

## **WHERE TO FILE QUALIFYING PETITIONS**

### **GOVERNOR and US SENATE**

**Where to File.** Primary and independent candidates must file their original nominating petition in the office of the State Election Commission and a certified duplicate<sup>1</sup> in the office of the Coordinator of Elections. Both of these must be received by the qualifying deadline and may be mailed to:

Division of Elections  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue  
William R. Snodgrass Tower, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243  
(615) 741-7956

Primary candidates must also file a certified duplicate by the qualifying deadline with the chairperson of their party's state executive committee<sup>2</sup>. Therefore, each primary candidate must file one original and two certified duplicates in the respective offices. There are no filing fees.

State Republican Party  
2424 21st Avenue, Suite 200  
Nashville, TN 37212  
(615) 269-4260

State Democratic Party  
1900 Church Street, Suite 203  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 327-9779

### **US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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However, primary and independent candidates for the office of United States Representative from a district located entirely in one (1) county are required to file their nominating petitions in the office of the county election commission in that county, i.e. Shelby County. Primary candidates must also file a certified duplicate by the qualifying deadline with the chairperson of their party's state executive committee.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, each primary candidate must file one original and two certified duplicates in the respective offices. There are no filing fees.

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### **TENNESSEE SENATE**

### **TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

### **STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN AND COMMITTEEWOMAN**

**Where to File.** Primary and independent candidates must file their original nominating petition in the office of the county election commission in the county of their residence and a certified duplicate<sup>1</sup> in the county election commission office in each county wholly or partially within the candidate's district (senate district for senate AND state executive committee person candidates, house district for house candidates). Each of these documents must be received by the respective election commissions by the qualifying deadline. There are no filing fees.

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<sup>1</sup> A certified duplicate is a photocopy of the original petition with the words "This is a true copy of the original" signed by the person making the copy along with the copier's name, title and date. (Note: Using blue ink for this affirmation helps identify that the copy is a certified duplicate)

<sup>2</sup> Contact the party executive committee for any additional requirements regarding the certified duplicate.