

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION 2020 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 2020.

Such Qualifying fees are set as follows:

OFFICE SOUGHT	FEE
Judge, Probate Court	\$4,827.34
Clerk of Superior Court	\$2,750.48
Sheriff	\$4,317.99
Tax Commissioner	\$2,750.48
Chief Magistrate Judge	\$2,750.48
Solicitor General	\$3,718.31
State Court Judge, To Succeed Linda Cowen	\$5,095.52
State Court Judge, To Succeed Shalonda Jones - Parker	\$4,827.34
County Commission, Chair	\$3,863.71
County Commission, District 2 & 3	\$618.19
Board of Education, District 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7	\$360.00
Surveyor	\$35.00

WHERE TO QUALIFY

PARTISAN CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE MAY 19, 2020 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT: In accordance with Georgia Election Code 21-2-153, candidates seeking nomination for the following offices shall file their Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit with the appropriate county political party (Clayton County Democratic or Republican Party), beginning 9:00am on March 2, 2020 and ending at Noon on March 6, 2020.

PARTISAN OFFICES SOUGHT
Judge, Probate Court
Clerk of Superior Court
Sheriff
Tax Commissioner
Chief Magistrate Judge
Solicitor General
County Commission, Chair
County Commission, District 2 & 3
Board of Education, District 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7
Surveyor

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CLAYTON COUNTY POLITICAL PARTY CONTACT INFORMATION:

<u>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</u>	<u>REPUBLICAN PARTY</u>
Larry Bussey, Chair The Morrow Public Library 6225 Maddox Road Morrow, Georgia 30260 (678) 278-5055 lwbussey60@yahoo.com	Garrett Ashley, Chair Location TBD (770) 892-8360 chairmanccgop@gmail.com www.ccgarp.org

**NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE MAY 19, 2020
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT:**

In accordance with Georgia Election Code 21-2-132, candidates seeking nonpartisan County Offices shall qualify by filing their Notice of Candidacy and Pay such qualifying fees beginning 9:00am on March 2, 2020 and ending at Noon on March 6, 2020.

NON-PARTISAN OFFICES SOUGHT
State Court Judge, To Succeed Linda Cowen
State Court Judge, To Succeed Shalonda Jones - Parker

Clayton County Elections & Registration Office
121 S. McDonough Street, Annex II, Main Floor
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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 *beginning 9:00am on March 2, 2020 and ending at Noon on March 6, 2020.*
2. Pay the required qualifying fee (Cashier's Check or Money Order) 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 9:00 AM June 22, 2020 and Noon July 14, 2020 with the Board of Elections Office at the address indicated below (see Georgia Election Code §21-21-132(e)). Please refer to page 5 for the estimated number of valid signatures required for a Nomination Petition.

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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 (first day to file a nomination petition is June 22, 2020; last day to file a nomination petition is Noon, July 14, 2020). Refer to the chart on page 5 for the estimated number of valid signatures required for a Nomination Petition (21-2-170). The earliest day to circulate a Nomination Petition is January 16, 2020.

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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 5 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. The earliest day to circulate a Petition to qualify as a Pauper is September 9, 2019.

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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 11/6/2016	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	16,139	161	807
Board of Education District 3	15,425	154	771
Board of Education District 5	15,429	154	772
Board of Education District 6	17,412	174	871
Board of Education District 7	11,084	128	554
Clerk of Superior Court	134,164	1,342	6,708
County Commission Chair	134,164	1,342	6,708
County Commission, District 2	30,772	308	1,539
County Commission, District 3	35,947	360	1,797
Magistrate Judge	134,164	1,342	6,708
Probate Judge	134,164	1,342	6,708
Sheriff	134,164	1,342	6,708
Solicitor	134,164	1,342	6,708
Tax Commissioner	134,164	1,342	6,708

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

<i>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES O.C.G.A § 21-2-133</i>	
Any person wishing to be a write-in candidate for the 2020 Elections must file their notice to be a write-in candidate as prescribed below:	
WHERE TO PUBLISH AS WRITE-IN:	<i>Notice of Intent for a write-in candidate must be published in The Clayton News Daily (official legal organ of Clayton County)</i>
WHAT TO FILE:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy Form 2. Affidavit of publication which shall include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Statement confirming that the notice has been published; b. Date published; c. Name of Newspaper 3. Copy of Notice of Intent to be a write-in candidate <u>as published</u> in Newspaper. <p>Affidavit made by: (1) Write-in Candidate; (2) Publisher of Newspaper; or (3) Employee of the newspaper designated by the publisher.</p>
WHEN TO FILE:	<p><u>FOR NON-PARTISAN OFFICES</u> – Jan. 1, 2020 – March 13, 2020 <u>FOR PARTISAN OFFICES</u> – Jan 1, 2020 – September 7, 2020</p> <p>The following shall be filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy Form with Elections Superintendent (2) Publish notice of intention to be a write-in candidate in county legal organ (<i>The Clayton News Daily</i>).
WHERE TO FILE:	<p>FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICES:</p> <p>CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION 121 S McDonough Street Annex II, Main Floor Jonesboro, Georgia 30236 770-477-3372</p> <p>FOR FEDERAL OR STATE ELECTED OFFICES:</p> <p>GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE OFFICE: 404.656.2871 TOLL FREE: 1 844.753.7825</p>