

SINGLE SIGNATURE ELECTRONIC CANDIDATE PETITIONS

Pursuant to Executive Order 216 (2021), as a measure to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, candidates can obtain signatures electronically on a nominating petition. Partisan candidates have until April 5, 2021 to file their nominating petition. Independent candidates have until June 8, 2021 the day of the Primary Election to file their nominating petition. A candidate/designee will still need to complete all of the required documents (i.e. Oath of Allegiance, Certificate of Acceptance, Disclosure Statement of Criminal Conviction, etc.). The required documents can be located under the Candidate Information section on the Division of Elections website. All of the statutory requirements will remain the same. Please see the below instructions on how to complete the electronic nominating petition.

Instructions on Completing Electronic Nominating Petition:

- Step 1: Candidate/designee will download the nominating petition from the Division of Elections website.
- Step 2: Candidate/designee will save the file to their computer/laptop.
- Step 3: Candidate/designee will fill in their information where required.
- Step 4: After a candidate/designee completes their information, they will need to save the file again to their computer/laptop.
- Step 5: The saved petition can be provided to the petition signers electronically. The petition signer will need to print, sign, scan the document and return to the candidate. If the petition signer does not have the ability to print or scan a document, they must create a digital signature and return the electronic file to the candidate/designee. Please Note: It is the sole responsibility of the candidate/designee to collect the signature petition forms from the petition signers.

Instructions on Submitting Electronic Nominating Petition(s):

- Step 1: Candidate/designee will save the returned signed petition(s) on their computer/laptop.
- Step 2: Candidate/designee may email the signed petition(s) as individual files or if possible, combined into a single file. Candidate/designee may combine multiple signature files into a single zip file (e.g., on Windows, select multiple files and right-click. Select "send to compressed (zipped) folder" to create zip file.). The file(s) should be in a pdf format. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your device, you can download a free version at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>. Candidate/designee may not submit petitions using any cloud-based document/storage service or online application including, but not limited to, Amazon WorkDocs, Apple iCloud Drive, DropBox, Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, and Nextcloud.
- Step 3: Petitions for STATE OFFICES to be filed with the Secretary of State may be emailed in a zip file to either one of the following email addresses: dawn.schilling@sos.nj.gov or donna.barber@sos.nj.gov; mailed to the Division of Elections to either of the mailing addresses: for the United States Postal Office use P.O. Box 304; Trenton, NJ 08825; for deliveries such as UPS, Fed-Ex, etc. use 20 West State Street, 4th Floor; Trenton, NJ 08608 or they can be delivered in-person by appointment only. Petitions being submitted in person require a petition filing appointment. The Division of Elections is not accepting walk-in appointments. Please be advised that currently the Division of Elections can only accept email attachments with a total email size of up to 25 megabytes. If you need to send multiple attachments totaling larger than 25 megabytes in size, please send as multiple emails. Blank pages should not be included to reduce the size of the file.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REQUIRED SIGNATURES HAS NOT CHANGED.

Partisan candidate petitions for Governor of the State of New Jersey, N.J. State Senate- all 40 Legislative Districts and N.J. General Assembly- all 40 Legislative Districts must be received on or before 4:00 p.m. on April 5, 2021.

Independent candidate petitions for Governor of the State of New Jersey, N.J. State Senate- all 40 Legislative Districts and N.J. General Assembly- all 40 Legislative Districts must be received on or before 4:00 p.m. on June 8, 2021.

Please be reminded that candidate(s) petitions may be filed in person by appointment only, by mail or electronically.