

2026 BALLOT ACCESS CHECKLIST FOR PARTISAN COUNTY CANDIDATES



Each of the following forms must be completed and filed on time by a candidate for county office in order for the candidate's name to be placed on the ballot for the **August 11, 2026 Partisan Primary** and **November 3, 2026 General Election** in Wisconsin.

The filing officer for partisan county candidates is the county clerk, except in Milwaukee County where the filing officer is the Milwaukee County Board of Election Commissioners. Candidates should contact their filing officer for further information or to obtain any of the necessary forms.

- Register your Campaign Committee.** A current registration (Form [CF-1](#)) must be filed prior to raising or spending funds, and no later than **5:00 p.m., on Monday, June 1, 2026** or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot.
 - New candidates
File a **Registration Statement** (Form [CF-1](#)) before campaign funds are collected or spent or before submitting nomination papers. Wis. Stat. §§ 11.0202(1)(a), 11.0101(1).
 - Candidates with current campaign finance registration on file
Amend your current registration, indicating the office sought and the new primary and election dates before funds are collected or spent or before submitting nomination papers. Wis. Stat. §§ 11.0202(1)(a), 11.0101(1).

- Complete and Submit a Declaration of Candidacy** (Form [EL-162](#)) to the filing officer. The Declaration of Candidacy must be received by the filing officer no later than **5:00 p.m., on Monday, June 1, 2026**, or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. If the form is faxed or emailed, the original document must follow, postmarked no later than June 1, 2026. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.15(4)(b), 8.21, 8.30(4), EL § 6.04, Wis. Adm. Code.

- Circulate and Submit Nomination Paper for Partisan Office** (Form [EL-168](#)) and submit them to the filing officer no later than **5:00 p.m., on Monday June 1, 2026**. Nomination papers may not be circulated before April 15, 2026. Original nomination papers (no photocopies, faxes, or emailed documents) must be received by the filing officer no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2026** or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. Wis. Stat. § 8.15(1), Wis. Admin. Code EL 6.04(2).

The number of signatures required are as follows: 500 - 1,000

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:

Milwaukee County General Ordinance ("MCGO"), Chapter 9 establishes a Code of Ethics for public officials. It requires candidates for county elected offices to file Statements of Economic Interest. Failure to comply with this provision may result in disqualification of one's candidacy.

- New Candidates
File a Statement of Economic Interest no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2026**. The SEI will be filed using the *MyCounty* Customer Portal at <https://mycounty.milwaukee.gov/MyServices>. If a paper form is filed, the Election Commission shall provide the Ethics Board with a copy of the filing. Failure to timely file an SEI will prevent the candidate's name from being placed on the ballot.

- Current County Officials
Candidates for county elected office who are currently appointed or elected county officials are not required to file a Statement of Economic Interest during the ballot access process, as incumbent officials already have SEIs on file with the Milwaukee County Ethics Board.