

**GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION - TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020**

Williamson County offices that will appear on the ballot:

**Circuit Clerk - 4 year term**  
**State's Attorney - 4 year term**  
**Coroner - 4 year term**  
**Treasurer - 2 year term**  
**County Commissioner - 6 year term**  
**Precinct Committeeperson - 2 year term**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Candidates are strongly advised to obtain legal counsel regarding their legal qualifications for office, the proper method for completing the petition forms with respect to the office, the minimum and maximum number of signatures required, and the qualifications of the signers and circulators, etc. It is important to remember that Nominating Petitions are subject to legal challenge by objectors if improperly completed. More information can be obtained from the 2020 Candidates Guide, by calling the State Board of Elections at 217-782-4141, or by going to their website [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov)

**Where to file:** Williamson County Clerk's Office, Administrative Building, 407 N Monroe St, Marion.

**Eligibility/Residency:** A candidate must be a qualified, registered voter in the district for which they seek to be a candidate. A candidate for County Board must also be a resident of Williamson County for one year before the election. Candidates for State's Attorney do not have residency requirements, but must be citizens of the United States and licensed attorneys in Illinois.

**Circulation Period:** September 3, 2019 through December 2, 2019. Candidates may not circulate petitions before September 3, 2019. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

**Petition Filing Deadline:** Petitions may be submitted to the County Clerk beginning Monday, November 25, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. The last day for submitting petitions is Monday, December 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Petitions may be submitted in person or by mail. According to Illinois Compiled Statutes, for those petitions submitted by mail, the official date and time of submission will be determined by the date and time stamp applied to the petitions by the County Clerk's office as the daily mail is processed and not the date of any USPS postmarks. Petitions submitted past 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2019 will not be accepted for any reason. Petitions received by mail before November 25, 2019 will be returned to the candidate as not filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-12, 6)

**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed on County holidays). We will be open until 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2019, to receive petitions.

**Signature Requirements:**

Precinct Committeemen	10
Republican Candidates	121
Democrat Candidates	96

Independent/New Party Candidates may begin circulating petitions on March 24, 2020 through June 22, 2020. The file period is from June 15, 2020 through June 22, 2020. A candidate for a County Office must submit nomination papers signed by qualified voters of the County equaling not less than 5% or more than 8% (or more than the minimum plus 50 whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted in the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

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**Things to check before filing:** The candidate's name should appear in exactly the same form on the petition sheet, Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath. The following forms should be bound together before filing.

- Statement of Candidacy
- Loyalty Oath (optional)
- Petitions **(the headings must be completed prior to the circulation of the petition sheet)**
- Receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest (not required for Precinct Committeemen)

No abbreviations (other than St, Rd, Dr, and Ave) or ditto marks should be used on your petitions.

A signer must sign their own signature on the petition, meaning they cannot sign for someone else, such as another member of the family or another person in the household.

For more election information please visit our website [www.williamsoncountyil.gov](http://www.williamsoncountyil.gov).