

Running for Office in 2026

When do I file? Filing periods are set by § 163-291.

- 12:00 noon December 1, 2025 – 12:00 noon December 19, 2025, State/County offices
- 12:00 noon June 8, 2026 - COB July 6, 2026, Soil and Water

What are the qualifications?

- <https://www.ncsbe.gov/candidates/filing-candidacy/general-candidate-requirements>
- Must be registered with party 90 days before filing
- Sheriff candidates must bring felony disclosure form with them to file

What do I need to bring?

- A valid NC Driver's License or other photo ID for identification purposes.
- Payment method for filing fees: Filing fees at bottom page.
- Fees up to and including \$50.00 may be paid by cash, check, cashier's check, certified check, or money order.
- Fees over \$50.00 must be paid by check, cashier's check, certified check, or money order and made out to: Harnett County Board of Elections

What can I expect when I arrive?

- If arriving on the first or last day of filing, please be prepared to wait.
- Staff will verify your eligibility to file for office.
- Filing paperwork will be completed, signed, and notarized by staff.
- Filing fees must be paid at the time of filing.

Campaign Finance Information

- Your first campaign finance disclosure report is due within ten (10) days of your organized date on your Statement of Organization.
- New committees: Treasurers must receive training within 90 days of appointment and once every four (4) years thereafter.
- Please use the free, state-provided campaign finance reporting software for all report filings. The software download is located on the NC State Board of Elections website.
- Existing candidate committees: Please ensure all information is current.

Filing begins 12:00 noon December 1, 2025 and ends 12:00 noon December 19, 2025.

**Current salary may be changed by the 2025–26 state budget. Please check this page again for an update after budget approval.*

Files at State Board of Elections:

Filing Fees: (1% of annual base salary)	Salary	Fee
US Senate	\$174,000	\$1,740
US House	\$174,000	\$1,740

Files at County Board of Elections:

Filing Fees: (1% of annual base salary)	Salary	Fee
State Senate (District 12)	\$13,951	\$139.51
State House (District 6 and 53)	\$13,951	\$139.51
Board of Commissioners (District 1 and 2)	\$15,000	\$150
Board of Education (District 1, 3 and 5)	\$15,000	\$150
Clerk of Court	\$135,248	\$1,352.48
Sheriff	\$102,235	\$1,022.35

Filing begins 12:00 noon June 8, 2026 through COB July 6, 2026.

Filing Fees: (set by Statute)	Fee
Soil and Water Conservation Districts (2 seats)	\$5

For more information go to <https://www.ncsbe.gov/Elections/Candidate-Filing>

Questions can be e-mailed to harnettboe@harnett.org.