

CONSENT OF CANDIDATE FORM (17 V.S.A. § 2402(a))

VERMONT GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES ONLY

Not to be used for Justice of the Peace candidates

This Consent of Candidate, your Financial Disclosure Form*, and your Statement of Nomination (petition) must be filed at the same time in the Secretary of State's office, no sooner than: MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018

**candidates for county office are not required to file a financial disclosure form*

Each candidate for office in the **General Election on November 6, 2018** must file a statement of nomination, consent form, and financial disclosure (except for county office candidates who do not file a financial disclosure) with the Secretary of State in order to authorize the printing of his or her name on the General Election ballot.

For all independent candidates, except Justices of the Peace, this form is due in the Office of the Secretary of State. Independent Justice of the Peace Candidates use a different form and file with your town or city clerk.

Please complete this form carefully. This form is required by law to establish exactly how each candidate's name, town of residence, and district will appear on the ballot. The law also requires that each candidate provide us with a mailing address. You may include initials or nicknames in your name; however titles cannot appear on the ballot. It will be most helpful if you limit your name including spaces to no more than 24 characters.

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

I consent to having my name printed on the ballot as follows:

OFFICE: _____

DISTRICT: _____

In the space above: If you are a statewide candidate, write "Statewide." Candidates for state senate, write your senate district (i.e. "Essex-Orleans"); for county office, write your county name (i.e. "Franklin"); for state representative, write your state representative district (i.e. "Addison 2-1"). If you do not know the official name of your district you can find it on our website www.vermont-elections.org or call the Elections Division at (802) 828-2363. Your form must use the official name of the legislative district and NOT just a list of town names.

My name, town or city of residence, and party are as follows – exactly as I want it to appear on the ballot:

Name: _____

Town of Residence: _____

Party: _____

Candidate's Signature: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town, State, Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening/Weekend: _____

Email Address: _____

Website URL: _____

(Information provided will appear on the Secretary of State's website)

**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
 PETITION/STATEMENT OF NOMINATION
 in the VERMONT GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

I join in a petition to place on the General Election ballot of the _____* Party,
 (*Can leave BLANK for Independent, or write up to 3 words but not the name of a VT political party,)

the name of _____, whose residence is in the City or Town
 of _____ in the County of _____ for the office of
 _____, in the district of _____ to be voted for on Tuesday, the 6th
 day of November, 2018; and I certify that I am at the present time a Vermont registered voter and I am
qualified to vote for a candidate for this office.

SIGNATURE	PRINT NAME HERE	TOWN OF RESIDENCE

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INFORMATION FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

SIGNATURES REQUIRED to be added to General Ballot – 17 V.S.A. § 2402(b)

For Statewide and U.S. Congressional Officers - 500
For State Senator and County Officers - 100
For State Representative - 50

WHERE TO FILE: 17 V.S.A. § 2401

All independent candidates (except JP's) must file with the Office of the Secretary of State, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633. *Independent candidates for Justice of the Peace use a different form and file with your town or city clerk.*

WHEN TO FILE: 17 V.S.A. § 2402(d)(1)(C)

No sooner than MONDAY, April 23, 2018 no later than 5:00 p.m. on THURSDAY, August 9, 2018

Note: Under Vermont law, "filed" means "deposited in the regularly maintained office of the official with whom the filing is to be made." 17 V.S.A. § 2103(13)

CONSENT FORM: 17 V.S.A. § 2402(d)(1)

A Consent of Candidate form must be filed at the same time as your Statement of Nomination. **YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT** if you fail to file both forms at the same time. Petitions will not be accepted on a rolling basis. All petition pages and the consent form must be filed at the same time.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS: 17 V.S.A. §2414

Candidates for statewide non-federal office, state senate, and state representative must file the State Ethics Commission financial disclosure form along with their petitions and consent of candidate. Financial Disclosure forms are not required for County Office candidates.

Statewide non-federal candidates must also file a copy of the most recent IRS Form 1040 in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2414(c)*. *Please note that the law allows for certain information to be redacted.

NAME OF PARTY – 17 V.S.A. § 2403

The political party or other name on the petition/statement shall be substantially different from the name of any political party organized in Vermont and may not be more than three words. **THE WORD PARTY WILL NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT.** It shall also be different from any name on any other statement of nomination for the same office presently on file with the Secretary of State for the same election. If party name is left blank, the word Independent will be printed on the ballot.

INFORMATION FOR SIGNERS

WHAT IT MEANS TO SIGN – Your signature doesn't necessarily indicate that you support the candidate.

You may sign as many independent petitions/statements of nomination for a given office as there are nominations to be made (seats to be filled) for that office. You may sign a petition for an independent candidate even if you have signed a petition for a major party candidate running for the same office in the Primary.

For example:

- You may sign one independent petition for Governor.
- If you live in a two-member district you may sign two different independent candidate petitions. If you live in a three-member district you may sign three different independent candidate petitions.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, please visit our website at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us> or call Elections Division in the Office of the Secretary of State at (800) 439-8683 (toll-free within VT) or (802) 828-2363