

# AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY AND RECEIPT OF FILING

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## I. CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Month) (Day) (Year)

Have you changed your name within the last 10 years for reasons other than marriage?  Yes  No

If yes, enter full former name here (See "Section A" on reverse) \_\_\_\_\_

I WISH TO HAVE MY NAME APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRINTED BELOW (Please print upper & lower case - nicknames/titles not permitted. See "Sec. B" on reverse.)

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Residence Address (Street Address, City, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address (See "Section C" on reverse): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip)

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

City  Township of \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct # (required) \_\_\_\_\_ and Ward # (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_ Resident of County for \_\_\_\_\_ years. Resident of Michigan for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

I am a citizen of the United States:  Yes  No

I am registered and qualified to vote at the address listed above:  Yes  No

## II. OFFICE SOUGHT

**Office Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Election: Primary Election \* \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ General Election \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Recall   
(Month) (Day) (Year) (Month) (Day) (Year)

If a partisan office, list political party\* \_\_\_\_\_ District/Circuit # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: If filing a Qualifying Petition list "No Party Affiliation")

Term of Office  Regular Term  Partial Term **→** Expiring \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Judicial Candidates Only (See "Section D" on reverse)\*  Incumbent Position  Non-Incumbent Position  New Judgeship

## III. FILER'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT – This filing contains the following (check all that apply):

- Nominating or Qualifying Petitions (Estimated number of signatures: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Filing Fee of \$100.00 (if applicable)
- Certification of Party Nomination and Certificate of Acceptance (if applicable)\*
- Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification (judicial candidates only)\*
- Affidavit of Candidacy (incumbent judicial candidates only)\*

If nominating petitions are filed: <input type="checkbox"/> Destroy petitions in January <input type="checkbox"/> Return petitions in January
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## IV. CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMPLIANCE STATEMENT AND ATTESTATION

- By signing this affidavit, I swear (or affirm) that the facts I have provided are true. I further swear (or affirm) that the facts contained in the statement set forth below are true. (See Section "E" on reverse for further information.)

**At this date, all statements, reports, late filing fees, and fines due from me or any Candidate Committee organized to support my election to office under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, PA 388 of 1976, have been filed or paid.**

- I acknowledge that making a false statement in this affidavit is perjury – a felony punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. (MCL 168.558, 933 and 936)

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the \_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Notary \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_ (Year) \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Michigan, County of \_\_\_\_\_  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_  
Acting in the County of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of notary public

\*Not applicable to School Board Candidates

## AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY

All candidates seeking elective office in Michigan must submit an Affidavit of Identity (two copies) when filing. A candidate who fails to file Affidavits of Identity as required is ineligible to appear on the ballot (MCL 168.558 as amended under PA 163 of 2002).

### A. CHANGE OF NAME

Michigan election law, MCL 168.558, stipulates that a candidate who is “not using a name, whether a given name, a surname, or otherwise, that is not a name that he or she was given at birth” must indicate his or her full former name on the Affidavit of Identity. The requirement to indicate a name change on the Affidavit of Identity does *not* apply if:

- The candidate’s name was formally changed 10 or more years ago.
- The candidate’s name was changed in a Certificate of Naturalization issued by a federal district court 10 or more years ago.
- The candidate’s name was changed because of marriage.
- The candidate’s name was changed through divorce to a “legal name by which the individual was previously known.”

Michigan election law provides that a candidate required to indicate a name change on the Affidavit of Identity must be listed on the ballot “with his or her current name and former name as prescribed by the Secretary of State.” (MCL 168.560b)

### B. APPEARANCE OF NAME ON BALLOT

Michigan election law provides the following stipulations regarding the manner in which a candidate can have his or her name printed on the ballot:

- A candidate “may specify that both his or her given name and middle name, or only a middle name, shall appear on the ballot.”
- A candidate “may specify that either an initial or a recognized diminutive for the candidate’s given name or middle name, or for both, shall appear on the ballot.”
- A candidate may *not* use a “nickname that is not a recognized diminutive of the candidate’s given name or middle name” on the ballot.
- A married person may *not* use his or her spouse’s given name, middle name or a diminutive of his or her spouse’s given name or middle name on the ballot.
- A candidate may specify a name that constitutes a common law name in accordance with Michigan Department of State Guidelines.

### C. MAILING ADDRESS

A candidate who wishes to receive communications from the Michigan Department of State’s Bureau of Elections at an address other than his or her residential address should enter a “mailing address” where indicated. (Note: A candidate may list a P.O. Box for his or her “mailing address”; a candidate may *not* list a P.O. Box for his or her residential address.)

If a “mailing address” is listed, it will be shown on the candidate listings prepared and distributed by the Bureau. If a “mailing address” is *not* listed, the candidate’s residential address will be shown on the candidate listings prepared and distributed by the Bureau. All candidate listings prepared by the Bureau are posted on the Bureau’s website for public access.

### D. JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Place a check in the box before “Incumbent Position” if the candidate is seeking a judicial office for which the incumbent is seeking reelection. Place a check in the box before “Non-Incumbent Position” if the candidate is seeking a judicial office for which the incumbent is *not* seeking reelection. Place a check in the box before “New Judgeship” if the candidate is seeking a newly created judicial seat.

### E. CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACT COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

**Do not sign or submit this affidavit unless you are able to agree with the facts set forth in the “Campaign Finance Compliance Statement” which appears under Section IV on the reverse side of this form. If you need information on your current compliance status under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, contact the Michigan Department of State’s Bureau of Elections and/or the appropriate county clerks as necessary.**

Candidates who are exempt from Michigan’s Campaign Finance Act are limited to those individuals who seek 1) the office of U.S. Senator or U.S. Representative in Congress 2) a precinct delegate position and 3) a school board position in a district with a pupil count of 2,400 or less. (School board position exemption does not apply if candidate spends or receives over \$1,000.00 for election.)

For information concerning your campaign finance filing obligations, the following resources are provided:

- Candidates running for a federal position should contact the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. Toll free line: 800.424.9530. Website: [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov)
- Candidates running for a state or judicial position should contact the Michigan Department of State’s Bureau of Elections, PO Box 20126, Lansing, Michigan 48901-0726. Phone (517)373-2540. Website: [www.michigan.gov/elections](http://www.michigan.gov/elections)
- Candidates running for a local position should contact their local County Clerk’s office.

### F. WITHDRAWAL OF FILING

Candidates who wish to withdraw a filing submitted for an elective office must submit a written withdrawal statement to their filing official no later than the third day after the applicable filing deadline.

For more information regarding filing for office, visit the Michigan Department of State – Bureau of Elections website at [www.michigan.gov/elections](http://www.michigan.gov/elections) and click on Information for Candidates or use the QR code to the right.

