



**2018 QUALIFYING:
Reference Calendar
&
Documents**

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Key Dates & Times Prior to Election Day

- The following list of dates relates to qualifying for office in partisan and nonpartisan races. In addition, the list contains details for write-in candidates, as well as independent/political body candidates. Access documents by clicking on the blue links.
- *Offices of Judge of the Superior Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Justice of the Supreme Court, and Judges of a State Court who have qualified shall be placed on the ballot in a nonpartisan election as provided in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-138

Date	Day	Description
1/1/18	Monday	FIRST day to file & publish Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy (State County) for the November General Election
1/11/18	Thursday	FIRST day to Circulate Nomination Petition for Independent/Political Body Candidates for November General Election
3/5/18	Monday	Qualifying BEGINS for Primary/Nonpartisan/Independent/Political Body Candidates - 9:00 AM
3/9/18	Friday	Qualifying ENDS for Primary/Nonpartisan/Independent/Political Body Candidates - 12:00 noon
6/25/18	Monday	FIRST day to File Nomination Petition for Independent/Political Body Candidates for November General Election
7/10/18	Tuesday	LAST day to File Nomination Petition for Independent/Political Body Candidates for November General Election
9/4/18	Tuesday	LAST day to file & publish Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy (State County) for the November General Election
9/10/18	Monday	LAST day for Write-In Candidate to file Publisher's Affidavit

Election Dates & Times

Date	Day	Description
3/20/2018	Tuesday	Special Election
4/17/2018	Tuesday	Special Runoff Date
5/22/2018	Tuesday	General Primary Election, Nonpartisan General Election, and Special Election
7/24/2018	Tuesday	General Primary Runoff, Nonpartisan General Runoff Election, and Special Runoff Election Date
11/6/2018	Tuesday	General Election
12/4/2018	Tuesday	General Election Runoff Date for Local and State Offices
1/8/2019	Tuesday	General Election Runoff Date for Federal Offices

Qualifying Checklist: Democratic Party of Georgia

Valid Photo I.D.

Payment

- Money Order or Certified, Campaign, or Personal Check (*Signed affidavit required for money orders & certified checks*)
- Payable to: Democratic Party of Georgia (Federal and State only)
- Amount: *TBD*

Documents: (*All documents must be notarized*).

- [Declaration of Candidacy & Affidavit - Federal](#)
- [Declaration of Candidacy & Affidavit - State](#)
- [Declaration of Candidacy & Affidavit - County](#)
- Candidates for [Sheriff](#), [Coroner](#), [Tax Commissioner](#), [Clerk of Superior Court](#), [Judge of Probate Court](#), and [Local Board of Education](#) must submit an additional affidavit.

Location, Date, and Time: Federal and State only. Candidates for county office qualify with the local Elections Superintendent or local party.

- Room 230
- Begins at 9:00 AM on Monday, March 5, 2018
- Ends at 12 noon on Friday, March 9, 2018

For additional questions or information contact the Democratic Party of Georgia at 678-278-2016 or info@georgiademocrat.org.

Qualifying Checklist: Georgia Republican Party

Valid Photo I.D.

Payment

- Money Order or Certified, Campaign, or Personal Check
- Payable to: Georgia Republican Party (Federal and State only)
- Amount: *TBD*

Documents: (*All documents must be notarized*).

- [Georgia Republican Party Oath](#)
- [Declaration of Candidacy & Affidavit - Federal](#)
- [Declaration of Candidacy & Affidavit - State](#)
- [Declaration of Candidacy & Affidavit - County](#)
- Candidates for [Sheriff](#), [Coroner](#), [Tax Commissioner](#), [Clerk of Superior Court](#), [Judge of Probate Court](#), and [Local Board of Education](#) must submit an additional affidavit.

Location, Date, and Time: Federal and State only. Candidates for county office qualify with the local Elections Superintendent or local party.

- Room 216
- Begins at 9:00 AM on Monday, March 5, 2018
- Ends at 12 noon on Friday, March 9, 2018

For additional questions or information contact Carmen Foskey, Executive Director at Georgia Republican Party at carmen@gagop.org or 404-257-5559.

Qualifying Checklist: Independent/Political Body Candidates Or Nonpartisan* Candidates

- ☑ **Valid Photo I.D.**
- ☑ **Payment**
 - Check or Money Order
 - Payable to: Georgia Secretary of State (Federal and State only)
 - Amount: *TBD*
- ☑ **Documents:** *(All documents must be notarized).*
 - [Notice of Candidacy & Affidavit - Federal](#)
 - [Notice of Candidacy & Affidavit - State](#)
 - [Notice of Candidacy & Affidavit - County](#)
 - Candidates for [Sheriff](#), [Coroner](#), [Tax Commissioner](#), [Clerk of Superior Court](#), [Judge of Probate Court](#), and [Local Board of Education](#) must submit an additional affidavit.
- ☑ **Location, Date, and Time:** Federal and State only (except State Court Judges). State Court Judges and county offices qualify with the local Elections Superintendent.
 - Georgia Secretary of State Offices

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(229) 391-3732

- Begins at 9:00 AM on Monday, March 5, 2018
- Ends at 12 noon on Friday, March 9, 2018
- Daily Times:
 - Monday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 - Tuesday -Thursday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 - Friday - 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon

IMPORTANT: Please note that all campaign finance filings are done through the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission. Their website is <http://ethics.ga.gov/> and contains a full listing of campaign reporting forms & requirement.