

**ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2018 QUALIFYING INFORMATION**

COST TO RUN FOR OFFICE

In accordance with Georgia Election Code Sections 21-2-131(a)(1)(A) and (1)(B), the Athens-Clarke County Board of Commissioners set the qualifying fees for offices to be elected by Athens-Clarke County voters in 2018.

Such Qualifying fees were set as follows:

OFFICE	DISTRICT	SALARY	FEE
Mayor	N/A	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 1,350.00
Commissioner	1, 3, 5, 7 & 9	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 450.00
Board of Education	1, 3, 5, 7 & 9	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 108.00
Solicitor-General	N/A	\$ 120,072.00	\$ 3,602.16

WHEN & WHERE TO QUALIFY

CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE BALLOT, MAY 22, 2018:

Candidates seeking nomination shall file a Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit or Declaration of Candidacy in the office of the Election Superintendent, **beginning 9:00am on March 5, 2018 and ending at Noon on March 9, 2018.**

**ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
155 E WASHINGTON STREET
ATHENS, GEORGIA 30605
706-613-3150**

INDEPENDENT & PAUPER AFFIDAVIT CANDIDATES:

Georgia Election Code Sections 21-2-132. An Independent or Political Body Candidate for County Office:

1. Must file a Notice of Candidacy between 9am, March 5, 2018 and Noon, March 9, 2018 ONLY.
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 March 5, 2018 and Noon July 10, 2018 with the Board of Elections Office (see Georgia Election Code §21-2-132(d)). Please refer to the Elections Office for number of signature required for a Nomination Petition.

The Nomination Petition should contain signatures of ***five percent of the registered voters eligible to vote in the last election held for such office*** the candidate is seeking. The earliest day to circulate a Nomination Petition is January 11, 2018.

QUALIFYING UNDER PAUPER'S AFFIDAVIT

Pauper's Affidavit: In accordance with Georgia Election Code, Sections 21-2-153 and 21-2-132, 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 and a Pauper's Affidavit
2. 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. Please refer to the Elections Office for the number of signatures required for a Qualifying Petition.
3. The earliest day for a Qualifying Petition circulation period is January 11, 2018.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES O.C.G.A § 21-2-133	
Any person wishing to be a write-in candidate for the 2018 Elections must file their notice to be a write-in candidate as prescribed below:	
WHICH OFFICES IN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY ARE ELIGIBLE AS WRITE-IN:	<p><u>NONPARTISAN OFFICES 5/22/2018</u> Mayor Commissioner Districts 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 Board of Education Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9</p> <p><u>PARTISAN OFFICES 11/6/2018</u> Solicitor-General State Court</p> <p><i>Notice of Intent for a write-in candidate must be published in The Athens Banner Herald (official organ of Athens-Clarke County)</i></p>
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, 2018 – March 16, 2018 <u>FOR PARTISAN OFFICES</u> – Jan 1, 2018 – September 4, 2018</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 (The Athens Banner Herald).
WHERE TO FILE:	<p>FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICES: ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE – 155 E Washington Street; Athens 706-613-3150</p> <p>FOR FEDERAL OR STATE ELECTED OFFICES: SECRETARY OF STATES OFFICE – 404-656-2871</p>

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