Affidavit of Identity and Receipt of Filing

how to file for elective office

when to file

Visit mi.gov/elections - Information for Candidates to confirm filing dates.

All affidavits must be received by the date and time specified. Affidavits of Identity received after, regardless of the postmark, are invalid.

where to file

File with the Michigan Bureau of Elections for a federal or state district that includes more than one county (including statewide) and all judicial races except probate or municipal.

File with the County Clerk for a federal or state district in only one county, a county or probate judge race, and precinct delegates.

File with the City or Township Clerk for all city or township offices.

Contact your County Clerk to determine the appropriate filing official for village, school, or library district offices.

You may file in person or by mail.

Example:

withdrawals

The deadline for withdrawing from the ballot is three days after the filing deadline. Verify time at mi.gov/elections

Once filed, an Affidavit of Identity may not be altered.

If the candidate decides during the filing period to change the Affidavit of Identity, the candidate must submit a new form.

how to complete the form

1. candidate information

Print your information legibly. Provide a mailing address if you would like to receive mail at an alternate address.

2. additional information

A phone number, date of birth, email address, or website is not required, but recommended.

3. office sought/ballot information

If you are using a name not given at birth, you must complete the full former name field unless your name was formally changed because of marriage or divorce or formally changed for any reason more than 10 years ago (see MCL 168.558 & 560b).

Print the office name, the jurisdiction, and any district/circuit/ward defining the office for which you are a candidate. If a delegate candidate, put precinct number.

Print your name exactly as you wish it to appear on the ballot using upper and lower case letters. Michigan election law says that a candidate may use the following:

- first and middle name
- middle name only
- initials for first and/or middle name
- a name that is a recognized diminutive of given name
- · common law name

Do not use a nickname or titles (e.g. Rev, PhD, etc.).

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Fill in the appropriate circles to indicate the term and election and any associated dates.

4. filer's acknowledgement

Fill in the appropriate circle to indicate the items included in your filing. If submitting petitions, indicate the estimated number being submitted and if you'd like them destroyed or returned to you.

5. statements and attestation

Fill in the circle to indicate you meet the statutory and constitutional requirements for the office sought and are a citizen of the United States. Read, sign, and date the attestation. The affidavit is not complete until signed and notarized.

Campaign Finance Act compliance: do not sign or submit this affidavit if the appropriate campaign finance items have not been filed or paid.

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