

Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections

2016 QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

The material contained in this information sheet is not comprehensive. If you are running for office, it is your responsibility to become acquainted with relevant Florida election laws that might have a bearing on your campaign or qualifications to run for office.

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN AND COMMITTEEWOMAN	
Democratic Party	
Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Precinct Committeeman (per precinct) • 1 Precinct Committeewoman (per precinct) <p>One additional committeeman and committeewoman for each precinct with more than 1,000 registered Democrats.</p>
Qualifying Officer	Deborah Clark, Supervisor of Elections, Pinellas County, Florida 13001 Starkey Road, Largo, FL 33773 (727) 464-4987
Type of Election	Partisan – Elected by Precinct
Election Date	August 30, 2016 Primary Election (Term of Office – 4 years)
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a registered member of the Florida Democratic Party for 365 days preceding qualifying (June 21, 2015), F.S. 99.021 • Must be a resident of the precinct from which elected, F.S. 103.091 • For possible additional requirements, refer to the by-laws of the Pinellas County Democratic Executive Committee/Florida Democratic Party
Contact Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinellas County Democratic Executive Committee – (727) 327-2796 • Florida Democratic Party – (850) 222-3411

Form required for Precinct Committeeman and Committeewoman:

Form Name	Description
DS-DE 24 C	<p>“Candidate Oath-Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen,” F.S. 103.091 <i>(Form accepted only during the pre-qualifying and qualifying periods)</i> (PLEASE NOTE: A membership loyalty oath/application may be required as part of qualifying for this position. Please contact the Pinellas County Democratic Executive Committee/Democratic Party of Florida for more information. If required, the documents would be filed with the Executive Committee)</p>

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Qualifying Period:

NOON, June 20, 2016 – NOON, June 24, 2016

Pre-qualifying papers can be accepted beginning June 6, 2016*

* Florida Statute 99.061(8) states that qualifying papers may be submitted to the qualifying officer up to 14 days prior to the qualifying period. However, the papers will not be processed and filed until the qualifying period actually begins. All papers submitted before the qualifying period are still subject to any and all requirements prescribed in Florida Statute 99.061(7)(a).

Missing or Incomplete Information - Florida Statute 99.061(7)

If the filing officer receives qualifying papers during the qualifying period prescribed in this section which do not include all items required by paragraph (a) prior to the last day of qualifying, the filing officer shall make a reasonable effort to notify the candidate of the missing or incomplete items and shall inform the candidate that all required items must be received by the close of qualifying.

A candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot may not be changed after the end of qualifying. The filing officer performs a ministerial function in reviewing qualifying papers. In determining whether a candidate is qualified, the filing officer shall review the qualifying papers to determine whether all items required by paragraph (a) have been properly filed and whether each item is complete on its face, including whether items that must be verified have been properly verified pursuant to s. 92.525(1)(a). The filing officer may not determine whether the contents of the qualifying papers are accurate.

Campaign Finance - F.S. 106.0702

- An individual running for precinct committeeman or committeewoman who receives a contribution or makes an expenditure, shall file a report of all contributions received and all expenditures made. The report shall be filed no later than Midnight (Eastern Time) on the 4th day preceding the Primary Election.
- All contributions and expenditures must be reported as required by Chapter 106 of the Florida Election Code.
- Reports shall be filed online using the Supervisor of Elections' campaign finance module, F.S. 106.07.
- It is the responsibility of the individual running for precinct committeeman or committeewoman to notify the Supervisor of Elections and receive login ID/password and PIN numbers to submit the report in compliance with Florida law. *If NO contributions and expenditures are made, this is not necessary.*

Late-filed reports are subject to automatic fines, F.S. 106.0702.

- \$50 per day for first three days
- \$500 per day for each late day thereafter, not to exceed 25% of total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater

Contributions and Expenditures

- No contribution limit
- \$50 cash contribution limit
- Petty Cash expenditures are not permitted

Political Advertising Disclaimers

- Political disclaimers are not required on political advertisements
- "For" is not required between name and office title, e.g., "John Smith for Precinct Committeeman"