

2020 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.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS				
OFFICE TITLE	INCUMBENT (PARTY)	SALARY	QUALIFYING PERIOD	QUALIFYING OFFICER
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller	Ken Burke (R)	\$162,329*	NOON, June 8, 2020 - NOON, June 12, 2020 <i>Pre-qualifying papers will be accepted beginning May 26, 2020</i>	Deborah Clark Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections 13001 Starkey Rd. Largo, FL 33773 (727) 464-4987
Sheriff	Bob Gualtieri (R)	\$171,726*		
Property Appraiser	Mike Twitty (R)	\$162,329*		
Tax Collector	Charles Thomas (R)	\$162,329*		
Supervisor of Elections	Deborah Clark (R)	\$162,329*		

* The qualifying fee is based on the salary as of July 1, 2019. This salary is subject to change.

TYPE OF ELECTION: Partisan - Elected Countywide

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 Years - Beginning January 5, 2021

ELECTION DATES: Primary Election - August 18, 2020
General Election - November 3, 2020

RESIDENCY/ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A registered Florida voter. [F.S. 99.021]
- If running with political party affiliation - At the time of qualifying, must be a member of political party; and must not have been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days (6/16/19*) before the beginning of qualifying [F.S. 99.021][*Due to 7/1/19 law change, the Division of Elections has declared 6/16/19 as the cut-off date]

FORMS REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR THIS OFFICE:

- 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]
- Form DS-DE 84 (Statement of Candidate)**
Candidate must file within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9 [F.S. 106.023]
- 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]
- Form 6 2019 (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

CANDIDATE QUALIFYING METHODS

Qualifying Period: NOON, June 8, 2020 - NOON, June 12, 2020 [F.S. 99.061(9)]

- Please call (727) 464-4987 to make an appointment to file your qualifying documents
- Pre-qualifying papers will be accepted beginning May 26, 2020*

*NOTE: F.S. 99.061(8) states that qualifying papers may be submitted to the qualifying officer beginning 14 days prior to the qualifying period. ***Pinellas County Elections Offices will be CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, 2020.** Please call (727) 464-4987 or email wgrimes@votepinellas.com to make an appointment to file your qualifying forms.*

MAJOR PARTY CANDIDATE QUALIFYING FEE [F.S. 99.092]

- ***6% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2019. 6% of the salary is:**
 - Sheriff - \$10,303.56
 - Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, and Supervisor of Elections - \$9,739.74
- 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

** The qualifying fee is based on the salary as of July 1, 2019. This salary is subject to change.*

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

- **Deadline to submit petitions: PRIOR TO NOON, May 11, 2020**
- Candidates must collect signatures of 1% of the registered voters residing in the county as of the last general election, November 6, 2018.
- 1% (or 6,669 petition signatures) of registered voters in the county as of the last general election, November 2018.
- Candidate Petition Form - DS-DE 104 can be found at www.VotePinellas.com/Candidates
- Signature verification fee of \$0.10 per petition must be paid when petitions are submitted

CANDIDATES WITH NO PARTY AFFILIATION & MINOR PARTY CANDIDATES [F.S. 99.0955, F.S. 99.096]

- ***Qualifying fee is 4% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2019. 4% of the salary is:**
 - Sheriff - \$6,869.04
 - Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector and Supervisor of Elections - \$6,493.16
- Qualifications are in the same manner and at the same time as major party candidates
- Names are placed on the general election ballot
- 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

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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.