

2017 ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (9/19/2017)
CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION
A.C.A. §6-14-111

Any person desiring to be a candidate for a position on a school district's Board of Directors must:

- Be a qualified voter
- Be a resident of the district and respective electoral zone, if elected from zones
- File a petition containing at least **20 signatures** of qualified registered voters of the district and zone, if elected from zones; or file a Notice of Write-In Candidacy with the County Clerk
- Complete and file an Affidavit of Eligibility, in person at the County Clerk's Office
- Complete and file a Political Practice Pledge, in person at the County Clerk's Office

FILING BY PETITION:

- The **first day a candidate may *circulate* a petition** for candidacy is **Sunday, June 11, 2017**. A candidate must **FILE** the Political Practice Pledge, Affidavit of Eligibility, and the Petition with the County Clerk of the county in which the school district is domiciled for administrative purposes during a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon seventy (70) days before the Annual School Election. **(Filing Time: Noon Wednesday, July 5, 2017 through 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, July 11, 2017)**. Petition forms are available at any of the County Clerk's office locations and on the Benton County Clerk's website at www.bentoncountyar.gov

The petition for nomination shall indicate:

- The name and title of the candidate as proposed to appear on the ballot
- The residence address of the candidate
- The school district name, position or zone, in which the candidate seeks nomination
- The date of the school board election in which the candidate seeks nomination
- The name, residence address and date of birth of the qualified electors signing the petition and the date signed
- (By signature) that the signer is a qualified elector and the information provided is correct
- **The County Clerk's office must verify the accuracy of the petition.**

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:

- Must file the Political Practice Pledge, Affidavit of Eligibility, and the Notice of Write-In Candidacy with the County Clerk of the county in which the school district is domiciled for administrative purposes during a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon seventy (70) days before the Annual School Election **(Filing Time: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 through 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, July 11, 2017)**.

WHERE TO FILE:

- Candidates can file a petition at any of the County Clerk's office locations and are asked to do so **IN PERSON**.

Bentonville: 215 E Central Ave., Suite 217 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Rogers: 1428 W. Walnut St. (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Siloam Springs: 707 S Lincoln St, Suite C (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

CANDIDATES AT THE TIME OF FILING WILL:

- Receive a condensed version of the School Election calendar
- Receive a Notice of Ballot Drawing - A.C.A. §6-14-111(j)
- Receive a Notice of Deadlines to file reporting forms:
 - Receive two Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Forms - Pre-Election Report (**if required**); and Final Report (**required**)
 - Receive a Statement of Financial Interest – due on the first Monday following the close of the filing period, if one was not previously filed by January 31, 2017

DRAWING FOR BALLOT ORDER A.C.A. §6-14-111(j):

- Deadline for public meeting of County Board of Election Commissioners to determine by lot the order in which names will appear on the ballot is sixty-seven days before the election:
 - **BALLOT DRAW: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Deadline to register to vote for the Annual School Election is **Monday, August 21, 2017.**

Early voting for the Annual School Election is Tuesday, September 12, 2017 through Monday, September 18, 2017 weekdays only; 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE ARE LISTED BELOW:

School District	Position No. / Zone No.	Years of of Term	Currently Held by:
Bentonville #6	Zone 2	5 Years	Brent Leas
Decatur #17	Zone 1	Unexpired	Amy Brooks
	Zone 2	Unexpired	Aaron Owens
	Zone 4	5 Years	Darleen Holly
Gentry #19	Zone 2	Unexpired	Jon Holt
	Zone 5	5 Years	Jim Barnes
Gravette #20	Position 1	5 Years	Jay Oliphant
	Position 2	5 Years	Jack Skillett
	Position 4	Unexpired	Ty Russell
Pea Ridge #109	Position 2	5 Years	Sandy Button
Rogers #30	Zone 1	5 years	Sterling Wilson
Siloam Springs #21	Zone 4	5 years	Brian Lamb
	Zone 2	Unexpired	Connie Matchell