



DeKalb County

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2022 Qualifying Guide

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2022 QUALIFYING INFORMATION

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131 (a)(1) (A) and (1) (B), the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners set the qualifying fees for offices to be elected by DeKalb County Voters in 2022.

Daily Begins: 9:00 AM March 7, 2022

Qualifying Ends: 12:00 PM Friday, March 11, 2022

Qualifying Fees set by the Board of Commissioners are as follows:

State Court Judge	\$5,028.44
County Commissioner (Districts 2, 3, & 7)	\$1,942.25
Board of Education (Districts 2, 4, & 6)	\$540.00
Soil & Water Conservation Supervisor	N/A

NON-PARTISAN, INDEPENDENT & POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES QUALIFYING LOCATION INFORMATION

DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections Office
4380 Memorial Drive, Ste. 300
Decatur, Georgia 30032
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voterreg@dekalbcountyga.gov

PARTISAN CANDIDATES QUALIFYING INFORMATION LOCATION INFORMATION

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

4380 Memorial Drive, Ste. 300
Decatur, Georgia 30032

REPUBLICAN PARTY

4380 Memorial Drive, Ste. 300
Decatur, Georgia 30032



Qualifying Guidelines for Partisan Candidates

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153, partisan candidates seeking office for the following race shall file their Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit with the appropriate county political party, beginning 9:00am on March 7, 2022 and ending at Noon on March 11, 2022. Qualifying for partisan offices will take place at 4380 Memorial Drive, Ste. 300, Decatur, Georgia 30032.

PARTISAN OFFICES

County Commissioner (Districts 2, 3, & 7)

Procedures for Qualifying

1. Provide valid photo I.D.
2. File a Declaration of Candidacy & Affidavit (Documents must be notarized)
3. Pay the qualifying fee for the office being sought
 - Cashier's check, money order or personal check payable to "DeKalb County Democratic or Republican Party"
 - Cash
4. File a Declaration of Intention to Accept Campaign Contributions (Form DOI) or,
5. File the Affidavit of a Candidate's Intent Not to Exceed \$2,500.00 in Contributions and/or Expenditures



Qualifying Guidelines for Nonpartisan Candidates

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132, candidates seeking nonpartisan county offices shall qualify by filing their Notice of Candidacy with a county Qualifying Officer beginning 9:00am on March 7, 2022 and ending at Noon on March 11, 2022. Qualifying for nonpartisan offices will take place at 4380 Memorial Drive, Ste. 300, Decatur, Georgia 30032.

NONPARTISAN OFFICES
Board of Education (Districts 2, 4, & 6)
State Court Judge (Alexander)
State Court Judge (Anderson)
State Court Judge (Panos)
State Court Judge (Wong)
Soil & Water Conservation Supervisor

Procedures for Qualifying

1. Provide valid photo I.D.
2. File a Notice of Candidacy & Affidavit (Documents must be notarized)
 - o Candidates for Local Board of Education must submit an additional affidavit
3. Pay the qualifying fee for the office being sought (*if applicable*)
 - o Cashier’s check, money order or personal check payable to “DeKalb County”
 - o Cash
4. File a Declaration of Intention to Accept Campaign Contributions (Form DOI) or,
5. File the Affidavit of a Candidate’s Intent Not to Exceed \$2,500.00 in Contributions and/or Expenditures



Qualifying Guidelines for Independent/Political Body Candidates

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132 (d)(3) and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-170, any person desiring to run as an Independent or Political Body Candidate must qualify with a county qualifying officer beginning 9:00am on March 7, 2022 and ending at Noon on March 11, 2022. There is a second qualifying period beginning at 9:00am on June 27, 2022 and ending at Noon on July 12, 2022. Qualifying will take place at 4380 Memorial Drive, Ste. 300, Decatur, Georgia 30032.

Procedures for Qualifying

1. Provide a valid photo I.D.
2. File the Notice of Candidacy & Affidavit, **AND**
3. File a Nomination Petition. The Nomination Petition must be signed by **five percent of the registered voters eligible to vote in the last election held for such office the candidate is seeking**. No nomination petition shall be circulated prior to 180 days before the last day on which such petition may be filed (12 Noon on July 12, 2022).
4. Pay the qualifying fee for the office being sought
 - Cashier's check, money order or personal check payable to "DeKalb County"
 - Cash, **OR**
 - File a Pauper's affidavit. If filing a Pauper's affidavit, the candidate must also file a qualifying petition at the time of qualifying.
5. File a Declaration of Intention to Accept Campaign Contributions (Form DOI), or
6. File the Affidavit of a Candidate's Intent Not to Exceed \$2,500.00 in Contributions and/or Expenditures



Qualifying Guidelines for Independent/Political Body Candidates

Independent and Political Body Candidate Qualifying/Filing Schedule

January 13, 2022	Earliest day to circulate nomination petition. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-170(e)
March 7, 2022 9:00 AM	Earliest day to qualify for the November General Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153(c)(1)(A)
March 11, 2022 12:00 Noon	Last day to qualify for the November General Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153(c)(1)(A)
June 27, 2022 9:00 AM	Earliest day for an Independent or a Political Body Candidate to file their Nomination Petition to have his/her name placed on the General election Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(e) **Second Qualifying Period Begins**
July 12, 2022 12:00 Noon	Last day for an Independent or a Political Body Candidate to file their Nomination Petition to have his/her name placed on the General Election Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(e) **Second Qualifying Period Ends**

The Nomination Petition must be signed by five percent of the registered voters eligible to vote in the last election held for such office the candidate is seeking. No nomination petition shall be circulated prior to 180 days before the last day on which such petition may be filed, and no signature shall be counted unless it was signed within 180 days of the last day for filing the same.



Qualifying Guidelines

Qualifying as a Pauper

Candidates may qualify by filing a pauper's affidavit in lieu of paying the required qualifying fee in accordance with O.C.G.A. §21-2-153 (a.1)(1), 21-2-132(g), at the time of qualifying.

Procedures for Qualifying

1. Provide a valid photo I.D.
2. Complete the Notice of Candidacy & Affidavit. Be sure to select the option to file as a pauper on the Notice of Candidacy & Affidavit. **Must be filed at the time of qualifying.**
3. Submit a completed a Paupers Affidavit. **Must be filed at the time of qualifying.**
4. Submit at the time of qualifying a Qualifying Petition, signed by **one percent** of the total number of voters eligible to vote in the last election for filing of the office for which the candidate is qualifying. **A qualifying petition must be circulated within 180 days of the last day the qualifying petition may be filed (12 Noon, March 11, 2022).**
5. File a Declaration of Intention to Accept Campaign Contributions (Form DOI) or,
6. File the Affidavit of a Candidate's Intent Not to Exceed \$2,500.00 in Contributions and/or Expenditures



Qualifying Guidelines

Number of Signatures Required for Nomination and Qualifying Petitions

Office	Registered Voters at Last Election Held for Elected Office (2018)	Nomination Petition Signatures Required for Independent or Political Body Candidates (5% Of Registered Voters)	Qualifying Petition Signatures Required for a Pauper's Affidavit (1% of Registered Voters)
State Court Judge	471,302	Not Eligible	4,713
County Commissioner -District 2	96,947	4,847	969
County Commissioner -District 3	112,108	5,605	1,121
County Commissioner -District 7	254,822	12,741	2,548
Board of Education -District 2	53,034	Not Eligible	530
Board of Education -District 4	56,729	Not Eligible	567
Board of Education -District 6	65,625	Not Eligible	656



Qualifying Guidelines for Write-In Candidates

Qualifying as a Write-In Candidate O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133

No person elected on a write-in vote shall be eligible to hold office unless notice of his or her intention of candidacy was filed and published no earlier than January 1 and no later than the Tuesday after the first Monday in September prior to the election for county, state, and federal elections; no later than seven days after the close of the qualifying period for nonpartisan elections.

In addition to the above requirements, the person or persons giving notice of intention of candidacy for a write-in candidate shall also file, with the appropriate official specified, a copy of the notice as published with an affidavit stating that the notice has been published and including the name of the newspaper and the date of publication, not later than the fifth day after the deadline for filing and publishing such notice.

To become a certified write-in candidate the candidate must:

1. File the Notice of Intention for Write-In Candidacy with county Superintendent.
2. Publish a notice of intent in the legal organ of the county (The Champion).
3. Provide a copy of the notice as published with an affidavit stating that the notice has been published and including the name of the newspaper and the date of publication.

No person shall be eligible as a write-in candidate in a special or general primary, a special or general primary runoff, or a special or general election runoff (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(c)).

No person shall be eligible as a write-in candidate in a general or special election if such person was a candidate for nomination or election to the same office in the immediately preceding primary (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(d)).



Qualifying/Filing Schedule for Nonpartisan Write-In Candidates O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(a)(b)

January 1, 2022	<p>Earliest day to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• File Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy with county Election Superintendent.• Publish Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy in county legal organ (The Champion)• File with the county Election Superintendent a copy of the Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy as published in the county legal organ (The Champion) with an affidavit stating that the notice has been published and including the name of the newspaper and the date of publication. <p>The affidavit may be made by the person giving notice of intention of candidacy or by the publisher of the newspaper in which the notice was published or by an employee of the newspaper designated by the publisher.</p>
March 18, 2022	<p>Last day to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• File Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy with county Election Superintendent.• Publish Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy in county legal organ (The Champion)
March 23, 2022	<p>Last day to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• File with the county Election Superintendent a copy of the Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy as published in the county legal organ (The Champion) with an affidavit stating that the notice has been published and including the name of the newspaper and the date of publication. <p>The affidavit may be made by the person giving notice of intention of candidacy or by the publisher of the newspaper in which the notice was published or by an employee of the newspaper designated by the publisher.</p>



**Qualifying/Filing Schedule for Partisan
Write-In Candidates
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(a)(b)**

January 1, 2022	<p>Earliest day to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• File Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy with county Election Superintendent.• Publish Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy in county legal organ (The Champion)• File with the county Election Superintendent a copy of the Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy as published in the county legal organ (The Champion) with an affidavit stating that the notice has been published and including the name of the newspaper and the date of publication. <p>The affidavit may be made by the person giving notice of intention of candidacy or by the publisher of the newspaper in which the notice was published or by an employee of the newspaper designated by the publisher.</p>
September 6, 2022	<p>Last day to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• File Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy with county Election Superintendent.• Publish Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy in county legal organ (The Champion)
September 11, 2022	<p>Last day to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• File with the county Election Superintendent a copy of the Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy as published in the county legal organ (The Champion) with an affidavit stating that the notice has been published and including the name of the newspaper and the date of publication. <p>The affidavit may be made by the person giving notice of intention of candidacy or by the publisher of the newspaper in which the notice was published or by an employee of the newspaper designated by the publisher.</p>



BALLOT NAME: HOW A CANDIDATE'S NAME SHALL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

Upon qualifying for candidacy for a, each candidate must submit a Notice of Candidacy Affidavit or a Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit. This affidavit requires each candidate to include his or her name as the candidate wishes it to appear on the ballot. Many may ask, "What's in a name"? Not only is it very often the first piece of information offered to someone, it is a key component in identifying a person. For some candidates, using a nickname or title on the ballot may improve their recognition among voters or even garner a few extra votes if the nickname or title is catchy. The name chosen to appear on the ballot may reflect how friends and people of the community know a candidate and because name recognition plays a significant role in gaining votes; people are inclined to vote for the candidate in which whose name they know. So is the use of a nickname or a title permissible on the ballot? This section will give a detailed explanation on how a candidate's name will appear on the ballot in accordance to S.E.B. rule 183-1-11-.02.

SEB RULE 183-1-11-.02 Appearance of Candidate's Name on Ballot

- (1) A candidate's name on the ballot shall include the candidate's last name shown on the candidate's voter registration records and at least one of: (1) the first name shown on the candidate's voter registration records or corresponding initial, (2) the middle name shown on the candidate's voter registration records or corresponding initial, (3) an abbreviated name by which the candidate is commonly known in the community, or (4) a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known in the community. Any nickname is subject to Section (2) of this rule.
- (2) A candidate's name may include a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known in the community but shall not contain any spurious phrases, title or degree designating the business, fraternal, religious, or professional affiliation of the candidate, or political slogan or message. A title or degree includes, but is not limited to, military or professional title or rank, or references such as "Dr.", "Rev.", "Judge", "Mr.", "Ms.", or "Miss". A determination as to whether a nickname violates this Rule lies within the sound discretion of the Secretary of State or election superintendent, as appropriate.
- (3) The total number of spaces, inclusive of letters, spaces, and punctuation, which may be utilized on the ballot for a candidate's name and, if any, nickname, shall be twenty-five (25). Notwithstanding the listing of the candidate's name on the filing papers, spaces, periods, quotation marks, and commas necessary for the proper punctuation shall be added by the Secretary of State or the election superintendent, as appropriate. No candidate's name shall

exceed twenty-five (25) spaces. The Secretary of State or the election superintendent, as appropriate, shall determine the correct listing for any candidate whose name exceeds twenty-five (25) spaces to conform to this requirement.

- (4) A determination as to whether the candidate's requested name on the ballot complies with this Rule shall be within the discretion of the Secretary of the State or election superintendent, as appropriate. Upon a determination that the requested name does not comply with this Rule, the Secretary of State or election superintendent, as appropriate shall modify the candidate's name on the ballot so that it complies with this Rule.



General Qualifications to Hold Public Office

Ga. Const. Article II Section II Paragraph II

No person who is not a registered voter; who has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, unless that person's civil rights have been restored and at least ten years have elapsed from the date of the completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving moral turpitude; who is a defaulter for any federal, state, county, municipal, or school system taxes required of such officeholder or candidate if such person has been finally adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to owe those taxes, but such ineligibility may be removed at any time by full payment thereof, or by making payments to the tax authority pursuant to a payment plan, or under such other conditions as the General Assembly may provide by general law; or who is the holder of public funds illegally shall be eligible to hold any office or appointment of honor or trust in this state. Additional conditions of eligibility to hold office for persons elected on a write-in vote and for persons holding offices or appointments of honor or trust other than elected offices created by the Constitution or provided by law.

Various offices have different requirements for those who wish to run. It is the applicant's responsibility to determine what the qualifications are and that they are met.

For Qualifications and Disqualifications for Holding State or County Elective Office in Georgia, visit https://sos.ga.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/qualifications_and_disqualifications_2013.pdf

County offices may have additional requirements. If so, these requirements can be found in the DeKalb County Code at https://library.municode.com/ga/dekalb_county.

WEB RESOURCES

TOPICS	WEB OR EMAIL LINKS
Absentee Ballot Applications	www.sos.ga.gov also: www.dekalbvotes.com
DeKalb County GIS Department (Precinct Boundary Maps)	www.dekalbcountyga.gov/gis/gis-department
DeKalb County Voter Registration and Elections Home Page	www.dekalbvotes.com
Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission (Ethics Commission)	www.ethicsga.gov
Official Code of Georgia	www.sos.ga.gov
Online Poll Worker Application	www.dekalbvotes.com
Poll Locator	www.dekalbvotes.com
Sample Ballots	www.dekalbvotes.com
Secretary of State	www.sos.ga.gov
State Election Board Rules	www.sos.ga.gov
Verify Voter Registration Status and Precinct Location, Register to Vote, Make Change of Address, etc.	www.mvp.sos.ga.gov
Voter List Requests (must be submitted by email)	voterreg@dekalbcountyga.gov

