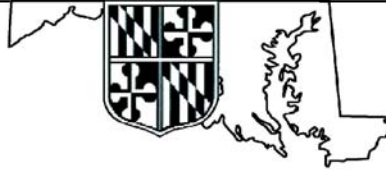


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## Upcoming Candidate Filing Deadline for the 2012 Presidential General Election

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Annapolis, Maryland (June 1, 2012) – **Friday, June 29, 2012**, is the deadline to file a *Declaration of Intent* to seek nomination by petition or to seek nomination from a non-principal political party. An individual must file a *Declaration of Intent* if s/he intends to be a candidate in the 2012 General Election and:

- Is affiliated with a recognized non-principal political party and intends to seek that political party's nomination
- Is affiliated with a non-recognized political party and intends to seek that political party's nomination by petition
- Is unaffiliated with any political party and intends to submit a candidacy petition

Under State law, an individual must file a *Declaration of Intent* by 5:00 pm on July 1<sup>st</sup> in the year in which the President of the United States is elected. For the 2012 Presidential General Election, the filing date is Friday, June 29, 2012, because July 1<sup>st</sup> is a Sunday.

The location where the individual files depends on the office sought. All federal and State candidates file a *Declaration of Intent* at the State Board of Elections, located at 151 West Street, Annapolis, MD. Local candidates file at the local board of elections.

A candidate who files a timely *Declaration of Intent* has until Monday, August 6, 2012, to complete his or her filing. By this date, the individual must file a:

- *Certificate of Candidacy*; and
- *Certificate of Nomination* if the candidate is seeking nomination from a recognized non-principal political party or a political party that has submitted a petition for recognition; or
- Candidacy petition if the candidate is affiliated with a non-recognized political party or is unaffiliated with any political party. The petition must have signatures representing 1% of the total number of registered voters in the district for the office sought.

Additionally, the candidate must pay the filing fee and if a candidate for State or local office, provide evidence that the candidate has filed a financial disclosure statement and establish a candidate committee at the State Board of Elections.

The 2012 Presidential General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday through the Thursday before the election, voters can vote in person at an early voting center(s) in their county of residence. Early voting locations and hours and additional election-related dates and forms are available at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us).

For more information, contact State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) or [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us).

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