

# QUALIFYING FEES AND PETITION METHOD INFORMATION FOR COUNTY OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

## 2018 ELECTION DATES

Primary Election: August 28, 2018

General Election: November 6, 2018

## QUALIFYING DATES

**Judicial, State Attorney & Public Defender Candidates (including write-ins)**

Noon, April 30, 2018 – Noon, May 4, 2018

**Federal, Statewide, Multicounty, County, and Special District Candidates  
(including write-ins)**

Noon, June 18, 2018 – Noon, June 22, 2018

## QUALIFYING FEES

Major party candidates will pay a fee equal to 6% of the salary of the office sought. This includes the 2% party assessment.

Minor party candidates will pay a fee equal to 4% of the salary of the office sought plus any applicable party assessment.

No Party Affiliation and Nonpartisan candidates will pay a fee equal to 4% of the salary of the office sought.

## PETITION METHOD INFORMATION

All candidates (except Soil & Water Conservation District candidates) shall obtain the signatures of a number of qualified voters equal to 1% of the number of registered voters at the last general election. **In Alachua County, candidates will need to submit 1,779 valid signatures to qualify by the Petition Method.**

## RACES

<u>Alachua County Commission</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Qualifying Fee</u> <u>Major Party</u>	<u>Qualifying Fee</u> <u>No Party Affiliation</u>
District 2	Lee Pinkoson	\$4,628.10	\$3,085.40
District 4	Ken Cornell	\$4,628.10	\$3,085.40

**Minor Party Candidates:** Minor party candidates will pay the same qualifying fee as candidates with No Party Affiliation, plus any applicable party assessment.

**Residency Requirements:** Must be a resident of the District for which he/she runs at the time of election. Write-in candidates must reside in the district they seek to represent at the time of qualification. Candidate must be a qualified elector of Alachua County per F.S. 99.021.

<u>Alachua County School Board</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Qualifying Fee</u>	<u>Petition Signatures</u>
District 1	April M. Griffin	\$1,523.64	1,779
District 3	Gunnar F. Paulson	\$1,523.64	1,779
District 5	Robert P. Hyatt	\$1,523.64	1,779

**Residency Requirements:** Must be a resident of the District for which he/she runs at the time of Qualifying (F.S. 1001.361). Candidate must be a qualified elector of Alachua County per F.S. 99.021.

<u>Soil &amp; Water Conservation Dist.</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Qualifying Fee</u>	<u>Petition Signatures</u>
Seat 1	John Chamberlain	\$25.00	25
Seat 3	Candy Cosner	\$25.00	25
Seat 5	Archie Mathews	\$25.00	25

Effective January 1, 2008, FS 99.061 and 99.095(2) provide a uniform method of qualifying for special district offices, which includes either paying a qualifying fee of \$25 which is not required to be drawn from the campaign account, or qualifying by the petition method by obtaining 25 signatures.

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**\*Please contact our office if interested in running for any of the above races. We will make an appointment to go over the rest of the paperwork and provide you with the necessary information for you to be able to start your campaign.**