



PUTNAM COUNTY CANDIDATE INFORMATION FOR THE 2010 ELECTION YEAR

2010 ELECTION SCHEDULE DATES

PRIMARY ELECTION

New Registration & Party Change Deadline	July 26, 2010
Early Voting Begins	August 9, 2010
Early Voting Ends	August 21, 2010
Election Date	August 24, 2010

GENERAL ELECTION

New Registration & Party Change Deadline	October 4, 2010
Early Voting Begins	October 18, 2010
Early Voting Ends	October 30, 2010
Election Date	November 2, 2010

QUALIFYING DATES

FEDERAL, and JUDICIAL

Noon, April 26, 2010 – Noon, April 30, 2010

STATE, MULTI COUNTY, COUNTY, DISTRICT, NONPARTISAN,
CITY OF PALATKA, and TOWN OF INTERLACHEN

Noon June 14, 2010 – Noon, June 18, 2010

IT IS THE CANDIDATES RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND COMPLY WITH ELECTION CODE. THE INFORMATION IN THIS HANDBOOK DOES NOT COVER EVERY STATUTE IN CHAPTER 99, 105, & 106. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CAMPAIGN, REFER TO THE FLORIDA STATUTES OR THE CANDIDATE AND CAMPAIGN TREASURER HANDBOOK. IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR QUALIFYING OFFICER. INFORMATION LISTED IN THIS HANDBOOK IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE.

OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2010

FEDERAL

US Senator

Representative in Congress, Districts 3 & 7

STATE

Governor & Lieutenant Governor

Attorney General

Chief Financial Officer

Commissioner of Agriculture

MULTI COUNTY AND DISTRICT OFFICES

State Senator, District 14

State Representatives, District 21

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL

Supreme Court: Retention of Four (4) Justices

Fifth District Court of Appeal: Retention of Six (6) Judges

CIRCUIT JUDGE, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Group 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, & 23

COUNTY

County Commissioner, District 2

County Commissioner, District 4

School Board Member, District 1 (Nonpartisan)

School Board Member, District 4 (Nonpartisan)

School Board Member, District 5 (Nonpartisan)

Soil & Water Conservation, District 1 (Nonpartisan)

Soil & Water Conservation, District 3 (Nonpartisan)

Soil & Water Conservation, District 5 (Nonpartisan)

MUNICIPAL

City of Palatka Mayor/Commissioner

City of Palatka Commissioner, Group 2

City of Palatka Commissioner, Group 4

Town of Interlachen, Mayor

Town of Interlachen, Council Member

Town of Interlachen, Council Member

IF THE CANDIDATE IS RUNNING FOR:

County Commissioner, District 2
County Commissioner, District 4
School Board Member, District 1 (Nonpartisan)
School Board Member, District 4 (Nonpartisan)
School Board Member, District 5 (Nonpartisan)
Soil & Water Conservation District 1 (Nonpartisan)
Soil & Water Conservation District 3 (Nonpartisan)
Soil & Water Conservation District 5 (Nonpartisan)
City of Palatka, Mayor/Commissioner
City of Palatka Commissioner, Group 2
City of Palatka Commissioner, Group 4

THE QUALIFYING OFFICER WILL BE:

Putnam County Elections Office
Contact: Kim Hankemeyer, Administrative Assistant
Putnam County Governmental Complex
2509 Crill AV, Suite 900
Palatka, FL 32177
(386) 329-0222
kmh@putnam-fl.com

IF THE CANDIDATE IS RUNNING FOR:

US Senator
Representative in Congress, Districts 3 & 7
Governor & Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General
Chief Financial Officer
Commissioner of Agriculture
State Senator, District 14
State Representatives, District 21
Justice of the Supreme Court
Judge of Fifth District Court of Appeal
Circuit Judge, 7th Judicial Circuit: Groups 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, & 23

THE QUALIFYING OFFICER WILL BE:

Division of Elections
Contact: Kristi Bronson, Chief-Election Records
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 S. Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250
Phone: (850) 245-6240
Email: krbronson@dos.state.fl.us
Web Site: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us>

INFORMATION ON FEDERAL OFFICES:

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20463
Phone: (800) 424-9530
Web Site: <http://www.fec.gov>

IF THE CANDIDATE IS RUNNING FOR:

Town of Interlachen, Mayor
Town of Interlachen, Council Member
Town of Interlachen, Council Member

THE QUALIFYING OFFICER WILL BE:

Town of Interlachen
Contact: Pam Wilburn, Clerk
Dickerman Hall
311 Atlantic AV
Interlachen, FL 32148
Phone (386) 684-3811

TWO METHODS OF QUALIFYING

You may qualify by:

1. PETITION PROCESS: (FLORIDA STATUTE 99.095)

- Gathering signatures on petitions which must be verified and certified by the Supervisor of Elections Office prior to deadline. (Rule IS-2.045)
- Any person qualifying by this method shall **not** be required to pay the qualifying or party assessment fee.
- City of Palatka candidates qualifying by the petition process are required to pay the 1% election assessment fee (\$153.09) at the time of qualifying, unless you file an Oath of Undue Burden stating that you cannot pay the election assessment fee. Make check payable to the Supervisor of Elections. This assessment will be forwarded to the State Elections Commission Trust Fund.
- A candidate may **not** obtain signatures until the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed – FORM DS-DE 9.
- Pursuant to 99.095(2)(b) F.S., the format of the petition shall be prescribed by the Division of Elections, and shall be used by candidates to reproduce petitions for circulation.
- Petition forms are included in your campaign packet or can be obtained from the State of Florida, Division of Elections web site: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE.pdf>

A candidate **must** obtain the number of signatures of voters in the geographical area represented by the office sought equal to at least 1% of the total number of registered voters of that geographical area as shown by the compilation by the department for the immediately preceding general election:

2008 GENERAL ELECTION – COUNTY WIDE REGISTERED VOTERS 46,432
2008 CITY OF PALATKA GENERAL ELECTION – REGISTERED VOTERS 6,089

<u>RACE</u>	<u>VALID SIGNATURES NEEDED</u>	<u>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PETITIONS</u>
County Offices	464	NOON May 17, 2010
City of Palatka	61	NOON May 17, 2010
Soil & Water Conservation District	25	NOON May 17, 2010

A signature verification fee of \$.10 per signature will be assessed, unless you file an Oath of Undue Burden stating that you cannot pay the signature verification fee. **YOU MUST PAY THE VERIFICATION FEE WHEN YOU BRING THE PETITIONS IN FOR VERIFICATION, UNLESS YOU HAVE FILED THE UNDUE BURDEN FORM.**

The signature verification fee must be paid from the candidate's campaign account; Soil & Water candidates are **not** required to open a campaign account. (F.S. 99.061) Once you have filed DS-DE9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer, you may begin collecting valid petition signatures and may submit them to the elections office for verification as you collect them. You will be required to fill out and sign a statement on the total number of petitions submitted, so please count them before you bring them in. If you have a significant amount, we would appreciate if they were counted and bound in stacks of 25 or 50 with the total number written on each stack.

We recommend that you submit more than the required number of petitions because of possible invalid petitions. **NO PETITIONS ARE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.**

A **VALID** petition **MUST** contain the date signed by the voter.

2. PAY THE QUALIFYING FEE:

- **MUST** be paid from a check drawn on the campaign account.
- Soil & Water candidates are exempt from opening a campaign account. (F.S. 99.061)
- Candidates running for all offices who are paying the qualifying fee (except City of Palatka), must make check payable to the Putnam County Supervisor of Elections.
- City of Palatka candidates **must** write 2 checks:
Check #1: 1% Election Assessment Fee (\$153.09) - made payable to the Supervisor of Elections
Check #2: 5%: Filing Fee (\$765.45) - made payable to the City of Palatka.
- The qualifying fees for a Partisan and a City of Palatka candidate is **6%** of the annual salary of the office the candidate is seeking.
- The qualifying fee for a Nonpartisan candidate is **4%** of the annual salary of the office the candidate is seeking.
- All candidates for Judicial, School Board, and Palatka City Commissioner offices **MUST** run as Nonpartisan.

<u>FEE BREAKDOWN</u>	<u>PARTISAN</u>	<u>NONPARTISAN</u>	<u>PALATKA CITY</u>
ELECTION ASSESSMENT	1%	1%	1%
FILING FEE	3%	3%	5%
PARTY ASSESSMENT	2%	NONE	NONE
TOTAL	6%	4%	6%

WHO CAN BE A CANDIDATE?

- Anyone who is a **registered voter in Putnam County**
(NOTE: Some Offices have resident qualifications; see qualifications and qualifying fees for offices)
- Anyone who is not a registered member of another political party other than the one under which they are filing/qualifying; *(Does not apply to Nonpartisan Offices)*
- Anyone who has **not** been a candidate for nomination for any other political party for a period of six (6) months preceding the general election. **The 2010 deadline is May 2, 2010.** (F.S. 99.021(1)(b)2)

NOTE...

- County Commission candidates **must** reside in the district for which they are qualifying **at the time of being elected** on the date the canvassing board certifies the results of an election (F.S. 100.041);
- School Board candidates **must** reside in the district for which they are qualifying **at the time of qualifying** (F.S. 1001.361);
- Palatka City candidates **must** reside in the City of Palatka and comply with Municipal Code:
<http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=10225&sid=9>
- If required, one's current position or office must be resigned under the resigned to run law by:
Federal, and Judicial: **April 16, 2010**
Statewide, Multi County, County, and District: **June 4, 2010** (F.S. 99.012(3)(c))

CAN I GET MY QUALIFYING FEE BACK IF I DECIDE NOT TO RUN?

Your qualifying fee will be returned only if you withdraw your candidacy **BEFORE** qualifying ends. (F.S. 99.092(1))

QUALIFICATIONS AND QUALIFYING FEES FOR OFFICES

OFFICE	QUALIFICATIONS	QUALIFYING FEE NONPARTISAN	QUALIFYING FEE PARTISAN	QUALIFYING OFFICER	QUALIFYING DATES
COUNTY COMMISSION (FOUR YEAR TERM)	ELECTOR; RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT	\$1,711.52	\$2,567.28	SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE	Begins: NOON 6/14/2010 Ends: NOON 6/18/2010
SCHOOL BOARD (FOUR YEAR TERM)	ELECTOR; RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT; NONPARTISAN	\$1,156.80	N/A	SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE	Begins: NOON 6/14/2010 Ends: NOON 6/18/2010
CITY OF PALATKA MAYOR (FOUR YEAR TERM)	ELECTOR; RESIDENT OF CITY OF PALATKA; NONPARTISAN	\$1,233.12	N/A	SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE	Begins: NOON 6/14/2010 Ends: NOON 6/18/2010
CITY OF PALATKA COMMISSIONER (FOUR YEAR TERM)	ELECTOR; RESIDENT OF CITY OF PALATKA; NONPARTISAN	\$918.54	N/A	SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE	Begins: NOON 6/14/2010 Ends: NOON 6/18/2010
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (FOUR YEAR TERM)	ELECTOR; RESIDENT OF COUNTY	\$25.00	N/A	SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE	Begins: NOON 6/14/2010 Ends: NOON 6/18/2010

Note: FY 08/09 Salaries

****NOTE: QUALIFYING FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY STATUTE-ALWAYS CHECK WITH YOUR FILING OFFICER**

WHAT MUST I FILE WHEN I QUALIFY AND WHEN MUST I FILE?

1. APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN

DEPOSITORY: FORM DS-DE 9 **When to file:** must be filed with the Supervisor of Elections office before any contributions are received or expenditures made. (F.S. 106.021)

Form: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/dsde9.pdf>

2. STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE: Non-Judicial FORM DS-DE 84; Judicial FORM DS-DE 83

Stating that you have read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106.

When to file: This form MUST be filed within 10 days of filing the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Depository. **NOTE:** For Judicial office, the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct is found on the web at : www.flcourts.org which must be read first in order to file the Statement of Candidate.

Non Judicial Form: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/dsde84.pdf>

Judicial Form: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/dsde83.pdf>

3. LOYALTY OATH: Forms for the Loyalty Oath vary according to partisan, no party, nonpartisan, and judicial offices and also write in candidates. **When to file:** During qualifying period pursuant to 99.061(1),(8). This form requires that you print your name as you wish it to appear on the ballot. Names MAY NOT be changed after the end of qualifying.

Partisan Form: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/dsde24.pdf>

Nonpartisan Form: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE25.pdf>

Judicial Form: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/dsde26.pdf>

Judicial Write-In Form: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE26a.pdf>

No Party Form: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE24b.pdf>

Write in Form: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/forms/pdf/DSDE24a.pdf>

4. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS: Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests (FORM 6) or Statement of Financial Interest (FORM 1); depending on the office you are running for:

When to file: During qualifying period pursuant to 99.061(1),(8)

Form 1: http://www.ethics.state.fl.us/FORMS/Form%201_2006i%20.pdf

Form 6: http://www.ethics.state.fl.us/ethics/FORMS/Form6_2006i.pdf

5. QUALIFYING FEE: Must be paid by a check drawn on the campaign account and signed by the treasurer or deputy treasurer. (Effective 1/1/2008; Special district candidates are exempt pursuant to F.S. 99.061) **When to File:** During qualifying period pursuant to 99.061(2),(3).

*****IMPORTANT: PURSUANT TO 99.061(7) FLORIDA STATUTES, ALL ITEMS REQUIRED FOR QUALIFYING MUST BE RECEIVED IN CORRECT AND COMPLETE ORDER BY THE END OF QUALIFYING OR YOU WILL NOT BE DEEMED A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE. QUALIFYING PAPERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FTER THE DEADLINE.**

FEDERAL & JUDICIAL CANDIDATES:

QUALIFYING BEGINS AT 12:00 PM (EST) APRIL 26, 2010

QUALIFYING ENDS AT 12:00 PM (EST) APRIL 30, 2010

pursuant to 105.031(1) Florida Statutes

STATEWIDE, MULTI COUNTY, COUNTY, DISTRICT, CITY OF PALATKA, and TOWN OF INTERLACHEN CANDIDATES:

QUALIFYING BEGINS AT 12:00 PM (EST) JUNE 14, 2010

QUALIFYING ENDS AT 12:00 PM (EST) JUNE 18, 2010

pursuant to 99.061 and 105.031(1) Florida Statutes

THE FILING OFFICER MAY ACCEPT AND HOLD QUALIFYING PAPERS BEGINNING 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE QUALIFYING PERIOD, 99.061(8) F.S.

Federal & Judicial Candidates: 4/12/2010

Statewide, Multi County, County, District, City of Palatka, and

Town of Interlachen Candidates: 5/28/2010

(Note: Due to Memorial Day Holiday and preceding weekend; qualifying papers are accepted 17 days prior to start of qualifying)

CAMPAIGN TREASURERS' REPORTS

Remember, it is your responsibility as a candidate to file all reports by the deadline or be subjected to a fine from your personal resources (not your campaign resources), pursuant 106.07(8)(b)F.S.

It is **mandatory** that you file your financial reports electronically. In addition to you submitting the report electronically, you must print out paper copies, sign and date the summary page, then file all of the paper report with the elections' office by 5:00 PM (EST) on each reporting due date.

Once you begin accepting contributions (even if you contribute your own money to your campaign) you must open your bank account in the depository that you designated. You cannot spend money unless you have deposited contributions into the opened bank account. All expenditures must go through your campaign bank account.

If you have not accepted any contributions or made any expenditure in a reporting period, you must file a Waiver Report.

REPORT SCHEDULE

<u>Period Covering</u>	<u>Report Code</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
01/01/2009 - 03/31/2009	2009-Q1	4/10/2009
04/01/2009 - 06/30/2009	2009-Q2	7/10/2009
07/01/2009 - 09/30/2009	2009-Q3	10/13/2009
10/01/2009 - 12/31/2009	2009-Q4	1/11/2010
01/01/2010 - 03/31/2010	2010-Q1	4/10/2010
04/01/2010 - 07/16/2010	2010-F1	7/23/2010
7/17/2010 - 7/30/2010	2010-F2	8/6/2010
7/31/2010 - 8/19/2010	2010-F3	8/20/2010
8/20/2010 - 9/10/2010	2010-G1	9/17/2010
9/11/2010 - 9/24/2010	2010-G2	10/1/2010
9/25/2010 - 10/8/2010	2010-G3	10/15/2010
10/9/2010 - 10/28/2010	2010-G4	10/29/2010
<u>TERMINATION REPORTS</u>		
After June Qualifying		
4/1/2010 - 9/16/2010	TR-Q	9/16/2010
After Primary Election	TR-F	
8/20/2010 - 11/22/2010	Primary	11/22/2010
After General Election	TR-G	
10/29/2010 - 1/31/2011	General	1/31/2011

Note: Candidates must dispose of all funds in the campaign account and file a termination report within 90 days after having withdrawn, become unopposed, been eliminated or elected to office.

FLORIDA STATUTES

**IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ELECTIONS OFFICE
TO INTERPRET FLORIDA LAW. FOR ANY STATUTE
INTERPRETAION OR LEGAL OPINION, CONTACT:**

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TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0250
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