

POLITICAL PRACTICES PLEDGE [A.C.A. §§7-6-102, 7-7-305]

Candidates for political party nomination for state, district, county, municipal, and township office, as well as independent and school board candidates are required to file a political practices pledge stating that he or she is familiar with the requirements of Ark. Code Ann. §§7-1-103, 7-1-104, 7-3-108, and 7-6-101 through 7-6-104, and will in good faith, comply with their terms.

All political practices pledge forms shall be required to contain the pledge, "I hereby certify that I have never been convicted of a felony in Arkansas or in any other jurisdiction outside of Arkansas." A candidate may certify that he or she has never been convicted of a felony if his or her record was expunged in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §§16-93-301 through 16-93-303, or a similar expunction statute in another state, provided, the candidate presents a certificate of expunction from the court that convicted the prospective candidate.

The political practices pledge shall indicate the following information:

- The name, district number, and position number of the office for which the candidate seeks nomination or election.
- The printed form proposed by the candidate for his or her name (including surname) to appear on the ballot, together with the candidate's full mailing address.
- The candidate's signature and the date that he or she signed the political practices pledge.
- Certification that the candidate has never been convicted of a felony.

The names and titles as proposed to be used by each candidate on the political practices pledge (or if not filed by the filing deadline, the names and title that appear on the party certificate) shall be reviewed by the Secretary of State for state and district offices and by the county board of election commissioners for county, township, school, and municipal offices.

A candidate shall not be permitted to change the certified form in which his or her name will be printed on the ballot after the deadline for filing the political practices pledge.

ANY CANDIDATE WHO FAILS TO SIGN AND FILE THE POLITICAL PRACTICES PLEDGE SHALL NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT.

Arkansas Secretary of State
State Capitol, Room 026
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1094

Political Practices Pledge

For Office Use Only

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P.O. Code

I, _____ a candidate for the Office of _____
(Name of office)
District Number _____, Division Number _____, Sub District Number _____, Position Number _____
(if any) (if any) (if any) (if any)

hereby state that I am familiar with the requirements of Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 7-1-103, 7-1-104, 7-3-108, 7-6-101, 7-6-102, 7-6-103, and 7-6-104 and that I will in good faith comply with the provisions of the same.

SELECT ONE OPTION:

___ Candidate for Party Nomination _____
(Name of Party)

___ Nonpartisan Candidate ___ Independent Candidate ___ School Board Candidate

CANDIDATES MUST COMPLETE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING SECTION:

I hereby certify that I have never been convicted of a felony in the State of Arkansas, or in any other jurisdiction outside of Arkansas.**

Print your name as it is to appear on the ballot

(See Below, Ark Code Ann § 7-7-305(c))

Residential Address

City, State & Zip Code

Candidate Signature

Date Signed

Email Address

**The sealing of any public trust crime or any similar offense under § 16-90-1401, et seq. or any sealing or expungement act in any jurisdiction shall not restore a privilege, eligibility, or qualification to file as a candidate for, run as a candidate for, or hold any elected office in the State of Arkansas. See Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-301 et seq.

§ 7-7-305 Printing of ballots - Form

(c)(1)(A) A person who files for an elective office in this state may use not more than three (3) given names, one (1) of which may be a nickname or any other word used to identify the person to the voters, and may add as a prefix to his or her name the title or an abbreviation of an elective public office the person currently holds.

(B) A person may use as the prefix the title of a nonpartisan judicial office in an election for a nonpartisan judicial office only if:

(i) The person is currently serving in a nonpartisan judicial office to which the person has been elected in the last election for the office; or
(ii) The person:

- (a) Is a candidate for the office of circuit judge or district judge;
- (b) Is currently serving in the office of circuit judge or district judge as an appointee; and
- (c) Has been serving in that position for at least twelve (12) months.

(C) A nickname shall not include a professional or honorary title.

(2) The person filing for office shall include his or her surname in addition to any given names permitted under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section.

(3) The names and titles as proposed to be used by each candidate on the political practice pledge or, if the political practice pledge is not filed by the filing deadline, then the names and titles that appear on the party certificate shall be reviewed no later than one (1) business day after the filing deadline by the Secretary of State for state and district offices and by the county board of election commissioners for county, township, school, and municipal offices.

(4)(A) The name of every candidate shall be printed on the ballot in the form as certified by either the Secretary of State or the county board of Election Commissioners.

(B) However, the county board of election commissioners may substitute an abbreviated title if the ballot lacks space for the title requested by a candidate.

(C) The county board of election commissioners shall immediately notify a candidate whose requested title is abbreviated by the county board of election commissioners.

(5) A candidate shall not be permitted to change the form in which his or her name will be printed on the ballot after the deadline for filing the political practices pledge.

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