**Qualifying Fees and Petition Method Information**

**2022 Alachua County Offices**

**Election Dates**

* Primary Election: **August 23, 2022**
* General Election: **November 8, 2022**

**Qualifying Dates**

* Representative in Congress, State Attorney, Public Defender, Justice of Supreme Court, District Court of Appeal, Circuit Court Judge (including write-ins)
	+ **Noon, Monday, April 25, 2022 – Noon, Friday, April 29, 2022**
* State Senator, State Representative, County and Multi-County Special Districts (including write-ins)
	+ **Noon, Monday, June 13, 2022 – Noon, Friday, June 17, 2022**

**Qualifying Fees**

Major party candidates will pay a fee equal to six percent (6%) of the salary of the office sought. This includes the two percent (2%) party assessment. Minor party candidates will pay a fee equal to four percent (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 four percent (4%) of the salary of the office sought. The salary is set after July 1.

**Petition Method Information**

To qualify by petition method, all candidates (except Soil & Water Conservation District candidates) shall obtain the signatures of a number of qualified voters equal to one percent (1%) of the number of registered voters at the last general election. In the 2020 General Election, the total of registered voters was 190,451.

**In Alachua County, candidates will need to submit 1,905 valid signatures to qualify by the petition method**. Candidates must pay by campaign check written to Supervisor of Elections in advance the sum of **$190.50 (10 cents for each signature checked)**, unless the candidate has filed an oath of undue burden or is filing in a special district.

Judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates must submit petitions to the Supervisor of Elections office **before noon on March 28, 2022**.

Federal, statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates must submit petitions to the Supervisor of Elections office **before noon on May 16, 2022**.

**2022 Alachua County Commission Districts**

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| **District** | **Incumbent** | **Petition Signatures Required to Qualify** | **Major Party Qualifying Fee** | **No Party Affiliation (NPA) Qualifying Fee** |
| District 2 | Marihelen Wheeler | 1,905 | $4,699.98 (2020) | $3,133.32 (2020) |
| District 4 | Ken Cornell | 1,905 | $4,699.98 (2020) | $3,133.32 (2020) |

**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 qualifying. 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.*

**2022 Alachua County School Board**

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| **District** | **Incumbent** | **Petition Signatures Required to Qualify** | **No Party Affiliation (NPA) Qualifying Fee** |
| District 1 | Tina Certain | 1,905 | $1,543.68 (2020) |
| District 3 | Gunnar F. Paulson | 1,905 | $1,543.68 (2020) |
| District 5 | Robert P. Hyatt | 1,905 | $1,543.68 (2020) |

**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 qualifying. 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.*

**2022 Alachua County Judiciary**

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| **Group** | **Incumbent** | **Petition Signatures Required to Qualify** | **No Party Affiliation (NPA) Qualifying Fee** |
| Group 1 | Susan Miller-Jones | 1,905 | $6,072.88 (2020) |
| Group 3 | Walter M. Green | 1,905 | $6,072.88 (2020) |
| Group 5 | Thomas M. Jaworski | 1,905 | $6,072.88 (2020) |

**Requirements**: *Candidate must be a qualified elector of Alachua County per F.S. 99.021. Candidates must be, and have been, for the preceding 5 years, a member in good standing of the bar of Florida prior to qualifying for election per F.S. 34.021.*

**2022 Alachua County Soil and Water District**

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| **Seat** | **Incumbent** | **Petition Signatures Required to Qualify** | **No Party Affiliation (NPA) Qualifying Fee** |
| Seat 1 | John Chamberlain | 25 | $25.00 |
| Seat 3 | Kaithleen Henandez | 25 | $25.00 |
| Seat 5 | Archie Matthews | 25 | $25.00 |

*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.*