

SPECIAL DISTRICT CANDIDATES

Candidates may pre-qualify beginning Monday, May 30, 2022

**Official Candidate-Qualifying Period:
NOON, Monday, June 13, 2022, through NOON, Friday, June 17, 2022**

Forms Required to Open Campaign Account

- Candidate Campaign File Cover Sheet
- Form DSDE 9 Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates
- Lee County Campaign Finance Reporting System Affidavit (CFR Affidavit)
- Text Messaging Service Agreement
- Form DSDE 84 Statement of Candidate (filed within 10-days of filing Form DSDE 9)

A Candidate who does not collect contributions and whose only expense is the filing fee or petition signature verification fee is not required to appoint a campaign treasurer or designate a primary campaign depository. The following form is required instead of Forms DSDE 9, DSDE 84, and Lee County CFR Affidavit:

- Affidavit of Intent

Method of Qualifying for the Ballot

By Fee

Special District Offices are Non Partisan offices. During the qualifying period, candidates pay a qualifying fee of **\$25.00**. The filing fee can be paid by personal funds such as a personal check, money order, or cash.

By Petition

A candidate may start collecting signatures on Form **DSDE 104 (eff. 09/11) Candidate Petition Form** once Form DSDE 9 is filed with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office. Candidates must collect the valid signatures of **25 registered voters who reside within the Special District**. The signature verification fee is **10 cents per signature** submitted. A candidate who obtains the required number of signatures will not be required to pay the filing fee. The deadline to submit petitions is **NOON May 16, 2022**.

By Write In

During the qualifying period, a write-in candidate must complete the appropriate forms. The names of write-in candidates do **not** appear on the ballot.

Documents Required During Qualifying Week

- Form 1 Statement of Financial Interest for 2021 - must be properly completed, signed, and dated
- File the appropriate **CANDIDATE OATH** (must be notarized and properly executed);
 - **DSDE 302NP: Candidate Oath – School Board Non Partisan Office** (must be properly executed)
 - **DSDE 302NP (modified) Candidate Oath for Lee Memorial Health System Non Partisan Office** (must be properly executed)
- Canvassing Board Meetings and Logic and Accuracy Testing Schedules for the Primary and General Elections** - signed and dated

THE DEADLINE TO FILE IS NOON, FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022!

The information contained in this Fact Sheet and other literature is not comprehensive. If you are running for office, you are responsible for becoming acquainted with relevant Florida election laws, local charters, or ordinances that might affect your campaign, such as qualifications to run for office or placement of signage.