

2026 FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRECINCT DELEGATES

WHAT TO FILE

All candidates for precinct delegate must file a notarized [Precinct Delegate Affidavit of Identity](#). Petition signatures are not required.

WHEN TO FILE

Candidates must file no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2026**. [[MCL 168.624](#)]. Such candidates will appear on the August 4, 2026 Primary Election ballot.

WHERE TO FILE OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTION

St. Joseph County Elections Division
125 W. Main Street
Centreville, Mi 49032
269-467-5594

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL

Candidates must withdraw **in writing** with the St. Joseph County Elections Division by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026. [[MCL 168.624a](#)] City and township clerks **are not** authorized to accept precinct delegate withdrawal notices.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

An individual who wishes to seek a precinct delegate position with write-in votes is required to file a [Declaration of Intent with the County Clerk](#) by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2026. [[MCL 168.737a](#)] After this date, the individual must turn in the [Declaration of Intent](#) form to the precinct chairperson of their respective precinct on Election Day [[MCL 168.737a](#)].

QUALIFICATIONS

Must be a qualified and registered elector, residing within the precinct for which he or she desires to become a candidate, on or before the filing deadline.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Precinct delegate candidates are **not** required to file disclosure forms under Michigan's Campaign Finance Act.