

# Office of the Kansas Secretary of State

## 2010 Candidate Filing Information

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

Candidates for public office may be nominated either by political party nomination or independent nomination. Democratic and Republican candidates must run in the primary and may file by either fee or petition. Candidates of other recognized parties (currently, Libertarian and Reform) do not run in the primary, but are nominated for the general election by the party's caucus or convention. Independent candidates do not run in the primary and may file for the general election only by petition. All non-federal candidates must pay report fees, appoint treasurers and file periodic campaign finance reports.

### FILING DEADLINES

Democratic and Republican party candidates who wish to appear on the primary ballot on August 3, 2010, must file by noon June 10, 2010. [KSA 25-205]

Libertarian and Reform party candidates nominated by caucus or convention must have nomination papers filed by the party in the Secretary of State's office by the same date as the deadline for primary candidates—noon on June 10—in order to appear on the general election ballot. [KSA 25-202, -305]

Independent candidates must file nomination petitions by noon August 2, 2010. [KSA 25-305(b)]

### OBTAINING FORMS

Petition forms and declaration of intention forms (used to file by fee) for national offices may be obtained only through the Secretary of State's office. Forms for state offices may be obtained either at the Secretary of State's office or the county election office. Forms for county and township offices may be obtained only at the county election office.

### FILING LOCATION

Candidates for national and state offices, for state legislature and for judicial offices file at the Secretary of State's office. The signature on a declaration of intention may be attested at the county election office (except for Governor/Lt. Governor candidates) and the declaration then filed with the Secretary of State's office. **NOTE: The candidate is not considered filed until the petition or declaration and fee are received by the Secretary of State's office. (KSA 25-208) It is the responsibility of the candidate, not the county election officer, to ensure that filing documents are sent to and received by the Secretary of State.** Candidates for county and township offices and precinct committeemen and committeewomen file at the county election office. [KSA 25-208] Precinct committee candidates may have their signatures attested by a notary public rather than the county election officer, but their declarations of intention must be filed with the county election officer. [KSA 25-206]

### FILING PROCEDURE

#### Filing by Fee

Only Democratic and Republican primary candidates may file by fee. The filing fee is either a set amount or based on a percentage of the salary of the office the candidate is seeking. [KSA 25-206] Gubernatorial candidates file by fee pursuant to KSA 25-4006, and all other partisan primary candidates file pursuant to KSA 25-206.

#### Filing by Petition

##### National and State Offices Elected on a Statewide Basis

U.S. Senator, Governor/Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Insurance

Pairs of Democratic and Republican primary candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor must have signatures of 1% of the party vote for Secretary of State in the last general election. KSA 25-4005

Democratic and Republican primary candidates for other statewide offices must have signatures of 1% of the party's total voter registration. KSA 25-205(e)(1)

Independent candidates must have 5,000 signatures of registered voters. KSA 25-303(b)

National and State Offices Elected on Less Than a Statewide Basis

U.S. Representative, State Representative, District Court Judge, District Magistrate Judge,  
State Board of Education

Democratic and Republican primary candidates, including candidates for judicial offices, must have valid signatures of 2% of the party's total voter registration from the district. [KSA 25-205(e)(2)]

Independent candidates (except state board of education) must have valid signatures of 4% of the registered voters of the district. The petition must contain valid signatures of at least 25 voters but not more than 5,000 voters. [KSA 25-303(c)]

Primary candidates for state board of education must have valid signatures of 200 registered voters of the district. [KSA 25-1903(a)]

Independent candidates for state board of education must have valid signatures of 200 voters of the district. [KSA 25-1903]

County Offices      Commissioner

Democratic and Republican primary candidates must have valid signatures of 3% of the party's registered voters from the district. [KSA 25-205(e)(3)]

Independent candidates must have valid signatures of 4% of the total registered voters of the district. [KSA 25-303(c)]

Township Offices      Clerk

Democratic and Republican primary candidates must have valid signatures of 3% of the party's registered voters from the township. [KSA 25-205(e)(4)]

Independent candidates must have valid signatures of 5%, and not less than 10 total, of the registered voters of the township. [KSA 25-303(d)]

**FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS**

The Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (GEC) oversees campaign finance and ethics laws for the State of Kansas. This agency monitors the campaign finance and other reports submitted by state elected officials and candidates. Before receiving or spending any funds in a political campaign, a candidate must file an appointment of treasurer form with the Secretary of State. [KSA 25-4144] This form must be filed within 10 days after an individual becomes a candidate. GEC provides these forms to candidates. Candidates must file campaign finance reports by the dates listed below. Reports must include contributions and expenditures of candidates for that reporting period. Information and forms are available online at [www.kansas.gov/ethics](http://www.kansas.gov/ethics).

All campaign finance reports may be filed electronically at <http://www.kssos.org/campaignfinance>. Completion of an Appointment of Treasurer form opens an account. Candidates for statewide offices *must* file electronically.

Candidates for national office file reports with the Federal Election Commission pursuant to federal law. Information is available online at [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov).

Candidates for local offices file reports with the county election officer pursuant to KSA 25-4148 and 25-901.

**Deadlines for filing campaign finance reports  
KSA 25-4148**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Period of Coverage</u>
January 11, 2010	January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009
July 26, 2010	January 1 through July 22, 2010
October 25, 2010	July 23 through October 21, 2010
January 10, 2011	October 22 through December 31, 2010