

2024 Special Districts Qualifying Procedures

Community Development, Improvement & Conservation Districts

Dates and Locations

Noon, June 10, 2024 – Noon, June 14, 2024

Supervisor of Elections office locations:

- Terrace Building, 101 S Washington Blvd, 7th Floor, Sarasota
- R. L. Anderson Administration Building, 4000 Tamiami Trail S, Venice
- Biscayne Plaza, 13640 Tamiami Trail, North Port

Florida Statute 99.061

All special district candidates shall qualify by paying a filing fee of \$25.00 or by the petition process pursuant to Florida Statute 99.095. Notwithstanding Florida Statute 106.021, a Special District 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.

Qualifying Requirements:

1. Read Chapter 106 of the Florida Statutes, and submit a *Statement of Candidate* (DS-DE 84).
2. File *Appointment of Campaign Treasurer/Designation of Campaign Depository* (DS-DE 9). This may be completed at any time prior to qualifying but **MUST** be completed by the time you qualify.
OR
File *Affidavit of Intent* certifying that you will not collect, solicit, or accept any money or contribution in-kind, in connection with your campaign and the only campaign expense shall be the candidate filing fee or signature verification fee.
3. Pay the qualifying fee **OR** qualify by petition method.
 - a. Qualifying fee - \$25 (cash, money order, cashier's check or personal check made payable to the **Board of County Commissioners**).
 - b. Petition method - collect 25 signatures of qualified electors in the district. Candidates filing by the petition method are not required to pay the qualifying fee, however, will be charged \$0.10 for each submitted petition. **Deadline for submitting petitions to the supervisor of elections office is Noon, Monday, May 13, 2024.**
4. File *Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office* (DS-DE 302NP)
Note: must be notarized
5. Submit 2023 Form 1 – *Statement of Financial Interest*

IMPORTANT: All qualifying documents must be received by the elections office no later than **Noon, Friday, June 14, 2024;** a postmark within the qualifying period does not suffice.