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AUGUST 4, 2026, PRIMARY ELECTION – Candidate Filing Information

CANDIDATE FILING – Date, Time & Location § 115.349, RSMo

- Open: February 24, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.
- Closes: March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
- Location: Christian County Clerk’s Office

CHRISTIAN COUNTY OFFICES OPEN FOR FILING IN 2026

- Associate Circuit Judge
- Presiding Commissioner for the County Commission
- County Clerk
- Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Recorder of Deeds
- County Auditor
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Collector of Revenue
- Township Committeeman
- Township Committeewoman

*Candidacy Requirements for specific offices listed on the following page.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR FILING

- Missouri Driver’s License, Birth Certificate, or other form of identification is required at time of filing. § 115.355.4, RSMo
- For individuals filing for the Collector or Recorder position, a signed affidavit from a bonding agency affirming that the candidate is bondable if they should take office. § 52.010, RSMo

FORM 5120 REQUIRED

- Each candidate filing for office (except for Committeepersons) are required to complete Form 5120 with Department of Revenue declaring as a candidate they are not aware of any delinquency in his/her state taxes. As stated on the declaration of candidacy, this would include state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, or real property taxes on their place of residence. § 115.306.2, RSMo

COST OF FILING FOR OFFICE

- \$100 political party filing fee. No fee for Committeepersons. § 115.357, RSMo

MUST FILE IN PERSON EXCEPTIONS

- Candidates for office must file in person except for members of the armed services on active duty and disabled persons who may file by certified mail. § 115.355.2, RSMo

BALLOT PLACEMENT

- First day filing: Filing begins at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse doors do not open until 8:00 a.m., sign in at the County Clerk’s office & draw a number. Number will determine ballot placement.
- After first day of filing, candidates are placed on the ballot in the order of their filing. § 115.395.2, RSMo

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

- Write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent in the County Clerk’s office by 5:00 p.m. July 24, 2026, § 115.453.6, RSMo (this only applies to Committeepersons)

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES

- Withdrawal without a court order may occur until May 19, 2026, § 115.359, RSMo
- To withdraw after the deadline above, a court order is required and cost may be incurred. § 115.359, RSMo

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

- A petition with signatures of registered voters according to § RSMo 115.321 must be filed with the Christian County Clerk’s Office by 5:00 p.m. on July 27, 2026. Those who pass the petition process will be placed on the November ballot. § 115.329, RSMo

ELECTION RESULTS AND POLLING LOCATIONS

- Results of elections and polling locations can be found posted on the Christian County Clerk’s website.

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Please note: this list was prepared as a courtesy to prospective candidates. Candidates are responsible for researching the full requirements and responsibilities of the particular office they seek.

Associate Circuit Judge

(Constitution, Article V, Sec. 21 & 26)

- U.S. Citizen, & Missouri resident at least one year prior to election.*
- Resident & registered voter of the County, at time of filing.**
- At least twenty-five years old, and less than sixty-nine years old.***
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri.
- Cannot have been convicted (or pled guilty to) a felony. (Section 115.306)
- Must be current in payment of state income tax, personal property tax, municipal taxes, and real estate property tax on residence. (Section 115.306)
- Must file a personal financial disclosure form each year.

Presiding Commissioner

(Missouri Statutes, Section 49.020)

- U.S. Citizen, & Missouri resident at least one year prior to election.*
- Resident & registered voter of the County, at time of filing.**
- Cannot have been convicted (or pled guilty to) a felony. (Section 115.306)
- Must be current in payment of state income tax, personal property tax, municipal taxes, and real estate property tax on residence. (Section 115.306)
- Must file a personal financial disclosure form each year.

County Clerk

(Missouri Statutes, Section 51.050, 51.070)

- U.S. Citizen, & Missouri resident at least one year prior to election.*
- Resident & registered voter of the County, at time of filing.**
- Resident of County at least one year prior to election, and must remain a resident throughout term.
- At least twenty-one years old.
- Must qualify for a bond in an amount acceptable to County Commission, but no less than five thousand dollars Cannot have been convicted (or pled guilty to) a felony. (Section 115.306)
- Must be current in payment of state income tax, personal property tax, municipal taxes, and real estate property tax on residence. (Section 115.306)
- Must file a personal financial disclosure form each year.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

(Missouri Statutes, Section 483.010)

- U.S. Citizen, & Missouri resident at least one year prior to election.*
- Resident & registered voter of the County, at time of filing.**
- Resident of County at least three months prior to election, and must remain a resident throughout term.
- At least twenty-one years old.
- Cannot have been convicted (or pled guilty to) a felony. (Section 115.306)
- Must be current in payment of state income tax, personal property tax, municipal taxes, and real estate property tax on residence. (Section 115.306)

Recorder of Deeds

(Missouri Statutes, Section 59.020; 59.021)

- U.S. Citizen, Missouri resident at least one year prior to election.*
- Resident & registered voter of the County, at time of filing.**
- Resident & registered voter of State and County one year prior to General Election and must remain County resident throughout term.
- "Suitable person", at least 21 years of age.
- Must qualify for bond of amount set by County Commission Cannot have been convicted (or pled guilty to) a felony. (Section 115.306)
- Must be current in payment of state income tax, personal property tax, municipal taxes, and real estate property tax on residence. (Section 115.306)

Prosecuting Attorney (Missouri Statutes, Section 56.010)

- U.S. Citizen, & Missouri resident at least one year prior to election.*
- Resident & registered voter of the County, at time of filing.**
- County resident for at least one year prior to election.
- At least twenty-one years of age.
- Must be licensed to practice law in Missouri.
- Cannot have been convicted (or pled guilty to) a felony. (Section 115.306)
- Must be current in payment of state income tax, personal property tax, municipal taxes, and real estate property tax on residence. (Section 115.306)

Collector of Revenue (Missouri Statutes, Section 52.010, 52.020)

- U.S. Citizen, Missouri resident at least one year prior to election.*
- Resident & registered voter of the County, at time of filing.**
- Resident of the County for at least one year prior to filing for office and remaining a county resident throughout term.
- At least twenty-one years of age.
- Cannot have been convicted (or pled guilty to) a felony. (Section 115.306)
- Must be current in payment of state income tax, personal property tax, municipal taxes, and real estate property tax on residence. (Section 115.306)
- Must qualify for a substantial bond. The County Commission cannot require a bond amount larger than \$750,000. Therefore, that is the amount required for the person taking office.
- At time of filing, must present a copy of a signed affidavit from a surety company indicating the candidate meets bond requirements.

Township Committeeman/Committeewoman (Missouri Statutes, 115.607)

- U.S. Citizen, Missouri resident at least one year prior to election.*
- Resident & registered voter of the County, at time of filing.**
- Resident & registered voter of both the County and district for at least one year prior to election.
- Cannot have been convicted (or pled guilty to) a felony. (Section 115.306)
- Must be current in payment of state income tax, personal property tax, municipal taxes, and real estate property tax on residence. (Section 115.306)

All persons elected or appointed to "public office", *Missouri Constitution, Miele VII, Section 8.*
Required in Declaration of Candidacy, *Missouri Statutes, Section 115.349(3).*

Missouri Constitution, Miele V, Sec 26 gives judges a mandatory retirement age of seventy; the Declaration of Candidacy states candidates must "qualify" to serve. A successful 69-yr old candidate could only serve a one year term

