

DEADLINE TO FILE AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

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Annapolis, Maryland (2/1/16) – **Wednesday, February 3, 2016**, at 9:00 pm is the deadline for an individual to file as a candidate for the upcoming April 2016 Primary Election. State law requires an individual to appear in person to file a *Certificate of Candidacy* by 9:00 pm on Wednesday 83 days before the primary election. The filing location depends on the office sought. All federal candidates file a *Certificate of Candidacy* at the State Board of Elections (SBE), located at 151 West Street, Annapolis, MD. Local candidates file at the local board of elections.

While Delegate to the National Convention is a federal office, SBE has authorized two local boards of elections – Washington County Board of Elections and Wicomico County Board of Elections – to serve as satellite locations through February 3, 2016, to accept delegate candidate filings. The Washington County Board of Elections is located at 35 W. Washington Street, Room 101, in Hagerstown, Maryland. The Wicomico County Board of Elections is located at 123 Bateman Street, in Salisbury, Maryland.

Besides filing the *Certificate of Candidacy*, all candidates, except candidates for Delegate to the National Convention, must pay a filing fee at the appropriate board of election. Local candidates must also provide evidence that the candidate has filed a financial disclosure statement and established a candidate committee at SBE. Failure to meet any of the requirements prior to the deadline will void the *Certificate of Candidacy* and remove the individual from the ballot.

The 2016 Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday April 26, 2016, early voting for the Primary Election is from Thursday April 14th through Thursday April 21st (including Saturday and Sunday) and the Presidential General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Additional election-related dates and forms are available at www.elections.maryland.gov. For more information, contact the Queen Anne's County Board of Elections at 410-758-0832 or the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) OR www.elections.maryland.gov.

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