

School District Clerk Duties

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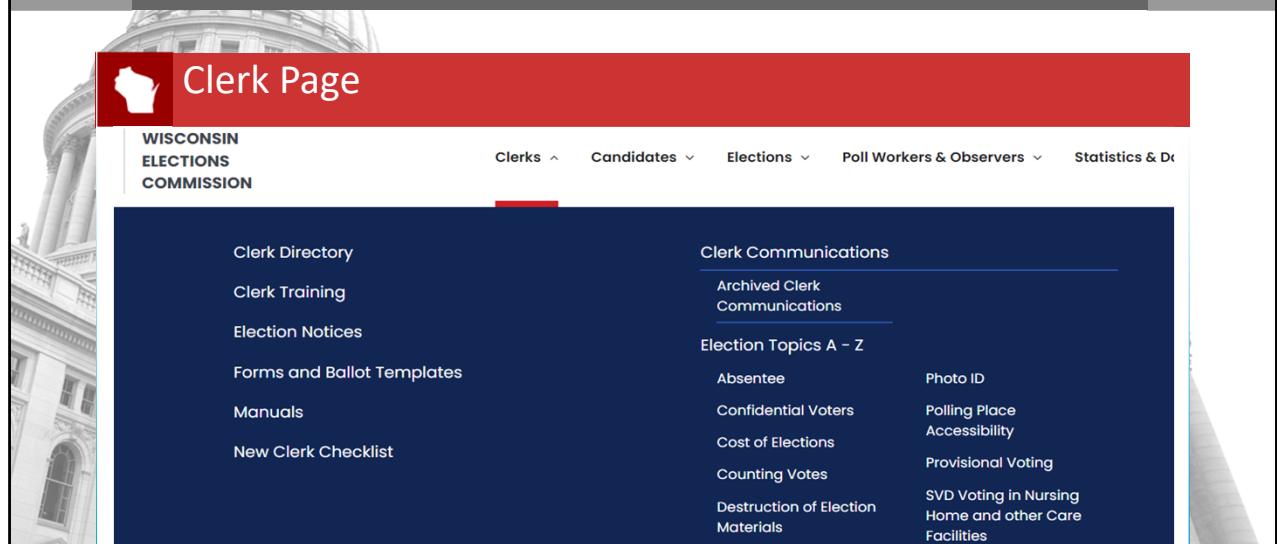


Resources

- Election Administration Manual for School District Clerks
- Topic-Specific Manuals – Recall of Local Election officials, Recounts, Guide to Understanding Referenda
- Nomination Paper Review Guidance
- Calendar of Election Events
- Clerk Communications

Resources

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Notices

- Type A Notice of Election
- Type A Notice of Referendum, if applicable
- Type B Notice of Voting Instructions and Sample Ballot(s)
- Type C Notice of Referendum
- Type D Notice of Hours and Location of Polling Place
- Type E Notice of Absentee Voting

Notices

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Publishing Deadlines



Publishing Notices for School District Elections

School District Election Notices | (2019-08)

Notice	Regularly Scheduled Primary or Election ^a			Special Primary or Election ^b			Regularly Scheduled Referenda ^c	Special Referenda ^d
	Published	Prim	Elec	Published	Prim	Elec	Published	Published
Type A¹ Notice of Election	Fourth Tuesday in November			40 days before Primary or Election or ASAP				
Type A¹ Notice of Referendum							Fourth Tuesday before referendum election	Fourth Tuesday before referendum election
Type B² Notice of Voting and Sample Ballots See § 120.06(8)(c)	Day before or in closest preceding issue	✓	✓	Day before or in closest preceding issue	✓	✓	Day before or in closest preceding issue	Day before or in closest preceding issue
Type C² Notice of Referendum and Explanatory Statement							Day before or in closest preceding issue	Day before or in closest preceding issue
Type D³ Hours and locations of polling places See § 120.06(8)(c)	Day before or in closest preceding issue (when there are no federal, state county or municipal elections)	✓	✓	Day before or in closest preceding issue	✓	✓	Day before or in closest preceding issue (when there are no federal, state county or municipal elections)	Day before or in closest preceding issue
Type E⁴ Notice of Absentee Voting	Fourth Tuesday before a primary when there are no federal, state county or municipal elections).	✓		Fourth Tuesday before election Third Tuesday before election	✓	✓	Fourth Tuesday before election (When there are no federal, state county or municipal elections)	Fourth Tuesday before election

Publishing Deadlines

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Candidate Filings

- Qualifications for Office
- Ballot Access Procedures
 - Candidate Packets (CF-1, EL-162sd, EL-169, ELIS-5)
- Nomination Papers
 - Procedures
 - Write-In Candidates
- Notification of Noncandidacy
- Filing Deadlines
- Filing Officers

Candidate Filings

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Ballots

- General Ballot Format
- Ballot Order of School District Contests
- Determining Ballot Order of Candidates
- “Vote for” Number/Write-In Lines/Boxes
- Certifying Candidate Names/Referenda to County Clerk
- Paper Ballots

Ballots

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Post Election Activities

- Delivery of Election Night Returns
- School District Board of Canvassers
- Certificate of Election

Post Election Activities

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Other Election Materials

- Cost of School District Elections
- Destruction of Materials

Other Election Materials

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Elections Education

- Elections 101
 - How election administration works in WI
 - Videos and lesson plans to be used in high school classrooms
- High School Poll Worker Training
 - Self-paced, self-directed online course available for high school poll workers
 - Series of activities about the different roles and activities that happen on Election Day

Elections Education



Thank You!



CAMPAIGN FINANCE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Note: An amended registration statement must be filed within 10 days of any changes in information.

1. Is this an Amendment? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, please enter your committee number:

Committee Number

SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION

A1. Candidate Committee/Committee/Conduit Name		A2. Registrant Type (Choose One) <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Referendum <input type="checkbox"/> Recall <input type="checkbox"/> Conduit <input type="checkbox"/> Political Action (PAC) <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Expenditure (IEC) <input type="checkbox"/> Political Party <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Campaign Committee		
A3. Email	A4. Phone			
A5. Mailing Address		A6. City	A7. State	A8. Zip
Depository Institution Information				
A9. Institution Name	A10. Street Address	A11. City	A12. State	A13. Zip
Treasurer/Administrator Information				
A14. Name		A15. Email	A16. Phone	
A17. Mailing Address		A18. City	A19. State	A20. Zip
Other Officers (Optional) <i>Independent and local non-partisan candidates: Indicate by an asterisk (*) which officers are authorized to fill a vacancy in nomination due to death of candidate.</i>				
A21. Name	A22. Title	A23. Email	A24. Phone	
A25. Name	A26. Title	A27. Email	A28. Phone	
Filing Exemption <i>Registrants that will not accept contributions, make disbursements, or incur obligations in an aggregate amount of more than \$2,000 in a calendar year are eligible for exemption from filing campaign finance reports. Exempt status is effective only for the calendar year in which it is granted. Registrants wishing to remain on exempt status must renew each year. Candidates may not claim exemption in the year of their election before the day they appear on the ballot.</i>		A29. Exemption Affirmation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, this registrant is eligible for exemption <input type="checkbox"/> No, this registrant is not eligible for exemption		

SECTION B: CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

B1. Office Sought (include District/Branch)	B2. Political Party	B3. Election Date
Candidate Information		
B4. Name	B5. Email	B6. Phone
B7. Mailing Address	B8. City	B9. State B10. Zip
Second Candidate Committee <i>An individual who holds a state or local elective office may establish a second candidate committee to pursue another state or local office.</i>		B11. Is this your only registered candidate committee in Wisconsin? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, this is my only candidate committee in Wisconsin <input type="checkbox"/> No, this is my second candidate committee in Wisconsin
B12. Other Office Held or Sought (include District/Branch) <i>Only complete B12 if you responded "No" to B11.</i>		

SECTION C: RECALL COMMITTEES

C1. Name of Official Subject to Recall	C2. Office of Official Subject to Recall	C3. <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
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SECTION D: PAC, IEC, AND CONDUITS

D1. Sponsoring Organization	D2. Email	D3. Phone	
D4. Mailing Address	D5. City	D6. State	D7. Zip

SECTION E: POLITICAL PARTY & LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES

E1. Political Party (Name candidates appear under on a ballot)		E2. Does the Committee have a Segregated Fund? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Segregated Fund Depository Institution Information (if applicable)				
E3. Institution Name	E4. Street Address	E5. City	E6. State	E7. Zip

SECTION F: REFERENDA COMMITTEES

F1. Nature of Referendum (if applicable)	F2. <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
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SECTION G: CERTIFICATION

Accurate Information <i>I certify that I am an authorized representative of the registrant and that to my knowledge all of the information contained within this registration is true, correct, and complete.</i>		
Timely Amendments <i>I am aware of the requirement to amend this registration statement within 10 days of any change of information contained within, as well as the requirement to register within 10 days of meeting the requirements to register under Chapter 11 of Wisconsin Statutes.</i>		
Records Retention <i>I further acknowledge the requirement to maintain the records of the registrant in an organized and legible manner for three years from the date of the most recent election in which this registrant participated.</i>		
Ongoing Compliance <i>This registrant shall continue to maintain its registration and comply with all applicable reporting requirements under Chapter 11 of Wisconsin Statutes.</i>		
Treasurer/Administrator		
G1. Printed Name	G2. Signature	G3. Date
Candidate (if applicable)		
G4. Printed Name	G5. Signature	G6. Date

Declaration of Candidacy School Board Candidates

(See instructions for preparation on back)

Is this an amendment?

☐ **Yes** (if you have already filed a DOC for this election)

☐ **No** (if this is the first DOC you have filed for this election)

I, _____, being duly sworn, state that
Candidate's name

I am a candidate for the office of School Board Member _____
Include seat number or name of apportioned area, if applicable

and, at the time of filing this document, I will meet the applicable age, citizenship, residency and voting qualification requirements, if any, prescribed by the constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of Wisconsin, and that I will otherwise qualify for office, if nominated and elected.

I have not been convicted of a felony in any court within the United States for which I have not been pardoned.¹

My present address, including my municipality of residence for voting purposes is:

				Town of <input type="checkbox"/> Village of <input type="checkbox"/> City of <input type="checkbox"/>	
House or fire no.	Street Name	Mailing Municipality and State	Zip code	Municipality of Residence for Voting	

My name as I wish it to appear on the official ballot is as follows:

(Any combination of first name, middle name or initials with surname. A nickname may replace a legal name.)

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of _____
(County where oath administered)

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SS.

(Signature of candidate)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

☐ Notary Public or ☐ other official _____
(Official title, if not a notary)

If Notary Public: My commission expires _____ or ☐ is permanent.
(date commission expires)

**NOTARY SEAL
REQUIRED, IF OATH
ADMINISTERED BY
NOTARY PUBLIC**

¹ A 1996 constitutional amendment bars any candidate convicted of a misdemeanor which violates the public trust from running for or holding a public office. However, the legislature has not defined which misdemeanors violate the public trust. A candidate convicted of any misdemeanor is not barred from running for or holding a public office until the legislature defines which misdemeanors apply.

Instructions for Completing the Declaration of Candidacy

All candidates seeking ballot status for election to school district office in the State of Wisconsin must properly complete and file a **Declaration of Candidacy**. This form must be **ON FILE** with the proper school district clerk no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers or the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot. A facsimile will be accepted if the FAX copy is received by the school district clerk no later than the filing deadline **and** the signed original declaration is received by the school district clerk with a postmark no later than the filing deadline.

Information to be provided by the candidate:

- Type or print your name on the first line.
- The title of the office and **any seat number or apportioned district** for which you are seeking election must be inserted on the second line.
- **Felony convictions: Your name cannot appear on the ballot if you have been convicted of a felony in any court in the United States for which you have not been pardoned. Please see footnote on page 1 for further information with respect to convictions for misdemeanors involving a violation of public trust. These restrictions only apply to candidates for state and local office.**
- Your current address, including your municipality of residence for voting purposes, must be inserted on the fourth line. This must include your entire mailing address (**street and number, municipality where you receive mail**) and the name of the municipality in which you reside and vote (town, village, or city of). If your address changes before the election, an amended Declaration of Candidacy must be filed with the School District Clerk. Wis. Stat. §.8.21.
- Type or print your name on the fifth line as you want it to be printed on the official ballot. You may use your full legal name, or any combination of first name, middle name, and initials, or nickname with last name.

Note: The Wisconsin Elections Commission has determined that, absent any evidence of an attempt to manipulate the electoral process, candidates are permitted to choose any form of their name, including nicknames, by which they want to appear on the ballot.

No titles are permitted. In addition, names such as “Red” or “Skip” are permitted, but names which have an apparent electoral purpose or benefit, such as “Lower taxes,” “None of the above” or “Lower Spending” are not permitted. It is also not permissible to add nicknames in quotes or parentheses between first and last names. For example, John “Jack” Jones or John (Jack) Jones are not acceptable, but John Jones, Jack Jones or John Jack Jones are acceptable.

This form must be sworn to and signed in the presence of a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths, such as a county, municipal or school district clerk. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.21(2), 887.01(1).

Information to be provided by the person administering the oath:

- The county where oath was administered.
- The date the Declaration of Candidacy was signed and the oath administered.
- The signature and title of the person administering the oath. If signed by a notary public, the date the notary’s commission expires must be listed, and *the notary seal is required*.

All school district candidates must file this form with the appropriate school district clerk no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers. Wis. Stats. §§ 8.10 (5), 8.15 (4)(b), 8.20 (6), 8.21, 8.50 (3)(a), 120.06 (6)(b).
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NOMINATION PAPER FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE

Candidate's name (required); no titles may be used.		Candidate's residential address (required) No P.O. box addresses Street, fire, or rural route number; box number (if rural route); and name of street or road		Candidate's municipality for voting purposes (required) <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City (name of municipality)	
Candidate's mailing address, including municipality for mailing purposes (required if different than residential address or voting municipality)		State (required) WI	Zip code	Type of election (required) <input type="checkbox"/> spring <input type="checkbox"/> special	Election date (required) Do not use primary date. Mo/Day/Year
Title of office (required)		Branch, district or seat number (required if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Branch <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Seat		Name of jurisdiction or district in which candidate seeks office (required)	

I, the undersigned, request that the candidate, whose name and residential address are listed above, be placed on the ballot at the election described above as a candidate so that voters will have the opportunity to vote for ☐ him or ☐ her for the office listed above. I am eligible to vote in the jurisdiction or district in which the candidate named above seeks office. I have not signed the nomination paper of any other candidate for the same office at this election.

The municipality used for mailing purposes, when different than municipality of residence, is not sufficient. The name of the municipality of residence must always be listed.		
Signatures of Electors	Printed Name of Electors	<div>Municipality of Residence Check the type and write the name of your municipality for voting purposes. <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City</div> <div>Residential Address (No P.O. Box Addresses) Street and Number or Rural Route (Rural address must also include box or fire no.)</div> <div>Date of Signing Mo/Day/Year</div>
1.		<div><input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City</div>
2.		<div><input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City</div>
3.		<div><input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City</div>
4.		<div><input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City</div>
5.		<div><input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City</div>
6.		<div><input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City</div>
7.		<div><input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City</div>
8.		<div><input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City</div>
9.		<div><input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City</div>
10.		<div><input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City</div>

CERTIFICATION OF CIRCULATOR

I, _____ (Name of circulator) _____ certify: I reside at _____ (Circulator's residential address - Include number, street, and municipality.)

I further certify I am either a qualified elector of Wisconsin, or a U.S. citizen, age 18 or older who, if I were a resident of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under Wis. Stat. §6.03. I personally circulated this nomination paper and personally obtained each of the signatures on this paper. I know that the signers are electors of the jurisdiction or district the candidate seeks to represent. I know that each person signed the paper with full knowledge of its content on the date indicated opposite his or her name. I know their respective residences given. I intend to support this candidate. I am aware that falsifying this certification is punishable under Wis. Stat. § 12.13(3)(a).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING NOMINATION PAPERS FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE

This is a sample nomination paper form. It conforms to the statutory requirements for nomination papers for nonpartisan office. All information concerning the candidate must be completed in full before circulating this form to obtain signatures of electors. All information concerning the signing electors and the circulator must be completed in full before filing with the appropriate filing officer. This form may be reproduced in any way. A candidate's picture and biographical data may also be added to this form. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has determined that no disclaimer or other attribution statement is required on nomination papers. Candidates are advised to send a sample of their completed form the filing officer for review before circulation.

Page Numbers – Number each page consecutively, beginning with “1”, before submitting to the filing officer. A space for page numbers has been provided in the lower right-hand corner of the form.

Candidate's Name – Insert the candidate's name. A candidate may use his or her full legal name, or any combination of first name, middle name, and initials or nickname with last name. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has determined that, absent any evidence of an attempt to manipulate the electoral process, candidates are permitted to choose any form of their name, including nicknames, by which they want to appear on the ballot.

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Candidate's Address – Insert the candidate's residential address (*no P.O. Box addresses*) and the municipality for voting purposes. Indicate if the municipality of residence is a town, village, or city. If a candidate's mailing address is different from the residential address or voting municipality, a complete mailing address must also be given.

Date of Election – Insert the date of the election. If the nomination paper is being circulated for a spring election, the date is the first Tuesday in April. If the election is a special nonpartisan election, the date of the special election must be listed.

Title of Office – The name of the office must be listed **along with any branch, district, or seat number** (if applicable) that clearly identifies the office the candidate is seeking. If necessary, the name of the jurisdiction that identifies the office, such as Dane County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 3, must also be listed.

Name of Jurisdiction – The nomination papers must also indicate the municipality or jurisdiction in which the signing electors are qualified to vote, as it relates to the office sought by the candidate named on the nomination paper. For example, for a statewide office the jurisdiction is the State of Wisconsin. Others may be the county, town, village, city, aldermanic district, school district, or town sanitary district, as required.

Signatures and Printed Name of Electors – Only qualified electors of the jurisdiction or the district the candidate seeks to represent may sign the nomination papers. Each signer must also legibly print their name. Each elector must provide their **residential** address (*no P.O. Box addresses*), including any street, fire or rural route number, box number (if rural route) and street or road name, and municipality of residence. A post office box number alone does not show where the elector actually resides. The name of the Municipality of Residence must be listed for each signing elector and must clearly identify the town, village or city where the elector's voting residence is located. The date the elector signed the nomination paper, including month, day and year, must be indicated. Ditto marks that follow correct and complete address or date information are acceptable. The circulator may add any missing or illegible address or date information before the papers are filed with the filing officer.

Signature of Circulator – The circulator should carefully read the language of the *Certification of Circulator*. **THE CIRCULATOR MUST PERSONALLY PRESENT THE NOMINATION PAPER TO EACH SIGNER. THE NOMINATION PAPER MAY NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED ON COUNTERS OR POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARDS.** The circulator's complete residential address including municipality of residence must be listed in the certification. After obtaining signatures of electors, the circulator must sign and date the certification.

Other Instructions – Candidates and circulators should review Ch. Wisconsin Elections Commission §§ 2.05, 2.07, Wis. Adm. Code.

- *Original* nomination papers must be in the physical custody of the appropriate filing officer by the filing deadline. A postmark on the filing deadline is **not** sufficient. Nomination papers **CANNOT** be faxed to the filing officer. Ch. Wisconsin Elections Commission § 6.04(2), Wis. Adm. Code.
- Nomination papers with the required number of signatures must be filed with the appropriate filing officer **no later than 5:00 p.m.** on the first Tuesday in January (or the next day if the first Tuesday is a holiday) before the spring election. Special elections may have different filing deadlines. Check with the filing officer.
- In order for a candidate's name to be placed on the ballot, a candidate must file a *Campaign Registration Statement* (ETHCF-1), a *Declaration of Candidacy* (EL-162), and *Nomination Papers* (EL-169) containing the appropriate number of signatures for the office sought no later than the filing deadline. Wis. Stat. § 8.10(3). Candidates for state office and municipal judge must also file a statement of economic interests with the Wisconsin Ethics Commission by the third business day after the nomination paper filing deadline. Wis. Stat. § 19.43. If any one of these required forms is not filed by the deadline, the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. Wis. Stat. § 8.30.
- If a candidate or circulator has any questions, he or she should contact the filing officer.

BALLOT ACCESS CHECKLIST FOR 2023 SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATES



Each of the following forms must be completed and filed on time by a candidate for School District office in order for the candidate's name to be placed on the ballot at the **February 21, 2023 Spring Primary** and the **April 4, 2023 Spring Election**.

The filing officer for School District offices is the School District Clerk. Candidates should contact their filing officer for further information or to obtain any of the necessary forms.

All School District Candidates must:

- ☐ **Complete and Submit a Campaign Registration Statement ([Form CF-1](#))** to the filing officer prior to raising or spending any funds, and no later than **5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023**, or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. If the form is faxed or emailed, the original document must follow postmarked no later than January 3, 2023. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.10(5), 8.21, 8.30(4), 120.06(6)(b), Wis. Admin. Code EL § 6.04.
 - **New Candidates**
File a campaign registration statement before campaign funds are collected or spent or before submitting nomination papers. Wis. Stat. §§ 11.0202(1)(a), 11.0101(1).
 - **Continuing Candidates**
Amend your current registration, including the office sought and the new election and primary dates. Wis. Stat. §§ 11.0202 (1)(a), 11.0101(1).
- ☐ **Complete and Submit a Declaration of Candidacy ([Form EL-162sd](#))** to the filing officer no later than **5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023** or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. If the form is faxed or emailed, the original document must follow, postmarked no later than January 3, 2023. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.10(5), 8.21, 8.30(4), Wis. Admin. Code EL § 6.04.

If nomination papers are used, a school district candidate must also:

- ☐ **Circulate and Submit Nomination Papers for Nonpartisan Office ([Form EL-169](#))** to the filing officer no later than **5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023**. Only original nomination papers (no photocopies, faxes, or emailed documents) will be accepted. Nomination papers may not be circulated before December 1, 2022. Wis. Stat. § 8.10(2), Wis. Admin. Code EL § 6.04(2).

The number of signatures required is as follows:

Board of School Directors - 1st Class Cities	400 - 800
School District Officer - with Territory within a 2nd Class City	100 - 200
School District Officer - with no Territory within a 1st or 2nd Class City	20 - 100