

# 2018 CANDIDATE QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

The material contained in this information sheet is not comprehensive in nature. 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.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS				
DISTRICT	INCUMBENT (PARTY)	SALARY	QUALIFYING PERIOD	QUALIFYING OFFICER
2 – At Large	Patricia “Pat” Gerard (DEM)	\$94,857*	NOON, June 18, 2018 - NOON, June 22, 2018	Deborah Clark Supervisor of Elections Pinellas County, FL 13001 Starkey Rd. Largo, FL 33773 (727) 464-4987
4 – Single Member	Dave Eggers (REP)		<i>Pre-qualifying papers may be accepted beginning June 4, 2018</i>	
6 – Single Member	John Morroni (REP)			

\*The qualifying fee is based on the salary as of July 1, 2017. This salary is subject to change.

**TYPE OF ELECTION:** Partisan At-Large Districts: Elected Countywide  
Partisan Single-Member Districts: Elected Within District

**TERM OF OFFICE:** 4 Years — beginning November 20, 2018

**ELECTION DATES:** Primary Election - August 28, 2018  
General Election - November 6, 2018

## RESIDENCY/ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A registered Florida voter. [F.S. 99.021]
- A resident of the district on the date the county canvassing board certifies the election results. [F.S. 100.041(2)(a)]
- If running with political party affiliation - must be a registered member of that political party for 365 days preceding qualifying. [F.S. 99.021]

## FORMS REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR THIS OFFICE

1. **Form DS-DE 9 - Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository**  
Candidate must file this form before opening a campaign account [F.S. 106.021]
2. **Form DS-DE 84 - Statement of Candidate**  
Candidate must file within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9 [F.S. 106.023]
3. **Form DS-DE 301SL - Candidate Oath State and Local Partisan Office**  
Candidate must file during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period [F.S. 99.021]
4. **Form 6 2017 - Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests**  
Candidate must file during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period [F.S. 99.061(5)]

Candidate qualifying forms can be found at [www.VotePinellas.com/Candidates](http://www.VotePinellas.com/Candidates)

## **CANDIDATE QUALIFYING METHODS**

**Qualifying Period: NOON, June 18, 2018 – NOON, June 22, 2018 [F.S. 99.061]**

- Please call 727-464-4987 to make an appointment to file your qualifying documents
- Pre-qualifying papers can be accepted beginning June 4, 2018\*\*

\*\* F.S. 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 F.S. 99.061(7)(a).

## **MAJOR PARTY CANDIDATE QUALIFYING BY FEE [F.S. 99.092]**

- The qualifying fee is 6% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2017 (\*6% = \$5,691.42)
- Campaign check made payable to Deborah Clark, Supervisor of Elections
- Campaign check to pay qualifying fee can only be accepted during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period

## **CANDIDATE QUALIFYING BY PETITION [F.S. 99.095, F.S. 99.097]**

**Candidates must collect signatures of 1% of the registered voters residing in the district or the county as of the last general election, November 2016.**

- Deadline to submit petitions: PRIOR to NOON, May 21, 2018
- At-Large Seat requires 6,489 valid signatures
- District 4 requires 1,706 valid signatures; District 6 requires 1,690 valid signatures
- Petition Form—DS-DE 104 can be found at [www.VotePinellas.com/Candidates](http://www.VotePinellas.com/Candidates)
- Signature verification fee of \$0.10 per petition must be paid when petitions are submitted

## **NO PARTY AFFILIATION & MINOR PARTY CANDIDATE QUALIFYING METHODS [F.S. 99.0955, F.S. 99.096]**

- Qualifications are in the same manner and at the same time as major party candidates
- Names placed on the general election ballot
- The qualifying fee is 4% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2017 (\*4% = \$3,794.28)
- Minor party candidates pay a party assessment if one has been levied by the minor party
- Petitioning and write-in requirements are the same as those for major party candidates

## **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES [F.S. 99.061(4)(b)]**

- Names of write-in candidates **do not** appear on the ballot

## **MISSING OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION [F.S. 99.061(7)]**

- If the filing officer receives qualifying papers during the qualifying period which do not include all items required 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 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 F.S. 92.525(1)(a). The filing officer may not determine whether the contents of the qualifying papers are accurate.