

Candidate Filing Information

Supreme Court Justice and Court of Appeals Judge

This information is subject to amendatory change during the 2018 session of the Idaho Legislature. If changes occur, an updated version will be made available. Updated June 2017.

Filing Dates	Candidate Filing	Candidate Withdrawal
First Day to File	February 26, 2018	Primary: March 23, 2018
Last Day to File	March 9, 2018 by 5:00 PM Mountain Time	General: September 7, 2018

Filing Options

A candidate has two options when filing for placement on the Primary Election ballot:

1. File a Declaration of Candidacy and pay the filing fee.
2. File a Declaration of Candidacy and nominating petitions, containing the required number of signatures of qualified electors verified prior to submission.

All Candidates: Declaration of Candidacy - Form SC-4

When completing the Declaration of Candidacy, be sure to complete all fields and questions. Also, please note:

1. For the question, “How you would like your name to appear on the ballot”, please clearly print your name exactly as you wish it to appear on the ballot.
2. You must be registered to vote. You may be affiliated with either a political party or no political party (i.e. unaffiliated). (Contact your County Clerk to verify your registration status and affiliation.)
3. The signature of the candidate must be notarized.

Any incomplete or missing information may void your filing.

Option 1 - Filing Fee

\$300.00 Supreme Court Justice or Court of Appeals Judge

Option 2 - Petitions - Form SC-5 (may be reproduced)

1,000 signatures within the state

All petitions must be complete.

1. The top portion of each petition sheet must be filled in prior to circulation.
2. Each signature sheet shall contain the signatures of qualified electors (i.e registered voters) from only one (1) county, due to the verification requirement.
3. The circulator’s signature must be notarized on the bottom portion of each petition page prior to being verified by the County Clerk.
4. All signatures must be verified by the County Clerk to be those of registered electors (i.e. registered voters) prior to being filed with the Secretary of State.

Campaign Finance Information

All candidates for judicial office should contact the Secretary of State’s Office for information on reporting requirements prior to announcing candidacy, accepting donations or spending money.

email: elections@sos.idaho.gov

phone: (208) 334-2852

website: www.sos.idaho.gov

Supreme Court Justice and Court of Appeals Judge Completing the Declaration of Candidacy

Section 1: Office Information

1. Enter the office that you will be a candidate for.
2. Enter the name of the current Justice or Judge that you wish to succeed.

Section 2: Candidate Information

1. Enter your First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name and Suffix, if applicable, as it appears on your voter registration record.
2. Enter your Residence Address, including the street number, street name, City, State, Zip Code and County, as it appears on your voter registration record. (Note: This must be your physical address. PO Boxes are not allowed as a residence address.)
3. Enter your Mailing Address if it is different than your Residence Address.

Section 3: Ballot Name

1. Enter your Name exactly as you would like it to appear on the ballot. (Please print clearly.)
 - a. Nicknames may be included if it is a name that is commonly known. However, nicknames that promote a particular political platform or may be deemed offensive are not allowed.
 - b. Professional identifiers are also not allowed on the ballot (i.e. Dr., M.D., Ph.D., Esq., CPA, etc.).

Section 4: Campaign Finance Information

1. Respond to the question “Have you updated or filed a C1: Appointment and Certification of Political Treasurer?”
 - a. Every candidate for Supreme Court Justice or Appellate Court Judge must have a current C1: Appointment and Certification of Political Treasurer on file with the Secretary of State’s Office.
 - b. If you are a first time candidate or ran in a previous year but closed your campaign account, you must submit a C1 form prior to announcing candidacy, accepting donations or making expenditures.
 - c. If you are a continuing candidate, be sure that an updated C1 form has been filed in order for our office to have the most current contact information for you and your treasurer.
2. C1 forms are available:
 - a. Online at <http://www.sos.idaho.gov/elect/finance/index.html>
 - b. In the Office of the Secretary of State (State Capitol Building: 700 W Jefferson Street, Suite E-205, Boise, ID)
 - c. Requested via email at elections@sos.idaho.gov or via phone at (208) 334-2852

Section 5: Certification

1. Carefully read the certification.
2. If paying the filing fee, enter the amount of the filing fee in the Certification Statement.
3. In the presence of a notary, sign and date the Declaration of Candidacy.
 - a. The notary will then complete the bottom portion of the Declaration of Candidacy.

Questions

1. Contact the Elections Division of the Secretary of State’s Office.
 - a. email: elections@sos.idaho.gov phone: (208) 334-2852 fax: (208) 334-2282
 - b. Personal Delivery: State Capitol Building: 700 W Jefferson Street, Suite E-205, Boise, ID
 - c. Mailing Address: PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0080
 - d. Shipping Address (i.e. FedEx, UPS, DHL, etc.): 450 N 4th St, Boise, ID 83702

Supreme Court Justice and Court of Appeals Judge Completing the Petition of Candidacy

Section 1: Office Information

1. Enter the office that you will be a candidate for to the right of “Filing for the Office of”.
2. Enter “N/A” to the right of Judicial District as this does not apply.
3. Enter the name of the current Justice or Judge that you wish to succeed.

Section 2: Candidate Information

1. Enter your Name as it will appear on the ballot.
 - a. Nicknames may be included if it is a name that is commonly known. However, nicknames that promote a particular political platform or may be deemed offensive are not allowed.
 - b. Professional identifiers are also not allowed on the ballot (i.e. Dr., M.D., Ph.D., Esq., CPA, etc.).

Section 3: Signers Section

1. Enter the Judicial District number on the blank line of the Signers Statement.
2. Collect signatures of qualified electors (i.e. registered voters) of the state.
3. Each individual participating in the petition must:
 - a. Sign their name.
 - b. Print their name.
 - c. Print their residence address. (Note: PO Boxes are not allowed. The listing of a PO Box will automatically invalidate the signature and it will not be counted in the number of required signatures.
 - d. Enter the date that they signed the petition.

Section 4: Certification

1. Enter the County in which the circulator is having the notarization completed to the right of “County of”.
2. Enter the name of the circulator along with their county of residence in the Certification Statement.
3. In the presence of a notary, the circulator will sign and enter their address on the Petition of Candidacy.
 - a. The notary will then complete the bottom portion of the Petition of Candidacy.
 - b. Note: The candidate may have other individuals circulate petitions on their behalf. In this case, the individual circulating the petition will complete, sign and have notarized the Certification prior to returning the completed petition to the candidate.

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Office Information

Filing for the Office of:

To Succeed:

Candidate Information

Candidate Name (As it appears on your voter registration record)

First	MI	Last	Suffix	
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Residence Address (As it appears on your voter registration record)

Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	County
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Mailing Address

Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	County
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How you would like your name to appear on the ballot:

Campaign Finance Information

Have you updated or filed a C1: Appointment and Certification of Political Treasurer?

Yes No Secretary of State Contact Information: elections@sos.idaho.gov (208) 334-2852

Certification

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare myself a candidate for the office entered above and to succeed the individual listed above, such office to be voted for upon the Judicial Ballot at the Judicial Nominating Election to be held on the 15th day of May, 2018 and I certify that I am a legal resident of Idaho and that the information on this Declaration is true and accurate.

I further certify that I possess the legal qualifications under the Constitution and laws of Idaho to hold said office. I submit herewith the statutory filing fee of \$300.00, or in lieu of the filing fee, nominating petitions containing 1,000 signatures of qualified electors.

Dated: _____ Candidate Signature: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature: _____

Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho, residing at _____ (Notary Seal)

My Commission Expires: _____

Petition for Candidacy Supreme Court Justice, Appellate Court Judge and District Court Judge

Filing Dates & Information

First Day to File February 26, 2018

Last Day to File March 9, 2018

This petition must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State with the Declaration of Candidacy by candidates for Supreme Court Justice, Appellate Court Judge and District Court Judge during the above filing period. The statutorily required number of signatures must be verified by the appropriate County Clerk prior to filing.

Office Information

Filing for the Office of:

Judicial District:

To Succeed:

Candidate Information

Candidate Name (As it will appear on the ballot)

Signers Statement

I, the undersigned, being a qualified elector in the State of Idaho, do hereby certify that I reside in the _____ Judicial District at the place set opposite my name, and that I join in the petition of the candidate listed above to appear on the nonpartisan judicial ballot to succeed the Justice or Judge and for the office listed above to be voted for at the May 15th Judicial Nominating Election, and that each for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a qualified elector of the State of Idaho and my residence address is correctly written after my name.

Signature of Petitioner

Printed Name

Residence Address

Date Signed

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____

Certification

STATE OF IDAHO

ss.

County of _____

I, _____, being first duly sworn say: That I am a resident of the State of Idaho and at least eighteen (18) years of age: that every person who signed this sheet of the foregoing petition signed his or her name thereto in my presence: I believe that each has stated his or her name address and residence correctly, that each signer is a qualified elector of the State of Idaho, and a resident of the county of _____.

Circulator Signature: _____ Address: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Signature: _____

Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho, residing at _____

(Notary Seal)

My Commission Expires: _____