
- November 8, 2016 – General Election

**Qualifications**
1. Citizen of the United States
2. A registered voter of Manatee County
3. A resident of Manatee County
4. If running with political affiliation – must be a registered member of that political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which the candidate seeks to qualify.

**Residency Requirement** – Candidates must reside in the district for which they are qualifying at the time of assuming office.

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4) Form 6 – “Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests”
Methods of Qualifying:

Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, June 20, 2016 - Noon, June 24, 2016

Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 108, Bradenton
Florida 34205

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MAJOR PARTY CANDIDATES:

Qualifying By Fee:

6% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2015.

**Six percent of the current salary is $8,277.78.

Qualifying By Petition:

Candidates must collect signatures of 1% of the registered voters residing in the district or the county as of the last general election, November 2014. 2,127 valid signatures are required. A signature verification fee of 10 cents per name must be paid when petitions are submitted. The deadline to submit petitions: PRIOR to NOON, May 23, 2016.

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Write-In:

At the time of qualifying, all write-in candidates must reside in the district represented by the office sought.

The names of write-in candidates do not appear on the ballot.

CANDIDATES WITH NO PARTY AFFILIATION and MINOR PARTY CANDIDATES:

Qualifications are met in the same manner and at the same time as major party candidates.

Names appear on the general election ballot.

The qualifying fee is 4% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2015.

**Four percent of the current salary is $5,518.52.

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Property Appraiser – 2016

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|                     |              | Supervisor of Elections  
|                     |              | Manatee County, FL  
|                     |              | 600 301 Blvd W., Suite 108  
|                     |              | Bradenton FL 34205  
|                     |              | (941) 741-3823                                                  |

Type of Election: Partisan – Elected Countywide

Term of Office: 4 Years, beginning January 3, 2017

Election Dates:  
- August 30, 2016  
- Primary Election  
- November 8, 2016  
- General Election

Qualifications
1. Citizen of the United States
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Sheriff – 2016

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Supervisor of Elections  
Manatee County, FL  
600 301 Blvd W., Suite 108  
Bradenton FL 34205  
(941) 741-3823 |

Type of Election: Partisan – Elected Countywide

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Election Dates: August 30, 2016 Primary Election  
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School Board - 2016

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| 3        | Dave Miner         |                    |                                                            |
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Type of Election: Nonpartisan – Elected Countywide

Term of Office: 4 Years, beginning November 22, 2016

Election Dates:  
August 30, 2016 Primary Election  
November 8, 2016 General Election

Qualifications

1. Citizen of the United States
2. A registered voter of Manatee County
3. A resident of the district for which the candidate qualifies

Residency Requirement – Candidates must reside in the district for which they are qualifying at the time of qualifying.

FORMS REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR THIS OFFICE:

1) Form DS-DE 9 – “Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates” - Candidates must file this form before opening a campaign account, accepting or spending any funds

2) Within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9, candidates must file Form DS-DE 84 – “Statement of Candidate”

3) “Candidate Oath – School Board” Form DS-DE 25A (Nonpartisan Office), or Form DS-DE 24F (Write-In Candidate)

4) Form 6 – “Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests”
Methods of Qualifying:
Qualifying Dates and Location
Noon, June 20, 2016 - Noon, June 24, 2016
Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 108, Bradenton
Florida 34205
Pre-qualifying papers can be accepted beginning June 6, 2016*

*Florida Statute 99.061(8), states that qualifying papers may be submitted to the qualifying officer up to 14 days prior to the qualifying period. However, the papers will not be processed and filed until the qualifying period actually begins. All papers submitted before the qualifying period are still subject to any and all requirements prescribed in Florida Statute 99.061(7)(a).

ALL SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES:
Qualifying By Fee:
4% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2015.
**Four percent of the current salary is $1,519.60.

Qualifying By Petition:
Candidates must collect signatures of 1% of the registered voters residing in the district or the county as of the last general election, November 2014. 2,127 valid signatures are required. A signature verification fee of 10 cents per name must be paid when petitions are submitted. The deadline to submit petitions: PRIOR to NOON, May 23, 2016.

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository, must be on file with the filing officer prior to collecting signatures. A candidate may begin collecting signatures as soon as Form DS-DE 9 is on file with the filing officer. Petitions signed prior to the date the DS-DE 9 is filed with the filing officer are not valid.

Candidates are required to use Form DS-DE 104, Candidate Petition, to obtain signatures of registered voters. The form is available on the Division of Elections website (http://election.dos.state.fl.us). Candidates are responsible for reproducing the petition.

Write-In:
At the time of qualifying, all write-in candidates must reside in the district represented by the office sought.
The names of write-in candidates do not appear on the ballot.

Missing or Incomplete Information
If the filing officer receives qualifying papers during the qualifying period prescribed in this section which do not include all items required by paragraph (a) prior to the last day of qualifying, the filing officer shall make a reasonable effort to notify the candidate of the missing or incomplete items and shall inform the candidate that all required items must be received by the close of qualifying. A candidate’s name as it is to appear on the ballot may not be changed after the end of qualifying. The filing officer performs a ministerial function in reviewing qualifying papers. In determining whether a candidate is qualified, the filing officer shall review the qualifying papers to determine whether all items required by paragraph (a) have been properly filed and whether each item is complete on its face, including whether items that must be verified have been properly verified pursuant to s. 92.525 (1) (a). The filing officer may not determine whether the contents of the qualifying papers are accurate. Florida Statute 99.061(7)(b & c)
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**Type of Election:** Partisan – Elected Countywide

**Term of Office:** 4 Years, beginning January 3, 2017

**Election Dates:**
- August 30, 2016 Primary Election
- November 8, 2016 General Election

**Qualifications**
1. Citizen of the United States
2. A registered voter of Manatee County
3. A resident of Manatee County
4. If running with political affiliation – must be a registered member of that political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which the candidate seeks to qualify.

**Residency Requirement** – Candidates must reside in the district for which they are qualifying at the time of assuming office.

**FORMS REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR THIS OFFICE:**

1) Form **DS-DE 9** – “Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates” Candidates must file this form before opening a campaign account, accepting or spending any funds.

2) Within ten (10) days after filing Form **DS-DE 9**, candidates must file Form **DS-DE 84** – “Statement of Candidate”

3) “Candidate Oath” Form **DS-DE 24** (Candidate with Party Affiliation), Form **DS-DE 24B** (Candidate with No Party Affiliation), or Form **DS-DE 24A** (Write-In Candidate)

4) **Form 6** – “Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests”
Methods of Qualifying:
Qualifying Dates and Location
Noon, June 20, 2016 - Noon, June 24, 2016
Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 108, Bradenton
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MAJOR PARTY CANDIDATES:
Qualifying By Fee:
6% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2015.
**Six percent of the current salary is $8,277.78.

Qualifying By Petition:
Candidates must collect signatures of 1% of the registered voters residing in the district or the county as of the last general election, November 2014. 2,127 valid signatures are required. A signature verification fee of 10 cents per name must be paid when petitions are submitted. The deadline to submit petitions: PRIOR to NOON, May 23, 2016.

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Write-In:
At the time of qualifying, all write-in candidates must reside in the district represented by the office sought.
The names of write-in candidates do not appear on the ballot.

CANDIDATES WITH NO PARTY AFFILIATION and MINOR PARTY CANDIDATES:
Qualifications are met in the same manner and at the same time as major party candidates.
Names appear on the general election ballot.
The qualifying fee is 4% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2015.
**Four percent of the current salary is $5,518.52.
Minor party candidates pay a party assessment if one has been levied by the minor party.
Petition and write-in requirements are the same as for major party candidates.

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Fire Districts

Qualifications

1. Citizen of the United States
2. A resident of the district for which the candidate qualifies
3. A registered voter of Manatee County

Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, June 20, 2016 - Noon, June 24, 2016

Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 108, Bradenton Florida 34205

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Candidate Petition Process

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Signatures

Candidates must obtain the signatures of 25 registered electors of the geographical area of candidacy.

Signed petition cards are turned in for verification to the supervisor of elections. The deadline for submitting candidate petitions is Noon, May 23, 2016.
Fees
There is a fee of 10 cents per signature to be paid in advance to the supervisor of elections for the cost of verifying the signature. If the candidate cannot pay this fee without imposing an undue burden on the candidate’s resources, the candidate may file an Oath of Undue Burden to have the fee waived.

Campaign Account
All candidates, before opening their campaign bank account, accepting or spending any funds, must file the following:

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository

Form DS-DE 84, Statement of Candidate (Within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9)

Qualifying
The following items must be received by the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections no later than noon, June 24, 2016:

1. DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.

2. DS-DE 25, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for non-partisan office.

3. Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. A public officer who has filed a financial disclosure with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

4. Qualifying:

   By fee:       $25.00
   or
   By petition: Certificate of petition verification;

(A candidate who does not collect contributions and whose only expense is the filing fee or signature verification fee is not required to appoint a campaign treasurer or designate a primary campaign depository. The filing fee is not required to be drawn upon the candidate’s campaign account.)
Special Taxing Districts

Qualifications

1. Citizen of the United States
2. A resident of the district for which the candidate qualifies
3. A registered voter of Manatee County

Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, June 20, 2016 - Noon, June 24, 2016

Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 108, Bradenton
Florida 34205

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Form DS-DE 84, Statement of Candidate (Within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9)

Qualifying
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4. DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.

5. DS-DE 25, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for non-partisan office.

6. Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. A public officer who has filed a financial disclosure with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

7. Qualifying:

   By fee: $25.00
   or
   By petition: Certificate of petition verification;

(A candidate who does not collect contributions and whose only expense is the filing fee or signature verification fee is not required to appoint a campaign treasurer or designate a primary campaign depository. The filing fee is not required to be drawn upon the candidate’s campaign account.)
City of Anna Maria

Qualifications

1. Citizen of the United States
2. A registered voter of Manatee County
3. A resident of the City of Anna Maria for a period of two (2) years prior to qualifying for office

Qualifying Dates and Location
Noon, June 13, 2016 - Noon, June 24, 2016
Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 108, Bradenton Florida 34205

Campaign Account
All candidates, before opening their campaign bank account, accepting or spending any funds, must file the following:

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository
Form DS-DE 84, Statement of Candidate (Within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9)

Qualifying
The following items must be received by the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections no later than noon, June 24, 2016:

4. DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
5. DS-DE 25, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for non-partisan office.
6. Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. A public officer who has filed a financial disclosure with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.
7. Qualifying:

1): Pay Election Assessment Fee equal to 1% of the Annual Salary of the office sought ($96.00 for Mayor, $48.00 for Commission) and collecting ten (10) petition signatures of voters residing in the City and a candidate’s residency affidavit.

   OR

2): Filing an “Undue Burden” oath (eliminates paying election assessment fee) and collecting ten (10) petition signatures of voters residing in the City and a candidate’s residency affidavit.
City of Bradenton

Qualifications

1. Citizen of the United States
2. A registered voter of Manatee County
3. A resident of the City of Bradenton for a period of 30 days prior to the first day of qualifying. Candidates for the seat of City Council must be a registered voter of the city ward for which the candidate qualifies

Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, June 20, 2016 - Noon, June 24, 2016

Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 108, Bradenton Florida 34205

Campaign Account

All candidates, before opening their campaign bank account, accepting or spending any funds, must file the following:

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository

Form DS-DE 84, Statement of Candidate (Within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9)

Qualifying

The following items must be received by the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections no later than noon, June 24, 2016:

4. DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.

5. DS-DE 25, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for non-partisan office.

6. Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. A public officer who has filed a financial disclosure with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.
7. Qualifying:

1): Pay Election Assessment Fee equal to 1% of the Annual Salary of the office sought ($618.37 for Mayor, $317.26 for Council) and collecting twenty five (25) petition signatures of voters residing in the candidate’s ward.

OR

2): Filing an “Undue Burden” oath (eliminates paying election assessment fee) and collecting twenty five (25) petition signatures of voters residing in the candidate’s ward.
City of Bradenton Beach

Qualifications

1. Citizen of the United States
2. A registered voter of Manatee County
3. A resident of the City of Bradenton Beach for a period of twenty-four (24) months prior to qualifying for office. Candidates for the seat of City Commission must be a registered voter of the ward for which the candidate qualifies

Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, June 20, 2016 - Noon, June 24, 2016

Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 108, Bradenton Florida 34205

Campaign Account

All candidates, before opening their campaign bank account, accepting or spending any funds, must file the following:

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository

Form DS-DE 84, Statement of Candidate (Within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9)

Qualifying

The following items must be received by the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections no later than noon, June 24, 2016:

4. DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.

5. DS-DE 25, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for non-partisan office.

6. Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. A public officer who has filed a financial disclosure with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.
7. Qualifying:

1): Pay Election Assessment Fee equal to 1% of the Annual Salary of the office sought ($96.00 for Mayor, $48.00 for Commission).

    OR

2): Filing an "Undue Burden" oath (eliminates paying election assessment fee).
City of Holmes Beach

Qualifications

1. Citizen of the United States
2. A registered voter of Manatee County
3. A resident of the City of Holmes Beach for a period of two (2) years prior to qualifying for office.

Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, June 20, 2016 - Noon, June 24, 2016

Stacey Johnston – City of Holmes Beach City Clerk, 5801 Marina Dr., Holmes Beach Florida 34217

Campaign Account

All candidates, before opening their campaign bank account, accepting or spending any funds, must file the following:

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository

Form DS-DE 84, Statement of Candidate (Within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9)

Qualifying

The following items must be received by the City of Holmes Beach City Clerk no later than noon, June 24, 2016:

4. DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.

5. DS-DE 25, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for non-partisan office.

6. Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. A public officer who has filed a financial disclosure with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.
7. Qualifying:

1): Pay Election Assessment Fee equal to 1% of the Annual Salary of the office sought ($120.00 for Mayor, $60.00 for Commission) and collecting fifteen (15) petition signatures of voters residing in the City, and a Candidate's Residency Affidavit.

OR

2): Filing an “Undue Burden” oath (eliminates paying election assessment fee) and collecting fifteen (15) petition signatures of voters residing in the City, and a Candidate's Residency Affidavit.
City of Palmetto

Qualifications

1. Citizen of the United States
2. A registered voter of Manatee County
3. A legal resident of the City of Palmetto for 365 consecutive days immediately prior to the last day of qualifying
4. City Commission Ward candidates must also have been a legal resident of the ward from which they are to be elected for a minimum of 180 consecutive days immediately prior to the last day of qualifying.

Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, June 20, 2016 - Noon, June 24, 2016

Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 108, Bradenton Florida 34205

Candidate Petitions

A part of one of the ways to qualify for an office in the City of Palmetto is getting petitions signed. In lieu of the $25.00 filing fee, candidates may collect petition signatures of voters residing in the city (a candidate must reside in the ward for which he is running) equal to 1% of the registered electors in the geographical area represented by the office sought as of the last general election, November 2014. Ward 1 requires 14 valid signatures; Ward 2 requires 28 valid signatures; Ward 3 requires 26 valid signatures and City Wide requires 69 valid signatures. The deadline to submit petitions: PRIOR to NOON, May 23, 2016.

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository, must be on file with the filing officer prior to collecting signatures. A candidate may begin collecting signatures as soon as Form DS-DE 9 is on file with the filing officer. Petitions signed prior to the date the DS-DE 9 is filed with the filing officer are not valid.

Candidates are required to use Form DS-DE 104, Candidate Petition, to obtain signatures of registered voters. The form is available on the Division of Elections website (http://election.dos.state.fl.us). Candidates are responsible for reproducing the petition.

Fees

There is a fee of 10 cents per signature to be paid in advance to the supervisor of elections for the cost of verifying the signature. If the candidate cannot pay this fee without imposing an undue burden on the candidate’s resources, the candidate may file an Oath of Undue Burden to have the fee waived.
Campaign Account

All candidates, before opening their campaign bank account, accepting or spending any funds, must file the following:

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Form DS-DE 84, Statement of Candidate (Within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9)

Qualifying

The following items must be received by the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections no later than noon, June 24, 2016:

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6. DS-DE 25, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for non-partisan office.

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8. Qualifying:

   1): Qualifying Fee of $25.00 and Election Assessment equal to 1% of the Annual Salary of the office sought. ($566.17 for Mayor, $120.00 for Council)

   OR

   2): Qualifying Fee of $25.00 and filing an “Undue Burden” oath (eliminates paying election assessment). In lieu of the $25.00 filing fee, candidates may collect signatures equal to 1% of the registered electors in the geographical area represented by the office sought.
Primary Campaign Depository

A candidate must designate a primary campaign depository with a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union authorized to do business in the State of Florida. The campaign depository is designated at the same time as a treasurer is appointed. A candidate who seeks to qualify by the petition process shall designate a campaign depository prior to obtaining signatures on petitions.

**IMPORTANT:** All contributions must be deposited into such account and all expenditures must be drawn by a check on such account, except when paid with petty cash.

The campaign account must be separate from any personal or other account and used only for depositing campaign contributions and making expenditures.

Designating a campaign depository does not mean physically opening your account. It is merely naming the financial institution where your campaign funds will be deposited. This is because most banks require an initial deposit to open a campaign account and a contribution cannot be accepted prior to the candidate filing Form DS-DE9.

All funds received by the campaign treasurer shall, prior to the end of the 5th business day following the receipt thereof, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, be deposited in a campaign depository designated pursuant to Section 106.021, F.S.
Campaign Checks

**IMPORTANT:** When issuing checks from the campaign account, the campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer shall be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information on such check and for insuring that such expenditure is an authorized expenditure.

Campaign checks must contain the following information:

1. “(Name of Candidate)”
2. Account number and name of bank,
3. The exact amount of the expenditure,
4. The signature of the campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer,
5. The exact purpose of the expenditure, and
6. The name of the payee.

This information may be typed or hand-printed on starter checks provided by the bank until printed checks arrive.

**Debit Cards**

A candidate may use a debit card to make campaign expenditures. Debit cards may be used in lieu of campaign checks and are considered bank checks if:

1. Obtained from the same bank that has been designated as the primary campaign depository.
2. Must be issued in the name of the treasurer, deputy treasurer, or authorized user and state “(Name of candidate) Campaign Account”.
3. No more than three debit cards shall be issued.
In-Kind Contributions

In-kind contributions are anything of value made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election. Any person who makes an in-kind contribution shall, at the time of making the contribution, place a fair market value on the contribution. In-kind contributions are subject to contribution limitations.

Loans

Loans made by a candidate to his or her own campaign are not subject to contribution limitations. A candidate who makes a loan to his or her campaign and reports the loan as required Section 106.07, F.S. may be reimbursed for the loan at any time the campaign account has sufficient funds to repay the loan and satisfy its other obligation.

Campaign Reporting

One of the major requirements of the campaign is the filing of campaign financial reports. When a candidate files a DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates, he or she must file reports of his or her campaign account’s activities with the filing officer. Each individual or political committee who is required to file reports with the Manatee County Elections pursuant to s. 106.07 or s. 106.141 must file such reports by means of the Manatee County Elections electronic filing system. Reports filed shall be completed and filed through the electronic filing system no later than midnight of the due day. Reports not filed by midnight of the due day are considered late filed and are subject to the penalties as defined in s. 106.07(8)(a).

Once a candidate withdraws, becomes unopposed, is eliminated or elected to office, he or she has 90 days to dispose of the funds on deposit in his or her campaign account, close his or her account and submit his final campaign report (Section 106.141).

Note: Candidates who filed the undue burden oath stating that he or she was unable to pay the fee for verification of petition signatures must use any remaining campaign funds to reimburse the petition verification fee before disposing of the funds.
### 2015/2016 Reporting Dates

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### Campaign Report Summary Sheet

The summary sheet identifies whose report it is, the period of time it covers, what type of report it is, whether it is an original report, an amendment to a previous report, a report for a special election or an independent expenditure report. On it the total contributions and expenditures for this reporting period are summarized; the total monies collected and spent thus far in the campaign are also summarized. Finally, it contains a statement in which both the candidate and the treasurer certify that the figures and all facts are correct and complete.

- Both the candidate and treasurer **must** sign the report.
Campaign Report Contribution Sheet

All contributions, both monetary and in-kind, which were given to the candidate during the reporting period, must be recorded here.

- The maximum contribution per person that can be made to a candidate is $1000 per election. However, a candidate may contribute any amount to his own campaign.
  - If opposed in the primary election the candidate may accept:
    - $1000 no later than midnight on August 25, 2016
  - If opposed in the primary and general elections the candidate may accept:
    - $1000 no later than midnight on August 25, 2016
    - $1000 between August 31 and midnight on November 3, 2016
  - If opposed in the general election only the candidate may accept:
    - $1000 up through the day of the primary election on August 30, 2016
    - $1000 between August 31 and midnight on November 3, 2016

- Loans must be indicated as such at the time of reporting; repayment of funds contributed by the candidate to his own campaign is allowed only for those funds originally designated as such.

- Any contribution of more than $100 (if not given by a relative) must include the contributor's occupation.

- The contributor determines the value of in-kind contributions.

- The limit for a cash contribution or a contribution by cashier’s check is $50. (Section 106.09)

- Contributions must be deposited prior to the end of the 5th business day following their receipt (Section 106.05).

- Petty cash funds may be used for office supplies, transportation expenses or other necessities in amounts less than $100.00 (Section 106.12(3)).

- A Waiver of Report (DS/DE 87) may be filed in a reporting period during which no expenditures were made and no contributions received. However, the next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed (Section 106.07(7)).
Campaign Report Expenditure Sheet

This sheet is used to detail the expenses of the account during the reporting period.

- All expenditures must be reported in the period in which they are paid.

- Qualifying fees must be paid from campaign accounts.

- Pay for all campaign expenses from the campaign account (except petty cash).

- A withdrawal for a petty cash fund may be made, using PCW for the code; petty cash expenses are then paid from the fund. Petty cash expenditures are itemized on the report, using PCS for the expenditure type.

- If you are not using the Supervisor's financial software module you may find it helpful to record your petty cash expenditures on separate expenditure sheets; this makes it less likely that those expenditures would be included in the total expenditures twice. Remember to keep receipts.

- No obligation for expenditure is to be incurred unless the funds to cover the expense are in the account.

Penalty for Late Filing

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of $50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, $500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports due immediately preceding the primary and general election, the fine shall be $500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For a candidate's termination report, the fine shall be $50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the late report. All fines must be paid from the candidate's personal funds – not campaign funds. (106.07(2),(8))
Notice of Test of Equipment

As required by Florida Statute 101.5612, a Logic and Accuracy Test will be held prior to each election. This test is a public demonstration of the ballot tabulation system used by the Supervisor and is open to the public, candidates and press. At the time of qualifying the candidate will receive a notice of the Date and Time of the test.

Candidate Profile

Candidates are able to post a brief biographical sketch and photo on our website.

List your name and the office that you intend to qualify for. Provide a brief biographical sketch of yourself (maximum of 5,000 characters). For example, education, work experience, family, interests, community service, your qualifications and goals for the office that you are seeking. Use of bullets allows for more information. A recent photo is optional – no family photos, just the candidate. While we will not provide a direct link, we encourage you to provide an e-mail address, or some method for the public to contact you. Remember to be brief, clear and concise. Check your spelling and grammar.

Note: This profile is optional. Its purpose is to allow voters an opportunity to learn a little about who you are. This is not a political debate or forum to make negative comments about your opponent(s).

Please contact the Supervisor of Elections office for a login and password.
Data Processing / Map Information

All candidates are eligible to acquire information on the registered voters of a county. The Manatee County Elections Office has the capability to provide a wide range of information for the candidate to use in his campaign. Voters can be sorted by:

- Residence areas, such as senatorial districts, legislative districts, county commission districts, precincts, or individual streets.
- Age groups
- Political parties
- Sex
- Race
- Registration date
- Voter history

The Elections Office can supply the candidate with information in a variety of ways. The fourth section of the Request Form is used to indicate which form is needed. The office can supply:

- Printouts, in alphabetical order or in street order
- Labels
- CD’s
- Email (small files)

The charges must be paid out of the campaign account and are **due upon receipt** of the information. In cases of large orders, you will be asked to put down a deposit at the time of the request. Costs fall within these ranges:

- Paper lists – $.15 per page
- CD’s - $10.00 per CD
- Labels - $.20 per page
- Email - No Charge
Maps Available:

Precinct Map Thematically Shaded (Whole County, Individual Precincts)
State House of Representatives Thematically Shaded
State Senate Thematically Shaded
Manatee County Board of Commissioners Thematically Shaded
Manatee County Fire Districts
Special Taxing Districts

All Maps can be printed in any of the following sizes:

11” x 17” $ 5.00
18” x 24” $ 7.00
24” x 36” $10.00
36” x 48” $15.00

Please allow three (3) business days for map requests.

Special request maps:

Prices based upon the type of map desired and time involved to complete.

Please note that special request maps will require additional time to create.
Frequently Asked Questions

Candidates

Q1. If I want to be a no party affiliation candidate, can I still be registered to vote as a Republican or Democrat?

Yes. Any registered elector who qualifies for office without party affiliation will have their name placed on the ballot at the general election without party affiliation.
(Section 99.0955(1), F.S.)

Q2. Do I have to designate a campaign treasurer and depository before I make public my intention to run for office?

No. A person must appoint a campaign treasurer and designate a depository prior to qualifying for office, obtaining signatures on petitions, accepting contributions or making expenditures. Nothing in the election laws prohibits a person from announcing their intention to become a candidate prior to designating a treasurer or depository as long as no contributions are received and no expenditures are made in connection with that announcement.
(Section 106.021, F.S.)

Q3. What if I want to change my campaign treasurer or other officers?

File a reappointment of campaign treasurer (Form DS-DE 9) with the filing officer along with a copy of the letter of resignation or removal.

Elected Judges

Elected circuit judges and county court judges have six year terms that begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the general election. They are on the primary and general election ballots the year before the term ends in January. If a judicial candidate receives a majority of the votes at the primary election, the candidate’s name will not appear on the general election ballot unless a write-in candidate has qualified for the same office. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes at the primary election, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will appear on the general election ballot. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes at the general election is elected to office.

Q4. Can a judicial candidate speak at a political party function?

A judicial candidate may attend and speak in his own behalf at political party functions. However, care must be exercised to insure compliance with the election laws and the Code of Judicial Conduct. (Chapter 105, F.S. and Division of Elections Opinion 78-34.) For opinions of the Judicial Ethics Advisory Commission, see:
http://www.jud6.org/LegalCommunity/LegalPractice/opinions/jeacopinions/jeac.html
Q5. I am a county court judge candidate. Where do I file and qualify?
You must file your appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository and qualify with the supervisor of elections office in the county where you reside.  
(Section 105.031, F.S.)

Q6. When can I start collecting signatures to qualify as a petition candidate?
Before collecting any signatures, all candidates (except federal and special district candidates) must file the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (Form DS-9) with the filing officer. Each petition must be submitted before noon of the 28th day preceding the first day of the qualifying period for the office sought to the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which such petition was circulated.

Campaign Finance

Q7. May a candidate appoint himself or herself as campaign treasurer?
Yes.  
(Section 106.021(1)(c), F.S.)

Q8. Must a campaign treasurer be a registered voter in Florida?
No.  
(Section 106.021(1)(c), F.S.)

Q9. How many deputy treasurers may a candidate have?
Candidates for statewide office may appoint up to 15 deputy treasurers. Other candidates may appoint up to 3 deputy treasurers.  
(Section 106.021(1)(a), F.S.)

Q10. Can a deputy treasurer file and submit campaign reports?
Yes. A deputy treasurer may perform all of the duties of a campaign treasurer when specifically authorized to do so by the campaign treasurer.  
(Section 106.021(4), F.S.)

Q11. Who is responsible for keeping tabs on aggregate totals of campaign contributions?
The campaign treasurer is responsible for receiving and reporting all contributions.  
(Section 106.06, F.S.)

Q12. May a candidate accept a contribution from a trust fund?
Yes. Chapter 106, F.S., defines a "person" as an individual, corporation, association, firm, partnership, joint venture, joint stock company, club, organization, estate, trust, business trust, syndicate, or other combination of individuals having collective capacity. The term also includes a political party, affiliated party committee, or political committee.  
(Section 106.011(14), F.S.)
**Q13. Do I have to itemize small contributions of $5, $10, $50, etc.?**

Yes. The law provides no exceptions for the reporting of contribution information, regardless of the size of the contribution. The full name and address of the contributor are also required.  
*(Section 106.07(4)(a), F.S.)*

**Q14. Are in-kind contributions subject to the same limitations as monetary contributions?**

Yes. In Chapter 106, F.S., the definition of a "contribution" includes contributions in-kind having an attributable monetary value in any form. Therefore, in-kind contributions are subject to the same limitations set for monetary contributions.  
*(Section 106.011(5) and 106.08, F.S.)*

**Q15. How is the value of an in-kind contribution determined?**

The contributor must inform the person receiving the contribution of the fair market value at the time it is given.  
*(Section 106.055, F.S.)*

**Q16. Can a corporation give to a candidate, political committee or political party?**

Yes. A corporation is under the definition of a "person" in Chapter 106, F.S.  
*(Section 106.011(14), F.S.)*

**Q17. I am opposed in the general election, but I have no opposition in the primary election, therefore, my name will not be on the primary election ballot. Must I abide by the prohibition on accepting contributions less than five days prior to the primary election?**

No. Only candidates opposed in the primary election are required to comply. However, since you are opposed and your name will appear on the general election ballot, you are required to abide by the prohibition on accepting contributions less than 5 days prior to the general election.  
*(Section 106.08(3), F.S.)*

**Q18. Can I conduct a raffle to raise money for my campaign?**

No. Pursuant to Section 849.09, Florida Statutes, it is unlawful for any person in this state to set up, promote, or conduct any lottery for money or anything of value.

**Q19. I was given cash at a rally and have no information on who it is from. What do I do?**

Report this contribution on your campaign report but do not spend these funds on the campaign. After the campaign is over, dispose of the funds pursuant to Section 106.141, F.S.  
*(Division of Elections Opinion 89-02)*

**Q20. What are considered “legitimate office expenses” for purposes of office accounts?**

As the duties and responsibilities of each office are different, what are considered legitimate office expenses will vary. For expenses not specifically listed in Section 106.141 (5), please contact your office’s legal or accounting department.
Q21. Can I use my leftover campaign funds to help fund my future re-election?

No, unless you have been elected to a state office or will be elected to state office after being unopposed after the end of the qualifying period and you seek re-election to the same office. If the exception applies to you, you may retain up to $20,000 in your campaign account. (Section 106.141 (6), F.S.)

Q22. I am an elected official and still have funds in my office account. I am now beginning my re-election campaign. May I place the surplus funds in the office account into my campaign account for re-election?

No. Funds retained by elected officials in their office accounts may only be used for legitimate expenses in connection with their public office. (Section 106.141(5), F.S.)

Q23. If my treasurer is out of town, can I have an extension to file my report?

No. The election laws do not provide for an extension under these circumstances. (Sections 106.07(2)(b) and (3), F.S.)

Q24. If I make a mistake on my report can I go back in and correct it?

Once the report is submitted you will not be permitted you to go back and make changes. In order to correct mistakes or add and delete information, you must submit an "amendment."

Q25. If I am late submitting my report, how is my fine calculated?

$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, $500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for reports immediately preceding the primary and general election, the fine shall be $500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25%of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Q26. How long are campaign records kept at the Division of Elections or the supervisor of elections?

Ten years from the date of receipt.
Political Advertising

A political advertisement is a paid expression in a communications medium prescribed in section 106.011(4) F.S., whether radio, television, newspaper, magazine, periodical, campaign literature, direct mail, or display or by means other than the spoken word in direct conversation, which expressly advocates the election or defeat of a candidate or the approval or rejection of an issue.

(Section 106.011(15), F.S.)

Candidate Disclaimers

Except as noted below, any political advertisement that is paid for by a candidate (except a write-in candidate) and that is published, displayed, or circulated before, or on the day of, any election must prominently state:

“Political advertisement paid for and approved by (name of candidate), (party affiliation) for (office sought)” or “Paid by (name of candidate), (party affiliation), for (office sought).”

Any political advertisement that is paid for by a write-in candidate and that is published, displayed, or circulated before, or on the day of, any election must prominently state:

“Political advertisement paid for and approved by (name of candidate), write-in candidate, for (office sought)” or “Paid by (name of candidate), write-in candidate, for (office sought).”

(Section 106.143(1), F.S.)

Also, the disclaimer language alternatives provided above must be verbatim as quoted in s. 106.143, F.S. Variations are prohibited by law.

Any political advertisement of a candidate running for partisan office shall express the name of the political party of which the candidate is seeking nomination or is the nominee.

If the candidate for partisan office is running as a candidate with no party affiliation, any advertisement of the candidate must state that the candidate has no party affiliation. A candidate who is registered in a political party may run as a candidate with “no party affiliation” without changing his or her registration.

The candidate shall provide a written statement of authorization to the newspaper, radio station, television station, or other medium for each advertisement submitted for publication, display, broadcast, or other distribution.

Candidates running for non-partisan office may not state the candidate’s political party affiliation in the disclaimer, or in the body of the advertisement. Exception: The candidate is not prohibited from stating the candidate’s partisan related experience.

(Sections 106.143(3) and (5), F.S.)
Exceptions to Disclaimer Requirements

The disclaimer requirement in section 106.143(1), Florida Statutes, does not apply to any campaign message or political advertisement used by a candidate and the candidate’s supporters or by a political committee if the message or advertisement is:

(a) Designed to be worn by a person.

(b) Placed as a paid link on an Internet website provided the message or advertisement is no more than 200 characters in length and the link directs the user to another Internet website that complies with the disclaimer requirements in section 106.143(1), Florida Statutes.

(c) Placed as a graphic or picture link where compliance with the requirements of this section is not reasonably practical due to the size of the graphic or picture link and the link directs the user to another Internet website that complies with section 106.143(1), Florida Statutes.

(d) Placed at no cost on an Internet website for which there is no cost to post content for public users.

(e) Placed or distributed on an unpaid profile or account which is available to the public without charge or on a social networking Internet website, as long as the source of the message or advertisement is patently clear from the content or format of the message or advertisement. A candidate or political committee may prominently display a statement indicating that the website or account is an official website or account of the candidate or political committee and is approved by the candidate or political committee. A website or account may not be marked as official without prior approval by the candidate or political committee.

(f) Distributed as a text message or other message via Short Message Service, provided the message is no more than 200 characters in length or requires the recipient to sign up or opt in to receive it.

(g) Connected with or included in any software application or accompanying function, provided that the user signs up, opts in, downloads, or otherwise accesses the application from or through a website that complies with section 106.143(1), Florida Statutes.

(h) Sent by a third-party user from or through a campaign or committee’s website, provided the website complies with section 106.143(1), Florida Statutes.

(i) Contained in or distributed through any other technology-related item, service, or device for which compliance with section 106.143(1), Florida Statutes, is not reasonably practical due to the size or nature of such item, service, or device as available, or the means of displaying the message or advertisement makes compliance with section 106.143(1), Florida Statutes, impracticable

(Section 106.143(10), F.S.)

Disclaimer requirements do not apply to individuals seeking a publicly elected position on a political party executive committee.
1. Non-incumbent, partisan candidate running for partisan office:

   **ELECT**
   **JANE DOE**
   **For State Representative**
   **District 9**
   Paid by Jane Doe, Rep., for State Representative

   OR

   **ELECT**
   **JANE DOE**
   **For State Representative**
   **District 9**
   Political advertisement paid for and approved by Jane Doe, Republican, for State Representative

2. Incumbent, partisan candidate running for partisan office:

   **RE-ELECT**
   **JOHN DOE**
   **Sheriff**
   Political advertisement paid for and approved by John Doe, Democrat, for Sheriff

   OR

   **RE-ELECT**
   **John Doe**
   **Sheriff**
   Paid by John Doe, Democrat, for Sheriff

3. Non-incumbent, no party affiliation candidate running for partisan office:

   **ELECT**
   **John Doe**
   **For State Senate**
   Political advertisement paid for and approved by John Doe, NPA, for State Senate

   OR

   **ELECT**
   **Joe Doe**
   **For State Senate**
   Paid by John Doe, No Party Affiliation, for State Senate

4. Non-incumbent candidate running for nonpartisan office:

   **ELECT**
   **John Doe**
   **For School Board**
   Political advertisement paid for and approved by John Doe for School Board

   OR

   **ELECT**
   **John Doe**
   **For School Board**
   Paid by John Doe for School Board
5. Incumbent candidate running for nonpartisan office:

- RE-ELECT
  - Jane Doe
  - School Board
  - Political advertisement paid for and approved by Jane Doe for School Board

OR

- RE-ELECT
  - Jane Doe
  - School Board
  - Paid by Jane Doe for School Board

**Disclaimer for Write-in Candidates**

Any political advertisement that is paid for by a write-in candidate and that is published, or circulated before, or on the day of, any election must prominently state: “political advertisement paid for and approved by…(name of candidate)…, write-in candidate, for…(office sought)…” OR “Paid by…(name of candidate)…, write-in candidate, for…(office sought)…”

**Example:**

- Elect John Doe
  - County Commission
  - District 5
  - Political advertisement paid for and approved by John Doe, write-in candidate, for County Commission

OR

- Elect John Doe
  - County Commission
  - District 5
  - Paid by John Doe, write-in candidate, for County Commission
Non-incumbent Advertisements

Required:

The word "for" must be used in the body of such advertisement between the name of the candidate and the office sought. This does not apply to bumper stickers, or if the advertisement satisfies one of the exceptions in section 106.143(10), Florida Statutes.

Example:

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Elect John Doe for County Commission District 5
Political advertisement paid for and approved by John Doe, Green Party of Florida, for County Commission
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Elect John Doe for County Commission District 5
Paid by John Doe, Green Party of Florida, for County Commission
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Advertisement Provided In-kind

Required:

Political advertisements made as in-kind contributions from a political party must prominently state: “Paid political advertisement paid for by in-kind by (name of political party) Approved by (name of person, party affiliation, and office sought in the political advertisement)”.

Example:

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Elect Jane Doe for State Senate, District 5
Paid political advertisement paid for by in-kind by Libertarian Party of Florida Approved by Jane Doe, Libertarian Party of Florida, State Senate
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Note: A candidate running for an office that has a district, group, or seat number does not have to indicate the district, group, or seat number in the political advertisement or disclaimer.
Other Disclaimers

Any political advertisement not paid for by a candidate that is published, displayed, or circulated prior to, or on the day of, any election must prominently be marked “paid political advertisement” or “pd. pol. adv.” and must state the name and address of the persons paying for the advertisement.

The political advertisement must also state whether the advertisement and cost of production is paid for or provided in-kind by or at the expense of the entity publishing, displaying, broadcasting, or circulating the political advertisement.

(Section 106.143(1)(c), F.S.)

Endorsements in Political Advertisements

It is unlawful for any candidate or person on behalf of a candidate to represent that any person or organization supports such candidate, unless the person or organization so represented has given specific approval in writing to the candidate to make such representation. However, this paragraph does not apply to editorial endorsement by any newspaper, radio or television station, or other recognized news medium; and publication by a party committee advocating the candidacy of its nominees.

(Section 106.143(4), F.S.)

Example:

1. Political advertisement for a candidate representing that an organization supports him, paid for in-kind by the organization, with specific approval from the organization in writing:

   **ELECT**
   
   John Doe
   
   For County Commission, District 1
   
   Democrat
   
   Supported by ABC Foundation
   

   **ABC Foundation**
   
   July 15, 2006
   
   Dear Sir or Madam:
   
   Please let this letter serve as our approval of the political advertisement supporting John Doe for County Commission, District 1.
   
   The content of this advertisement was reviewed and approved in advance.
   
   Sincerely,
   
   Mr. Smith
**Disclaimers on Novelty Items**

None of the requirements of Section 106.143, Florida Statutes, apply to novelty items having a retail value of $10 or less which support, but do not oppose, a candidate or issue.  

*(Section 106.143(8), F.S.)*

*Examples:*

- Pens/Pencils
- Golf Balls
- Balloons

**Language Other Than English**

Any political advertisement which is published, displayed, or produced in a language other than English may provide the information required by Section 106.143, Florida Statutes, in the language used in the advertisement.  

*(Section 106.143(9), F.S.)*

**Other Political Disclaimer Examples**

Billboards:
None of the requirements of Section 106.143, Florida Statutes, to include political disclaimers, apply to campaign messages or political advertisements used by a candidate and the candidate’s supporters or by a political committee if the message advertised is designed to be worn by a person.

(Section 106.143(10), F.S.)

Bumper stickers:

Jane Doe  
State Senate, District 17  
Paid by Jane Doe, Rep., for State Senate

NOTE: On bumper stickers, there is no requirement to use the word “for” between the candidate’s name and the office being sought in the body of the bumper sticker.

(Section 106.143(6), F.S.)

Fund Raisers

All expenditures with respect to a campaign fund raiser which are made or reimbursed by a check drawn on the campaign account of the candidate are campaign expenditures. All expenditures must be accounted for and are subject to the same restrictions as other campaign expenditures.

(Section 106.025, F.S.)

Tickets

Any tickets or advertising for a campaign fund raiser must comply with the requirements of section 106.143, Florida Statutes.

(Section 106.025, F.S.)
Telephone Solicitation

Disclosure requirements:

1. **Any telephone call, including an electioneering communication telephone call**, shall identify the persons or organizations sponsoring the call by stating either: “Paid for by … (name or persons or organizations sponsoring the call) …” or “Paid for on behalf of … (name of persons or organizations authorizing call)…. This telephone disclaimer does not apply to any telephone call in which the individual making the call is not being paid and the individuals participating in the call know each other prior to the call.

   (Section 106.1439(2) and 106.147(1)(a), F.S.)

2. **Any telephone call conducted for the purpose of polling respondents** concerning a candidate that is a part of a series of like telephone calls that consists of fewer than 1,000 completed calls and averages more than two minutes in duration is presumed to be a political poll and not subject to the provisions of the above paragraph.

3. **Prohibitions:**

   a. No telephone call shall state or imply that the caller represents any person or organization unless the person or organization so represented has given specific approval in writing to make such representation.

   b. No telephone call shall state or imply that the caller represents a nonexistent person or organization.

4. **Written Authorization Requirements:** Any telephone call, not conducted by independent expenditure, which expressly advocates for or against a candidate, requires prior written authorization by the candidate. A copy of such written authorization must be placed on file with the qualifying officer by the candidate prior to the time the calls commence.

5. **Penalties:** Any person who willfully violates any provision of this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Section 775.082 or Section 775.083, F.S.

   The term “person” includes any candidate; any officer of any political committee, affiliated party committee, or political party executive committee; any officer, partner, attorney, or other representative of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity; and any agent or other person acting on behalf of any candidate, political committee, affiliated party committee, political party executive committee, or corporation, partnership, or other business entity.

   (Section 106.147, F.S.)
**Registered Agent**

**1. Disclosure requirements:**

a. Any person or organization that conducts any business in this state which consists of making paid telephone calls supporting or opposing any candidate or elected public official must, prior to conducting such business, have and continuously maintain, for at least 180 days following the cessation of such business activities in the state, a registered agent for the purpose of any service of process, notice, or demand required or authorized by law and must file with the Division of Elections a notice of such registered agent. Such registered agent must be an individual who is a resident of this state, a domestic corporation, or a foreign corporation authorized to do business in this state. However, this section does not apply to any person or organization already lawfully registered to conduct business in this state.

b. Conducting business in this state as specified in the preceding paragraph includes both placing telephone calls from a location in this state and placing telephone calls from a location outside this state to individuals located in this state.

c. *Form DS-DE 100, Telephone Solicitation, Registered Agent Notice,* shall be filed with the Division of Elections and, at a minimum, must elicit all of the following information:

i. The name, address, and telephone number of the registered agent.

ii. The name, address, and telephone number of the person or organization conducting business in this state as specified.

iii. The Division of Elections must be notified immediately of any changes in the information required in a. above.

**2. Violations:** Any person or organization that violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Section 775.082 or Section 775.083, F.S.

*(Section 106.1475, F.S.)*