

HOW DO I RUN FOR OFFICE?

Declaration of Candidacy

The declaration of candidacy is a document that you must sign to start the process of becoming a candidate. You “declare” yourself as a candidate for a particular office and if you wish to run as a party candidate. Filing period of a declaration of candidacy is usually late May of an election year (even years).

Call the Board of Canvassers for exact dates.

Who is Eligible to File a Declaration of Candidacy?

If you are a registered voter who is 18 years old or older, you may run for any political office in the City of Pawtucket or the State of Rhode Island with the exception of U.S. Representative in which the minimum age requirement is 25.

Where do I file my Declaration of Candidacy?

The declaration of candidacy form is available from the Board of Canvasser, Lower Level, Pawtucket City Hall. You must fill out one form for each office you plan to run.

Except for candidates for Independent Presidential Electors or U.S. Representative you file the declaration of candidacy at the Board of Canvassers.

Next Step - Nomination Papers.

The Board of Canvassers will then (on a date specified by the Secretary of State’s Office) issue the potential candidate a set of Nomination Papers. Potential candidates must then go and obtain signatures from registered voters to be declared a certified candidate. Nomination papers are also to be returned to the Board of Canvassers no later than 4:00 p.m. (on a date specified by the Secretary of State’s Office.)

Signatures needed on Nomination Papers.

Independent Presidential Electors	1000
U.S. Senate	1000
U.S. Representative	500
State Senate	100
State Representative	50
Senate & Rep District Committees	50
Mayor	200
City Council At Large	200
School Committee	200
District Councilor	50

Once the Board of Canvassers and the Elections Division certify the signatures that you obtained of the Secretary of State's Office you are now a CANDIDATE and your name will appear on the B

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***** Additional Information and exact dates – Pawtucket Board of Canvassers – 722-1637.**

Rhode Island Secretary of State's Office – www.state.ri.us.