ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

MARK MARTIN

2014 Nonpartisan Elections Calendar[1]

November 10, 2013 – Sunday

60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PETITION FILING DEADLINE

First day for nonpartisan prosecutor and judicial candidates, who want to file by petition and not pay a filing fee, to begin circulating petitions.

A.C.A. § 7-10-103(c)(1)(B)

January 2, 2014 - Thursday

53 DAYS PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF PARTY FILING PERIOD

12:00 Noon – First day nonpartisan prosecutor and judicial candidates can file petitions for ballot access in the Nonpartisan Election without paying a filing fee. Political practices pledge to be filed with petition.

ACA § 7-6-102(a)(6); A.C.A. § 7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i)

January 9, 2014 – Thursday

46 DAYS PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF PARTY FILING PERIOD

12:00 Noon – Deadline for nonpartisan prosecutor and judicial candidates to file petitions for ballot access in the Nonpartisan Election without paying a filing fee. Political practices pledge to be filed with petition.

ACA § 7-6-102(a)(6); A.C.A § 7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i)

January 13, 2014 – Monday

DEADLINE FOR NON-INCUMBENT NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES WHOSE NAMES HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE BALLOT BY PETITION TO FILE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST FOR 2013

Non-incumbent candidates for District Court positions file with County Clerk. All other non-incumbent, nonpartisan candidates for Judicial or Prosecuting Attorney positions file with Secretary of State. (January 13 date included on Ethics Commission Calendar)

January 31, 2014 – Friday

DEADLINE FOR INCUMBENT OFFICEHOLDERS TO FILE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST FOR 2013

District Court Judges file with County Clerk. All other Nonpartisan Judges and Prosecuting Attorneys file with Secretary of State.

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[1] This Calendar concerns only those deadlines administered by Secretary of State Mark Martin. Pursuant to Act 1110 of 2013, the Office of Prosecuting Attorney will be a non-partisan office. For additional information about candidates for the Office of Prosecuting Attorney, please consult the Arkansas Ethics Commission. For additional information about candidates for Judicial Offices, please consult the Arkansas Ethics Commission, the Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission, the Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct, and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

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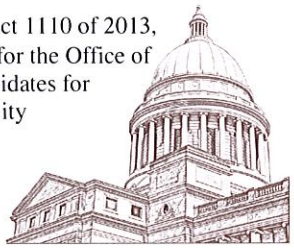

February 24, 2014 – Monday*

PARTY FILING PERIOD BEGINS AT 12:00 NOON

12:00 Noon – The party filing period shall be a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon on the first day in March and beginning at 12:00 noon one week prior to the first day of March.
A.C.A. § 7-7-203(c) (1–3), and (5)

3:00 p.m. – The period for paying fees and filing political practice pledges for nonpartisan offices shall begin at 3:00 p.m. on the first day of the party filing period.
A.C.A. § 7-10-103 (b)(2)(B)

[*Per A.C.A. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day.]

MARCH 2014

March 3, 2014 – Monday*

PARTY FILING PERIOD ENDS AT 12:00 NOON

12:00 Noon – The party filing period shall be a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon on the first day in March and beginning at 12:00 noon one week prior to the first day of March.
A.C.A. § 7-7-203(c) (1–3), and (5)

3:00 p.m. – The period for paying fees and filing political practice pledges for nonpartisan offices shall end at 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the party filing period. *A.C.A. § 7-10-103 (b)(2)(B)*

[*Per A.C.A. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day.]

March 10, 2014 – Monday

DEADLINE FOR NON-INCUMBENT NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES WHOSE NAMES HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE BALLOT BY PAYING A FILING FEE TO FILE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST FOR 2013
Non-incumbent candidates for District Court positions file with County Clerk. All other non-incumbent, nonpartisan candidates for Judicial or Prosecuting Attorney positions file with Secretary of State.

May 20, 2014 – Tuesday

PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION
Polls open 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
A.C.A. § 7-7-203(b); A.C.A. § 7-10-102(b)(1); A.C.A. § 7-5-304

November 4, 2014 – Tuesday

GENERAL ELECTION DAY (RUNOFF FOR NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS)
Polls open 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
A.C.A. § 7-5-102; A.C.A. § 7-5-304(a)

Petition Signatures

IF the nonpartisan candidate for a judicial or prosecuting attorney position chooses to file by petition, the number of petition signatures required will be the:

Supreme Court Position: Lessor of three percent (3%) of the number of qualified electors within the state casting votes in the Governor's race in the preceding election OR ten thousand (10,000) signatures.

Court of Appeals Position: Lessor of three percent (3%) of the number of qualified electors within the district casting votes in the Governor's race in the preceding election OR two thousand (2,000) signatures.

Circuit Court Position: Lessor of three percent (3%) of the number of qualified electors within the district casting votes in the Governor's race in the preceding election OR two thousand (2,000) signatures.

District Court Position: Lessor of one percent (1%) of the number of qualified electors within the district casting votes in the Governor's race in the preceding election OR two thousand (2,000) signatures.

Prosecuting Attorney Position: Lessor of three percent (3%) of the number of qualified electors within the district casting votes in the Governor's race in the preceding election OR two thousand (2,000) signatures. See Act 1110 of 2013.

** See attached sheet for number of petition signatures required for nonpartisan judicial and prosecuting attorney positions on the 2014 ballot.

Nonpartisan candidates can begin circulating petitions on Sunday, November 10, 2013. Petitions must be turned into the Secretary of State's Office between 12 noon on Thursday, January 2, 2014 and 12 noon Thursday, January 9, 2014. When the candidate submits petitions, he or she will complete all of their required paperwork, including their Political Practices Pledge. Their photograph will be taken for posting on the SOS website.

If the candidate submits a sufficient number of signatures, he or she will NOT need to return to the Capitol during filing season. If the candidate fails to submit a sufficient number of signatures, he or she will be notified prior to the beginning of filing season and will have the opportunity to file for office by paying the filing fee.

Filing Fees

IF the candidate for a nonpartisan judicial or prosecutor position chooses not to collect petition signatures and instead chooses to pay the filing fee for the position, he or she will need to file for office between Monday, February 24 at 3 p.m. and Monday, March 3, 2014 at 3 p.m. The dates for the filing period are the same as the dates for the party filing period, but the times are a little different. Instead of noon, nonpartisan candidates begin and end at 3 p.m. The major difference between filing as a party candidate and a nonpartisan candidate is that filing fees are made payable to the Secretary of State instead of the political party.

The State Board of Election Commissioners established the filing fees for nonpartisan offices. The filing fee for prosecuting attorney shall be three percent (3%) of the annual salary.

- The filing fee for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be 6% of the annual salary. ($9,600)
- The filing fee for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court shall be 6% of the annual salary. ($8,886)
- The filing fee for Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be 5% of the annual salary. ($7,177)
- The filing fee for circuit judge shall be 4% of the annual salary. ($5,559)
- The filing fee for district judge shall be 3% of the annual salary. (State District Judges - $3,728) (The filing fees for the Local District Judges which are up for election in 2014, are listed on the attached sheets, next to the number of required petition signatures.)
- The filing fee for prosecuting attorney shall be 3% of the annual salary. (Division A - $3,658; Division B - $3,061)

Filing Fees will be paid to the Secretary of State when the candidate files for office. The first $100,000 in filing fees for prosecuting attorney positions will be deposited into the Trial Court Administrative Assistant Fund. Any remaining filing fees from prosecutor candidates and all filing fees from nonpartisan judicial candidates will be deposited into the Nonpartisan Judicial Filing Fee Fund to be used by the State Board of Election Commissioners to cover the cost of election expenses.

Petition Signatures Required

2014 Nonpartisan Election

POSITION	DISTRICT	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES
Supreme Court		10,000
Court of Appeals	1	2,000
	2	2,000
	3	2,000
	6	2,000
Circuit Court & Prosecuting Attorney	1	791
	2	1,914
	3	577
	4	1,491
	5	804
	6	2,000
	7	409
	8N	222
	8S	381
	9E	229
	9W	395
	10	585
	11E	148
	11W	653

12	920
13	1,001
14	1,168
15	608
16	946
17	670
18E	914
18W	283
19E	249
19W	1,596
20	1,079
21	443
22	1,054
23	492

Local District Court		Filing Fee
Drew County	44	$ 1,175
Lawrence County	47	$ 765
Scott County	33	$ 825
W. District Carroll County	36	$ 540
City of Fayetteville	164	$ 3,563

(Sample Petition)
Judicial Candidate
Justice of the Supreme Court

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
_____Valid of _____
By_____Date_____

TO: The Honorable Mark Martin, Secretary of State
State Capitol, Room 026
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1094

We, the undersigned qualified electors, propose that _____
(Name)

be placed on the ballot as a Candidate for the Office of Supreme Court Justice, Position _____ **in the Nonpartisan General Election to be held on** _____. **Each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing are correctly written after my signature.**

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This example of a form of petition is provided as a convenience to potential candidates. No form of petition is set out in the Arkansas Code, nor is the Secretary of State, State Board of Election Commissioners, or Ethics Commission authorized to promulgate a form of petition. This petition is an example of a form of petition that may be accepted by the county clerk or the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State, State Board of Election Commissioners, Ethics Commission, and the county clerks do not warrant that this form of petition would be found sufficient by a court of law if subjected to a legal challenge.

(Sample Petition)
Judicial Candidate
Court of Appeals

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_____Valid of _____
By_____Date_____

TO: The Honorable Mark Martin, Secretary of State
State Capitol, Room 026
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1094

We, the undersigned qualified electors, propose that _____
(Name)

be placed on the ballot as a Candidate for the Office of Court of Appeals Judge, District _____, Position _____ in the Nonpartisan General

Election to be held on _____. Each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas and the designated district to be represented, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing are correctly written after my signature.

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(Sample Petition)
Judicial Candidate
Circuit Court Judge

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_____Valid of _____
By_____Date_____

TO: The Honorable Mark Martin, Secretary of State
State Capitol, Room 026
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1094

We, the undersigned qualified electors propose that _____
(Name)

be placed on the ballot as a Candidate for the Office of Circuit Court Judge, Judicial District _____, Division _____, Subdistrict _____

(if applicable) in the Nonpartisan General Election to be held on _____. Each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas and the designated district and/or subdistrict to be represented, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing are correctly written after my signature.

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(Sample Petition)
Judicial Candidate
District Court

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By_____Date_____

TO: The Honorable Mark Martin, Secretary of State
State Capitol, Room 026
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1094

We, the undersigned qualified electors propose that _____
(Name)

be placed on the ballot as a Candidate for the Office of District Court Judge, District _____, Department _____ (if applicable), Position_____, (if applicable) in the Nonpartisan General Election to be held on _____. Each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas and the designated district to be represented, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing are correctly written after my signature.

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(Sample Petition)
Prosecuting Attorney Candidate

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By_____Date_____

TO: The Honorable Mark Martin, Secretary of State
State Capitol, Room 026
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1094

We, the undersigned qualified electors, propose that _____
(Name)

be placed on the ballot as a Candidate for the Office of Prosecuting Attorney, District_____ in the Nonpartisan General Election to be held on _____. **Each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing are correctly written after my signature.**

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