

**2018 GENERAL ELECTION (11/6/2018)**  
**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION**  
**COUNTY, TOWNSHIP, QUORUM COURT**  
**A.C.A. §7-7-103**

Any person desiring to be an independent candidate for a county, township or quorum court position must:

- Be a qualified voter
- Be a resident of the county or township or district in which the candidate seeks office
- File a petition containing the signatures of at least three percent (3%) of the qualified registered voters of the county, township or district, as the case may be, in which the candidate seeks office, based upon the total number of votes cast for Governor in that county, township or district, as the case may be, in 2014, but in no event shall more than 2,000 signatures be required **(63,330 votes x 3% = 1,900 signatures for county wide petition)**
- Complete and file an Affidavit of Eligibility, in person at the County Clerk's Office
- Complete and file a Political Practice Pledge, in person at the County Clerk's Office

**FILING BY PETITION:**

- The **first day a candidate may circulate a petition** for candidacy is **December 1, 2017**. Petitions shall be circulated not earlier than ninety (90) calendar days before the deadline for filing the petitions to qualify for an independent candidate.
- A candidate must **FILE** the Petition, Political Practice Pledge, Affidavit of Eligibility, Affidavit, and a notice of candidacy with the County Clerk of the county in which the candidate seeks office during the PARTY FILING TIME. **Filing Time: 12:00 Noon, Thursday, February 22 through 12:00 Noon, Thursday, March 1, 2018.**
- Petition forms are available at any of the County Clerk's office locations and on the Benton County Clerk's website at [www.vote.bentoncountyar.gov](http://www.vote.bentoncountyar.gov)

The petition for nomination shall indicate:

- The name and title of the candidate as proposed to appear on the ballot
- The resident address of the candidate
- The district name and position number, if any, in which the candidate seeks nomination
- The date of the General Election in which the candidate seeks nomination
- The signature, the printed name, date signed by the qualified elector and address
- **The County Clerk's office must verify the accuracy of the petition.**

**WHERE TO FILE:**

- Candidates can file a petition at any of the County Clerk's office locations and are asked to do so **IN PERSON.**

**Bentonville:** 215 E Central Ave, Ste. 217 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**Rogers:** 1428 W Walnut St. (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

**Siloam Springs:** 707 S Lincoln St., Ste. C (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

## **CANDIDATES AT THE TIME OF FILING WILL:**

- Receive a condensed version of the General Election calendar
- Receive a Notice of Ballot Drawing - A.C.A. §7-5-207(c)
- Receive a Notice of Deadlines to file reporting forms
- Receive two Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Forms - Pre-Election Report (if needed); and Final Report (**required**)
- Receive a Statement of Financial Interest – due on the first Monday following the close of the filing period, if one was not previously filed by January 30, 2018

## **DRAWING FOR BALLOT ORDER** A.C.A. §7-5-207(c)

- Deadline for public meeting of County Board of Election Commissioners to determine by lot the order in which names will appear on the ballot is not less than seventy-two (72) days before the election.

**Deadline to register to vote** for the General Election is October 9, 2018

**Early voting** for the General Election is Monday, October 22nd through Friday, November 2nd, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## **POSITIONS AVAILABLE ARE LISTED BELOW:**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Dist No., if any</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Party</u></b>	<b><u>Currently Held by:</u></b>
County Assessor	Countywide	4 years	Rep	Roderick Grieve
County Circuit Clerk	Countywide	4 years	Rep	Brenda DeShields
County Clerk	Countywide	4 years	Rep	Tena O'Brien
County Coroner	Countywide	4 years	Rep	Daniel R. Oxford
County Judge	Countywide	4 years	Rep	Barry Moerhing
County Sheriff	Countywide	4 years	Rep	Shawn Holloway
County Surveyor	Countywide	4 years	Appointed	Micheal James
County Tax Collector	Countywide	4 years	Rep	Gloria Peterson
County Treasurer	Countywide	4 years	Rep	Deanna Ratcliffe
Justice of the Peace	Dist 1	2 years	Rep	Mike McKenzie
Justice of the Peace	Dist 2	2 years	Rep	Joshua Bryant
Justice of the Peace	Dist 3	2 years	Appointed	James Hayes
Justice of the Peace	Dist 4	2 years	Rep	Tom Allen
Justice of the Peace	Dist 5	2 years	Appointed	Michael Jeffcoat
Justice of the Peace	Dist 6	2 years	Rep	William P. Adams
Justice of the Peace	Dist 7	2 years	Rep	Joel Jones
Justice of the Peace	Dist 8	2 years	Rep	Shirley Sandlin
Justice of the Peace	Dist 9	2 years	Rep	Susan R. Anglin
Justice of the Peace	Dist 10	2 years	Rep	Michelle Chiocco
Justice of the Peace	Dist 11	2 years	Rep	Bob Bland
Justice of the Peace	Dist 12	2 years	Appointed	Adriane Carr
Justice of the Peace	Dist 13	2 years	Rep	Kurt S. Moore
Justice of the Peace	Dist 14	2 years	Rep	Brent Meyers
Justice of the Peace	Dist 15	2 years	Rep	Joel Edwards
Constable	Dist 1	2 years	Rep	Jim Hollenbeck
Constable	Dist 2	2 years	Rep	Keith Brummett
Constable	Dist 3	2 years	Rep	Sam Reyna
Constable	Dist 4	2 years	Rep	Gordon L. Fisher
Constable	Dist 5	2 years	Rep	Michael Savage Jr.

## Independent Candidate Petition – County/Township/District

To: **County Clerk of Benton County**  
 We, the undersigned qualified electors, propose the name of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name As To Appear On Ballot)

Whose address is \_\_\_\_\_ to be placed on the ballot as an  
 Independent Candidate for the Office of \_\_\_\_\_, District (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ for Benton County in the State of Arkansas, in the  
 General Election to be held on **November 6, 2018**. Each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of  
 Arkansas and the designated county, township or district to be represented, and my printed name, date of birth, residence address, city/town of residence and  
 date of signing are correctly written after my signature.

	Signature	Printed Name	Date of Birth	Residence Address	City/town of Residence	Date of Signing
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This form of petition is provided as a convenience to potential candidates. The county clerks do not warrant that this form of petition would be found sufficient by a court of law, if subjected to a legal challenge.

## 2018 INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITION SIGNATURE COUNT

### 3% OF VOTE FOR GOVERNOR IN LAST ELECTION (2014)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLE DISTRICT NUMBER	2014 PRECINCT NUMBERS	NUMBER SIGNATURES NEEDED
JP District 1	5, 12, 13, 14, 45, 51, 53, 73	<b>171</b>
JP District 2	3, 5, 50, 54	<b>122</b>
JP District 3	39, 40, 46, 52, 54, 55, 56	<b>186</b>
JP District 4	18, 39, 42, 43, 70, 71	<b>223</b>
JP District 5	39, 44, 46, 47, 55, 56	<b>150</b>
JP District 6	12, 33, 35, 41, 44, 46, 47, 58, 62	<b>204</b>
JP District 7	28, 29, 30, 31, 62, 63	<b>181</b>
JP District 8	32, 34, 37, 38, 39, 62, 69	<b>180</b>
JP District 9	18, 20, 22, 36, 39, 59, 60, 68	<b>226</b>
JP District 10	21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 65, 66	<b>242</b>
JP District 11	1, 2, 4, 20, 22, 23, 60, 72	<b>188</b>
JP District 12	6, 7, 8, 9	<b>109</b>
JP District 13	8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 19, 70	<b>154</b>
JP District 14	48, 49, 57, 67	<b>96</b>
JP District 15	22, 34, 36, 59, 60, 61, 64, 66, 68, 72	<b>270</b>
Constable District 1	3, 5, 12, 13, 14, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 57 67, 73	<b>319</b>
Constable District 2	18, 19, 20, 22, 32, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 42, 43 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72	<b>649</b>
Constable District 3	12, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 39, 40, 41, 44, 46 47, 52, 54, 55, 56, 58, 62, 63	<b>521</b>
Constable District 4	1, 2, 4, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 60, 65 66, 72	<b>417</b>
Constable District 5	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 19, 70	<b>240</b>
<b>SIGNATURES NEEDED FOR COUNTY WIDE OFFICE</b>		<b>1,900</b>