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Candidate Information for Major Party and Nonpartisan Offices for 2022 Federal Election

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◆ Filing Deadlines ([13-10-201](#), MCA)

- **January 13, 2022** First day to file Declaration and Oath of Candidacy, and pay filing fee (unless indigent) with appropriate filing officer. Opens 8:00 a.m.
- **March 14, 2022** Deadline to file Declaration and Oath of Candidacy, and pay filing fee (unless indigent) with appropriate filing officer. Closes 5:00 p.m.

◆ Where to File

- File with the [Secretary of State](#) for a congressional office, a statewide office, state district office, or Public Service Commissioner to be voted for in more than one county, a judge of the district court, or a member of the Legislature.
- File with the [county election administrator](#) for a county, municipal, precinct, or local district office to be voted for in only one county.

◆ Links to Filing Forms, Fee Information, and Calendars

[Online Candidate Filing Information](#)
[Declaration for Nomination and Oath of Candidacy](#)
[2022 Offices, Qualifications, and Fees](#)
[2022 Candidate Calendar](#)
[2022 Election Calendar](#)

◆ Other Important Information

- [Title 13 Election Laws](#)
- The candidate declaration for nomination and oath of candidacy form cannot be filed with the appropriate filing officer before **January 13, 2022**.
- Candidates can use the [online candidate filing](#) service to file for office and pay the filing fee, **available at 8:00 a.m. January 13, 2022**. Candidates may also file in person at the Secretary of State's office or by mail or fax (filing fee must be paid at time of filing).
- An individual cannot file as a major party, independent, or minor party candidate for a **nonpartisan** office.
- Under [13-10-201](#), MCA, a candidate may not file for **more than one office** (except for precinct committee representative and in certain local races, [HB 326](#)). Similarly, for a partisan election, an elector may not file a declaration for more than one party's nomination.
- An individual who files as an **indigent** candidate is not required to pay a filing fee but must submit signatures to county election administrator(s) totaling 5% or more of the total votes cast for the successful candidate for the same office at the last general election. For more information about filing as an indigent candidate, see the Independent/Minor Party/Indigent Candidates (2022) section on the candidate [Filing Information](#) page.