

# PETITION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2016 ELECTIONS

PRIMARY ELECTION	JUNE 14, 2016
GENERAL ELECTION	NOVEMBER 8, 2016

<b>UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED BELOW:</b>	
EARLIEST DAY TO CIRCULATE PETITIONS	JANUARY 1, 2016
EARLIEST DAY TO FILE PETITIONS	JANUARY 4, 2016
LAST DAY TO FILE PETITIONS	APRIL 11, 2016 (4:00 PM DEADLINE)

<b>COUNTY RACES (NDCC 16.1-11-11)</b>	4 YEAR TERMS				
...THE SIGNATURES OF NOT LESS THAN TWO PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTE CAST FOR THE OFFICE AT THE MOST RECENT GENERAL ELECTION AT WHICH THE OFFICE WAS VOTED UPON.					
...IN NO CASE MAY MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED SIGNATURES BE REQUIRED.					
<b>HOME RULE CHARTER OF CASS COUNTY (ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2)</b>					
...IN ADDITION TO ANY QUALIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED BY STATE LAW FOR ANY OF THE OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION, CANDIDATES MUST BE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF CASS AND MUST HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE IN THE COUNTY FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO FILING NOMINATION PAPERS.					
<b>COUNTY WIDE POSITIONS ALWAYS REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 300 QUALIFIED SIGNATURES.</b>					
<u>OFFICE</u>	2012 <u>ELECTION</u>	<u>2%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>REQUIRED SIGNATURES</u>	<u>CURRENT OFFICIAL</u>
COUNTY COMMISSIONER 1st DISTRICT	57,946	1,159	2,898	<b>Minimum of 300</b>	Chad Peterson
COUNTY COMMISSIONER 3rd DISTRICT	56,288	1,126	2,815	<b>Minimum of 300</b>	Ken Pawluk
COUNTY COMMISSIONER 5th DISTRICT	57,260	1,146	2,863	<b>Minimum of 300</b>	Mary Scherling

<b>SUPERVISOR - SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT (GENERAL ELECTION ONLY)</b>	6 YEAR TERM
<b>NDCC 4-22-17</b>	
EARLIEST DAY TO CIRCULATE PETITIONS (90 days prior to filing deadline)	JUNE 8, 2016
LAST DAY TO CIRCULATE PETITIONS OR TO FILE FOR OFFICE	SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 (4:00 PM DEADLINE)
REQUIRED SIGNATURES	<b>NOT LESS THAN 25 NOR MORE THAN 300</b>
	<u>CURRENT OFFICIAL</u>

<b>LEGISLATORS</b>	4 YEAR TERMS				
<b>NDCC 16.1-11-06</b>					
...THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST ONE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL RESIDENT POPULATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT AS DETERMINED BY THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS.					
...IN NO CASE MAY MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED SIGNATURES BE REQUIRED. (IN MOST CASES THESE RACES WILL BE FILLED BY A CERTIFICATE OF ENDORSEMENT SIGNED BY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN OF ANY LEGALLY RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTY.)					
<b>NDCC 16.1-12</b>					
...A PARTY THAT HAS FAILED TO ESTABLISH ITSELF...BY THE APRIL 11, 2016 DEADLINE , OR ANY OTHER ENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL, MAY NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICE FOR INCLUSION ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AS INDEPENDENTS. ...THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST TWO PERCENT OF THE RESIDENT POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT AS DETERMINED BY THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS. ...IN NO CASE MAY MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED SIGNATURES BE REQUIRED.					
<u>DISTRICT NUMBER</u>	2010 <u>CENSUS POPULATION</u>	1% <u>PRIMARY CANDIDATES</u>	2% <u>INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES</u>	<u>OFFICES TO BE FILLED</u>	
16	14,897	149	298	SENATOR	REPRESENTATIVE
20	14,314	144	287	SENATOR	REPRESENTATIVE
22	14,838	149	297	SENATOR	REPRESENTATIVE
24	14,156	142	284	SENATOR	REPRESENTATIVE
44	14,213	143	285	SENATOR	REPRESENTATIVE
46	14,630	147	293	SENATOR	REPRESENTATIVE
<b>NOTE: CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS FOR LEGISLATORS NEED TO BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.</b>					

<b>DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL OFFICES (FILE WITH SECRETARY OF STATE)</b>					
				<u>REQUIRED SIGNATURES</u>	<u>CURRENT OFFICIAL</u>
JUDGE DISTRICT COURT EAST CENTRAL #2	6 YR TERM			AT LEAST 300	Douglas R. Herman
JUDGE DISTRICT COURT EAST CENTRAL #3	6 YR TERM			AT LEAST 300	Steven E. McCullough
JUDGE DISTRICT COURT EAST CENTRAL #4	6 YR TERM			AT LEAST 300	Steven L. Marquart
JUDGE DISTRICT COURT EAST CENTRAL #6	6 YR TERM			AT LEAST 300	Thomas R. Olson
JUDGE DISTRICT COURT EAST CENTRAL #9	6 YR TERM			AT LEAST 300	Norman G. Anderson