

**STATE OFFICE
PARTISAN CANDIDATES**

Filing Location:	<p>State Rep Districts: Kent County Clerk's Office 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 86 300 Monroe NW State Senate Districts: Grand Rapids, MI 49503 28, 29 State Rep District: Michigan Secretary of State 74 Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Fl. State Senate District: 430 West Allegan Street 30 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 - Petitions containing sufficient signatures OR \$100 filing fee. [MCL 168.163(2)] - Candidates may circulate the Countywide Partisan petitions, but all signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate seeks office. Circulators must be registered voters of the State of MI. - Petition forms may be copied (double sided/8.5 x 13 in paper)
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 200 – Max 400 State Senate: Min 500 – Max 1,000</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 Tuesday, <u>May 11, 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 Friday, May 14, 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>