

**RULES  
FOR  
NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL OFFICE  
FILING FEES**  
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## Scope of Rules

These rules and regulations will set forth the procedures for establishing filing fees for nonpartisan judicial offices pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-10-103. These rules are in addition to and not a substitute for the laws of the State of Arkansas.

### § 100 Definitions

- (a) Annual Salary - the salary established by the General Assembly for the fiscal year in which the candidate begins serving in the office.
- (b) Nonpartisan judicial office - the offices of Supreme Court Justice, judge of the Court of Appeals, circuit judge, and district judge.<sup>1</sup>
- (c) Filing Fee - for the purpose of these rules, a filing fee is the fee paid to the Secretary of State at the time of filing his or her political practices pledge by a candidate for the offices of Supreme Court Justice, judge of the Court of Appeals, and circuit judge, or the fee paid to the county clerk at the time of filing his or her political practices pledge by a candidate for the office of district judge.

### § 101 Filing as a Candidate<sup>2</sup>

A candidate for a nonpartisan judicial office may access the ballot by:

- Paying a filing fee,
- Filing a petition, or
- Filing as a write-in candidate.

### § 102 Payment of Filing Fees<sup>3</sup>

- (a) Offices of Supreme Court Justice, judge of the Court of Appeals, and circuit judge shall pay a filing fee to the Secretary of State at the same time the candidate files his or her political practices pledge.
- (b) Candidates for district judge shall pay the filing fee to the county clerk at the same time the candidate files his or her political practices pledge.

### § 103 Filing Fee Period<sup>4</sup>

The filing period shall begin at 12:00 noon on the first weekday in March and end at 12:00 noon on the seventh day thereafter.

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<sup>1</sup> A.C.A. § 7-10-102(a)

<sup>2</sup> A.C.A. § 7-10-103(a)

<sup>3</sup> A.C.A. § 7-10-103(b)(2)(A)

<sup>4</sup> A.C.A. §7-10-103(b)(2)(B)/Act 1049 of 2007

#### **§ 104 Judicial Filing Fee Fund<sup>5</sup>**

- (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be known as the “Judicial Filing Fee Fund”.
- (b) The filing fees shall be remitted to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the Judicial Filing Fee Fund for covering the cost of election expenses of the State Board of Election Commissioners.

#### **§ 105 Filing Fees**

The filing fee for Supreme Court Chief Justice shall be 6% of the annual salary.

The filing fee for Supreme Court Associate Justices shall be 6% of the annual salary.

The filing fee for judge of the Court of Appeals shall be 5% of the annual salary.

The filing fee for circuit judge shall be 4% of the annual salary.

The filing fee for district judge shall be 3% of the annual salary.

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<sup>5</sup> A.C.A. § 7-10-103(b)(3)