



# HALL COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS 2018 QUALIFYING INFORMATION

## QUALIFYING FEES

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

Such Qualifying fees were set as follows:

State Court Judge (Baldwin)	\$5,185.46
Solicitor	\$4,649.70
County Board of Education (Posts 1 & 2)	\$ 234.00
County Board of Education (At-Large)	\$ 234.00
County Commissioner (Posts 1 & 3)	\$ 162.00



## **WHEN & WHERE TO QUALIFY**

**REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE BALLOT, MAY 22, 2018:** Candidates seeking nomination for the Republican Party offices shall file their **Declaration of Candidacy** at the Offices of J Lawson & Associates, located at 535 Queen City Parkway in Gainesville, **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm and Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until noon.**

**Contact Person: Matt Smith, Chairman of Hall County Republican Party,  
770-540-5141**

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE BALLOT, MAY 22, 2018** Candidates seeking nomination for the Democratic Party offices shall file a **Declaration of Candidacy** at the Hall County Democratic Headquarters, located at 314 College Ave, Gainesville, **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday , March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm and Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until noon.**

**Contact Person: Kim Copeland, Chairman of the Hall County Democratic Party,  
770-532-6964**

**NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE BALLOT, MAY 22, 2018** Candidates seeking nomination for the Non-Partisan offices shall file their **Notice of Candidacy** in the office of the Hall County Board of Elections and Voter Registration, located in the Hall County Government Services Center at 2875 Browns Bridge Road in Gainesville, **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday , March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm and Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until noon.**

**HALL COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
2875 BROWNS BRIDGE ROAD  
GAINESVILLE GEORGIA 30501  
770-531-6945**



**INDEPENDENT & PAUPER AFFIDAVIT CANDIDATES:** Georgia Election Code Sections 21-2-132 and 21-2-170. An Independent or Political Body Candidate for County Office:

1. Must file a **Notice of Candidacy** between 9:00 am, March 5, 2018 and Noon, March 9, 2018.
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 9:00 am March 5, 2018 and Noon March 9, 2018 with the Board of Elections Office at the address indicated below (see Georgia Election Code §21-2-132(d)). The earliest time for circulation of the petition is January 1, 2018. Please refer to the Elections Office for number of signature required for a Nomination Petition.

**Hall County Elections Office  
2875 Browns Bridge Road  
Gainesville, Georgia 30501  
Phone: 770-531-6945**

The Nomination Petition must be signed by ***five percent of the registered voters eligible to vote in the last election held for such office*** the candidate is seeking. A Nomination Petition may be circulated within 180 days of the last day the Nomination Petition may be filed.



## QUALIFYING UNDER PAUPER'S AFFIDAVIT

**Pauper's Affidavit:** In accordance with Georgia Election Code, Sections 21-2-153(a.1)(1), 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**
2. Must complete a **Pauper's 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. Please contact the Elections Office for the number of signatures required for a Qualifying Petition.
4. The Pauper's 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.



**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:

<b>WHICH OFFICES IN HALL COUNTY ARE ELIGIBLE AS WRITE-IN:</b>	<p><b>NONPARTISAN OFFICE</b> HALL COUNTY STATE COURT JUDGE</p> <p><b>PARTISAN OFFICES</b> SOLICITOR BOARD OF EDUCATION – POST 1 BOARD OF EDUCATION – POST 2 BOARD OF EDUCATION – AT-LARGE HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONER – POST 1 HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONER – POST 3</p> <p><i>Notice of Intent to be a write-in candidate for one of these offices must be published in the Gainesville Times (official organ of Hall County)</i></p>
<b>WHAT TO FILE:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy Form</li> <li>2. Affidavit of publication which shall include:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Statement confirming that the notice has been published;</li> <li>b. Date published;</li> <li>c. Name of Newspaper</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Copy of Notice of Intent to be a write-in candidate <b><i>as published</i></b> in Newspaper.</li> </ol> <p>Affidavit can be made by: (1) Write-in Candidate; (2) Publisher of Newspaper; or (3) Employee of the newspaper designated by the publisher.</p>
<b>WHEN TO FILE:</b>	<p>January 1, 2018 – September 4, 2018</p> <p>The following shall be filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) <b>Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy Form</b> with Election Superintendent</li> <li>(2) <b>Publish notice of intention to be a write-in candidate</b> in county legal organ (Gainesville Times).</li> </ol>
<b>WHERE TO FILE:</b>	<p><b>FOR LOCAL HALL COUNTY ELECTED OFFICES:</b> HALL COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE 2875 Browns Bridge Road Gainesville, GA 30504</p> <p><b>FOR FEDERAL OR STATE ELECTED OFFICES:</b> SECRETARY OF STATES OFFICE – 404-656-2871</p>