

CLAYTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
2016 QUALIFYING INFORMATION GUIDE

COST TO RUN FOR OFFICE

In accordance with Georgia Election Code Sections 21-2-131 (a)(1) (A) and (1) (B), the Clayton County Board of Commissioners set qualifying fees for county offices to be elected by Clayton County voters in 2016.

Such Qualifying fees shall be set as follows:

County Commission Chair County Commission District 2 County Commission District 3	The Qualifying Fee shall be set at 3% of the base salary as specified by law, excluding supplements for training and cost of living increases.
Clerk of Superior Court Tax Commissioner Sheriff Chief Magistrate Judge, Probate Court	The Qualifying Fee shall be set at 3% of the minimum salary as specified by law, excluding supplements, cost of living increases, and longevity increases.
Board of Education District 2 Board of Education District 3 Board of Education District 5 Board of Education District 6 Board of Education District 7 Surveyor	The Qualifying fee shall be set at 3% of total gross salary of the office paid in the previous year, including all supplements authorized by law; or if the elected official is not a paid salary, the commissioners must set a fee that is not more than three percent 3% of the income that the elected official earned from the office in the previous year.

WHERE TO QUALIFY

INDEPENDENT AND POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES: Georgia Election Code Sections 21-2-132(d)(2) and 21-2-170. An Independent or Political Body Candidate for County Office:

1. Must file a Notice of Candidacy between 9 a.m. June 27, 2016 and Noon, July 1, 2016
2. Pay the required qualifying fee or file a Pauper's affidavit. If filing a pauper's affidavit, candidate must also file a qualifying petition at the time of qualifying.
3. Must file a Nomination Petition between 9 a.m. June 27, 2016 and Noon July 12, 2016 with the Board of Elections Office at the address indicated below (see Georgia Election Code §21-2-132(e)). Please refer to page 3 for the estimated number of valid signatures required for a Nomination Petition.

Clayton County Elections & Registration Office
121 S. McDonough Street, Main Floor
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236
Phone: (770) 477-3372

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The Nomination Petition must be signed by ***five percent of the registered voters eligible to vote in the last election held for such the office*** the candidate is seeking. A Nomination Petition may be circulated within 180 days of the last day the Nomination Petition may be filed (last day to file a nomination petition is July 12, 2016). Refer to the chart on page 3 for the estimated number of valid signatures required for a Nomination Petition (21-2-170).

QUALIFYING UNDER A PAUPERS AFFIDAVIT:

Pauper's Affidavit: In accordance with Georgia Election Code, Sections 21-2-153 (a.1)(1), 21-2-132(g), at the time of qualifying, candidates may qualify by filing a pauper's affidavit in lieu of paying the required qualifying fee.

1. Must complete Notice of Candidacy
2. Must complete a Paupers Affidavit
3. Must submit a completed Qualifying Petition at the time of qualifying, signed by one percent of the total number of voters eligible to vote in the last election for filling of the office for which the candidate is qualifying. Refer to the Chart on page 4 for the number of signatures required for a Qualifying Petition.
4. The Paupers affidavit, Notice of Candidacy and Qualifying Petition must be filed at time of qualifying. The Qualifying petition may be circulated within 180 days of the last day the qualifying petition may be filed.

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**SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR
PAUPER'S, INDEPENDENT AND POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES**

OFFICE SOUGHT	REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF LAST ELECTION HELD TO FILLED OFFICE 11/6/2012	QUALIFYING PETITION ESTIMATED VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR A PAUPER'S AFFIDAVIT (1% OF VOTERS)	NOMINATION PETITION ESTIMATED VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR INDEPENDENT OR POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES (5% OF VOTERS)
Board of Education District 2	18,600	186	930
Board of Education District 3	18,428	184	921
Board of Education District 5	18,194	181	910
Board of Education District 6	18,856	188	943
Board of Education District 7	13,775	138	689
Clerk of Superior Court	156,049	1561	7,803
County Commission Chair	156,049	1561	7,803
County Commission, District 2	37,088	371	1,854
County Commission, District 3	39,940	399	1,997
Magistrate Judge	156,049	1561	7,803
Probate Judge	156,049	1561	7,803
Sheriff	156,049	1561	7,803
Solicitor	156,049	1561	7,803
Tax Commissioner	156,049	1561	7,803