

Candidate Filing Dates and Requirements for County Offices

Persons wishing to file a declaration of candidacy to appear as a candidate for nomination at the August 6, 2024, Primary Election for a county office may do so at the office of Kenneth Schulte, Lincoln County Clerk, in room 204 of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 201 Main Street in Troy beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The last day for a person to file a declaration of candidacy is Tuesday, March 26, 2024. Prior to filing a declaration of candidacy, candidates need to be aware that their signature is an affirmation that they meet all of the statutory qualifications for the office. The following is a list of the county offices open for filing, the documents necessary to file a declaration of candidacy, and a summary of the statutory qualifications for those offices.

Ballot Placement

- First day filers will select a number by random drawing to determine placement on the primary ballot.
- After the first day, candidates will be placed on the ballot in the order of their filing.

Documents Needed for Filing

- Proof of Identity – Valid Missouri driver's license, voter identification card, birth certificate, other form of ID issued by the Federal Government or the State of Missouri.
- A copy of an affidavit (Form 5120) **filed** with the Department of Revenue affirming that the candidate is not currently aware of any delinquency in the filing or payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence, as stated on the declaration of candidacy, or is not a past or present corporate officer of any fee office that owes any taxes to the state, other than those taxes which may be in dispute.
- The Form 5120 Affidavit is available at <http://dor.mo.gov/personal/candidates/> or a paper copy is available at the Lincoln County Clerk's Voter Registration Office, Room 204 of the Lincoln County Courthouse.
- A Notary Public is available at the clerk's office to complete the Form 5120 Affidavit as well.
- A receipt of payment of the \$100 filing fee from the county central committee of the appropriate political party, **OR** payment of \$100 in the form of cash or check made payable to the county central committee of the appropriate political party.

Must File in Person (Exceptions) - § 115.355 RSMo.

- Candidates for county offices must file in person with the Local Election Authority.
- Members of the armed services on active duty or persons who are unable to appear in person because of physical disabilities may file by certified mail.
- Persons eligible to file by certified mail should contact the County Clerk's Voter Registration Office for further details (636)462-8090.

General qualifications applicable to all the following county offices –

Art. VII, § 8 Constitution of Missouri; §§ 115.306, 115.349, and 130.071.2, RSMo.

- Citizen of the United States
- Resident of the state one-year next preceding election
- Registered voter of Missouri
- No person shall qualify as a candidate for elective public office in the state of Missouri who has been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony or misdemeanor under the federal laws of the United States of America or to a felony under the laws of this state or an offense committed in another state that would be considered a felony in this state.

- Any person who files as a candidate for election to a public office shall be disqualified from participation in the election for which the candidate has filed if such person is delinquent in the payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence, as stated on the declaration of candidacy, or if the person is a past or present corporate officer of any fee office that owes any taxes to the state.
- Each potential candidate for election to a public office shall file an affidavit with the department of revenue and include a copy of the affidavit with the declaration of candidacy required under section 115.349, RSMo. (Form 5120)
- In addition to any other penalties provided by law, no person may file for any office in a subsequent election until he or the treasurer of his existing candidate committee has filed all required campaign disclosure reports for all prior elections.

Circuit Judge - Art. V, § 21 Constitution of Missouri

- United States Citizen for at least ten years
- At least thirty years of age
- Licensed to practice law in this state
- Qualified voter of this state for at least three years
- Resident of the circuit for at least one year

Associate County Commissioner - § 49.020, RSMo.

- Resident and registered voter of the county at the time of filing
- Resident of the district from which seeking election

County Sheriff - §§ 57.010 and 57.020, RSMo.

- Resident taxpayer and registered voter of Lincoln County at least one year prior to filing
- Capable of obtaining a bond of at least \$5,000
- Must be a licensed peace officer at the time of filing

County Assessor - §§ 53.010 and 53.040, RSMo.

- Resident taxpayer and registered voter of Lincoln County at the time of filing
- Capable of obtaining a bond of \$2,000
- Takes office September 1, 2025; additional training required

County Treasurer – §§ 54.040 and 54.070 RSMo.

- At least 21 years of age
- Resident and registered voter of Lincoln County at least one year prior to the election
- Must provide a copy of a signed affidavit from a surety company indicating that the candidate meets the bonding requirements for a bond in the amount of \$2,000,000

County Public Administrator – § 473.730 RSMo.

- At least 21 years of age
- Resident and registered voter of Lincoln County at least one year prior to the election
- Must provide a copy of a signed affidavit from a surety company indicating that the candidate meets the bonding requirements for a bond in the amount of \$400,000

County Surveyor - §§ 60.010 and 60.030, RSMo.

- Resident of Lincoln County for six months prior to the election
- Registered land surveyor
- At least 21 years of age at the time of election
- Capable of obtaining a bond of at least \$1,000

County Coroner - § 58.030 RSMo.

- At least 21 years of age
- Resident and registered voter of Lincoln County six months prior to the election
- Capable of obtaining a bond in the amount of \$1,000

Township Committeemen and Committeewomen - §§ 115.607-115.613, RSMo.

- Resident of county and committee district for one year next preceding the election
- Registered voter in county and district for one year next preceding the election

This listing is for informational purposes only and is not a comprehensive collection of the statutes governing the election of county officers. Please refer to the Missouri Constitution and the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri for the full qualifications of each office. The complete “Notice of Offices” for which candidates are to be nominated at the Primary Election that was published pursuant to Section 115.345 RSMo. as well as other information regarding voter registration and elections in Lincoln County is available on the County Clerk’s website www.lincolncountymoclerk.gov under the Elections Tab. Individuals with questions may also contact the County Clerk’s Office at (636) 462-8090 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Submitted by Kenneth Schulte, Lincoln County Clerk and Election Authority