

Gadsden County

2020 Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor

Candidate's Qualifying Information

QUALIFICATIONS:	Qualified elector of Gadsden County The candidate must be a registered voter of the county and live within the boundaries of the district.
TYPE OF ELECTION:	Nonpartisan
SEATS UP FOR ELECTION:	1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
TERM:	Four (4) years The Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors shall assume office on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the election (January 5, 2021).
SALARY:	No Compensation
ELECTION DATE:	November 3, 2020 – General
QUALIFYING DATES:	Noon, Monday, June 8, 2020 through Noon, Friday, June 12, 2020 A qualifying office may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14 days prior (May 25, 2020) to the beginning of the qualifying period to be processed and filed during the qualifying period.

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:

The following items must be submitted to the Gadsden County Elections Office located at 16 South Madison Street, Quincy, FL 32351:

Qualifying Method—Qualifying Fee

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates (Form DS-DE 9)*
2. Statement of Candidate (Form DS-DE 84)*
3. Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office (Form DS-DE 302NP)
4. Form 1 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests (CE Form 1 2019), along with any other applicable forms. Public officers who have filed financial disclosure with the Florida Commission on Ethics may file a copy with SOE at time of qualifying.
5. Qualifying fee of \$25.00 is to be made to Supervisor of Elections.

- a. Personal Check – Applicable to candidates who do not open a campaign account or collect contributions.
- b. Campaign Check – Applicable to candidates who open a campaign account and collect contributions.

* These forms must be submitted to the SOE at the time of announcing candidacy. If candidates do not open a campaign account or collect contributions, forms DS-DE 9 and DS-DE 84 are not required.

Qualifying Method—Petitions

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates (Form DS-DE 9)*
2. Statement of Candidate (Form DS-DE 84)*
3. Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office (Form DS-DE 302NP)
4. Form 1 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests (CE Form 1 2019), along with any other applicable forms. Public officers who have filed financial disclosure with the Florida Commission on Ethics may file a copy with SOE at time of qualifying.
5. Candidate Petition (Form DS-DE 104)

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Who can Sign Petitions?

Any registered elector in the geographical area of candidacy may sign a petition. Twenty-five (25) valid petition signatures of electors of the district are required.

Deadline for Submitting Petitions:

Candidates must submit petitions for verification to the SOE no later than noon on the 28th day preceding the first day of the qualifying period (May 11, 2020).

Petition Verification:

There is a charge of 10 cents per name for verification of signatures, which must be paid to the SOE upon submission of petitions. The candidate may file an “Affidavit of Undue Burden” with the SOE to waive the cost of verification.

If any person is paid to solicit signatures on a petition, an undue burden oath may not subsequently be filed in lieu of paying the fee to have signatures verified for that petition. If an undue burden oath has been filed and payment is subsequently made to any person to solicit signatures on a petition, the undue burden oath is no longer valid and a fee for all signatures previously submitted to the supervisor of elections and any that are submitted thereafter shall be paid by the candidate who submitted the undue burden oath.

If the candidate is unable to collect the required number of signatures, he/she may still qualify by paying the qualifying fee.

Qualifying Method—Write-In Candidate

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates (Form DS-DE 9)*
2. Statement of Candidate (Form DS-DE 84)*
3. Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office (Form DS-DE 302NP)
4. Form 1 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests (CE Form 1 2019), along with any other applicable forms. Public officers who have filed financial disclosure with the Florida Commission on Ethics may file a copy with SOE at time of qualifying.
5. No qualifying fee required; a blank space will be provided on the General Election ballot for names of write-in candidates.

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