

## **Instructions for Candidates Filing with the Secretary of State**

*Instructions for: Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, US Congress, US Senate, Public Service Commission, State Board of Education, Board of Regents, Legislature, Learning Community, Educational Service Unit, Public Power, Community College, Natural Resource District, Reclamation District & Judicial Retention*

*Notice: As a result of an Attorney General's opinion and subsequent litigation, the Accountability and Disclosure Commission has decided not to enforce the Campaign Finance Limitation Act (CFLA) for the 2012 election cycle. Included in the CFLA requirements is an affidavit whether a candidate intends to abide or not abide by spending limitations. State statute requires a copy of the affidavit to be filed with the Secretary of State at the time of filing for a covered office.*

*Since the Accountability and Disclosure Commission is not requiring submission of the affidavit, the Secretary of State **will not** require a copy at the time of filing.*

### **Filing Periods**

- Primary Election:
  - Incumbents: December 1, 2011 through February 15, 2012
  - Non-Incumbents: December 1, 2011 through March 1, 2012
- General election:
  - Incumbents: December 1, 2011 through July 16, 2012
  - Non-incumbents: December 1, 2011 through August 1, 2012.

### **Primary election requirements for US Congress and US Senate**

- Must fill out a partisan candidate filing form.
- Filing fee is \$1,740.
- No Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission C-1 form is required.
- Register with the Federal Election Commission.

### **Primary election requirements for the following partisan offices: constitutional officers and Public Service Commission**

- Must fill out a partisan candidate filing form.
- Must fill out the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission C-1 form. We need both forms to complete the filing.
- Filing fees:
  - Governor, \$1,050
  - Secretary of State, \$850
  - Auditor, \$850
  - Treasurer, \$850
  - Attorney General, \$950
  - Public Service Commission, \$750

**Primary election requirements for the following nonpartisan offices: Legislature, Board of Regents, State Board of Education and public power districts grossing over \$40 million**

- Must fill out a nonpartisan candidate filing form.
- Must fill out the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission C-1 form. We need both forms to complete the filing.
- Filing fees:
  - o Legislature, \$120
  - o Board of Regents, \$25
  - o State Board of Education, \$25
  - o Public power districts grossing over \$40 million (NPPD, OPPD, Southern, Loup and Norris), \$25

**Primary election requirements for the following nonpartisan offices: community colleges, natural resources districts and learning communities**

- Must fill out a nonpartisan candidate filing form.
- No Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission C-1 form is required.
- No filing fee.

**General election requirements for public power districts grossing under \$40 million**

- Must fill out a nonpartisan candidate filing form.
- Must fill out the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission C-1 form. We need both forms to complete the filing.
- Filing fee is \$10.

**General election requirements for the following nonpartisan offices: reclamation districts and education service units**

- Must fill out a nonpartisan candidate filing form.
- No Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission C-1 form is required.
- Filing fees:
  - o Reclamation districts, \$10
  - o Education service units, no fee

**General Election requirements for judicial retention**

- Must submit filing form by Aug. 1, 2012.
- No Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission C-1 form is required.
- No filing fee.