

**STATE OFFICE
CANDIDATES WITHOUT PARTY AFFILIATION**
(Will Not Appear On the August Primary Ballot)

Filing Location:	<p>State Rep Districts: 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 86 State Senate Districts: 28, 29</p> <p>State Rep District: 74 State Senate District: 30</p> <p>Kent County Clerk's Office 300 Monroe NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503</p> <p>Michigan Secretary of State Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Fl. 430 West Allegan Street Lansing, MI 48918</p>
Candidate Qualifications:	<p>State law requires that candidates be a citizen of the United States and a qualified and registered elector of the district they wish to represent by the filing deadline. [MCL 168.161]</p>
Filing Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affidavit of Identity - Qualifying Petitions containing sufficient signatures. <p>[MCL 168.590(2)]</p>
Petition Signature Requirements:	<p>Petition signature requirements are based on the population of the district and must be of registered electors of the district. [MCL 168.544f]</p> <p>State Representative: Min 600 – Max 1,200 State Senate: Min 1,500 – Max 3,000</p> <p>Voters may sign only the number of petitions equal to the number of offices being filled.</p>
Filing Deadline:	<p>Filings must be made by 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, <u>July 15, 2010</u>.</p> <p>Candidates are urged to file early; if petition signatures are not acceptable, and the approved number falls below the minimum required, we will contact you to advise you of the shortfall. If, however, a shortfall in the number of signatures required is discovered near or after the filing deadline, you will not be permitted an extension, and your name will not appear on the ballot.</p>
Withdrawal:	<p>Candidates wishing to withdraw must submit in writing no later than 4:00 P.M. on Monday, July 19, 2010.</p>
Campaign Finance:	<p>It is your responsibility to contact the Secretary of State (517) 373-2540 to determine what requirements you may be subject to regarding campaign finance. You should do this prior to expending funds, advertising, or placing signs in support of your campaign, to avoid improper activities.</p>