

Nonpartisan Judicial Offices [ACA §§7-6-102, 7-10-103]

Candidates Paying Filing Fees:

- Must file a political practices pledge and pay the filing fee during the period beginning at 12:00 noon one week before the first day in March and ending at 12:00 noon on the first day in March.
- Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, and circuit judge file with the Secretary of State.
- District judges file with the county clerk. In a district composed of two or more counties, district judge candidates may pay the filing fee to the county clerk of any one of the counties in the district.

The filing period for a nonpartisan judicial candidate seeking election at the May 22, 2012 Nonpartisan Judicial General Election and running by means of paying a filing fee begins at 12:00 noon on February 23, 2012 and ends at 12:00 noon on March 1, 2012.

Candidates Filing by Petition:

- The petition shall be circulated no earlier than sixty (60) days before the filing deadline.
- A political practices pledge and the petition must be filed no earlier than 12:00 noon forty-six (46) days before the first day of the party filing period under §7-7-203 and ending at 12:00 noon thirty-two (32) days before the first day of the party filing period under §7-7-203.
- Petitions for Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, and circuit judge shall be filed with the Secretary of State.
- A petition for district judge shall be filed with the county clerk.
- A petition for Justice of the Supreme Court shall be signed by at least 10,000 qualified electors or three percent (3%) of the qualified electors residing within the state, whichever is the lesser.
- A petition for Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be signed by three percent (3%) of the qualified electors residing within the court of appeals district for which the candidate seeks office, but in no event shall more than 2,000 signatures be required.
- A petition for circuit judge shall be signed by three percent (3%) of the qualified electors residing within the circuit for which the candidate seeks office, but in no event shall more than 2,000 signatures be required.
- A petition for district judge shall be signed by at least one percent (1%) of the qualified electors residing within the district for which the candidate seeks office, but in no event shall more than 2,000 signatures be required.

A nonpartisan judicial candidate seeking election at the May 22, 2012 Nonpartisan Judicial General Election and running by means of filing a petition may circulate a petition no earlier than November 23, 2011.

A nonpartisan judicial candidate seeking election at the May 22, 2012 Nonpartisan Judicial General Election and running by means of filing a petition must file between 12:00 noon on January 8, 2012 and 12:00 noon on January 22, 2012.

The total number of votes cast for Governor in 2010 in the state, in any court of appeals district, in any circuit court district, or in any district court district, as the case may be, shall determine the applicable number of qualified electors for petition signature purposes.