

# For Candidates

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### Primary Election August 7, 2018

The 2018 primary will be held on **Tuesday, August 7, 2018** (the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in August for even numbered years, Section 115.121.2, RSMo.). The filing period for candidates for the August 2018 primary election is from **February 27, 2018** and ends at **5:00 p.m. on March 27, 2018**. (Section 115.349, RSMo.) Individuals voting in the primary election may select a party ballot of his or her choice.

Voters who do not wish to select a party ballot may request a ballot containing other issues, if their jurisdiction's ballot contains issues.

The five established parties in Missouri are: Republican, Democratic, Libertarian, Green, and Constitution.

### Independent Candidates

Deadline for submitting petitions for independent candidate nominations for the November 6, 2018 election: 5:00 p.m. July 30, 2018 (Section 115.329.1, RSMo.)

### Write-in Candidates

Deadline for submitting a write-in candidate declaration of intent for the November 6, 2018 election: 5:00 p.m. October 26, 2018 (Section 115.453(4), RSMo.)

A write-in candidate is a person whose name is not printed on the ballot (Section 115.453(4-6), RSMo.) **and** who has filed a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for election to office with the proper election authority prior to 5:00 p.m. on October 26, 2018 (Section 115.453(4), RSMo.) It is not necessary to file a declaration of intent if there are no candidates on the ballot for that office (Section 115.453(4), RSMo.)

### Establishing a New Party

The deadline for submitting petitions for new parties and candidate nominations for the November 6, 2018 election is 5:00 p.m. on July 30, 2018 (Section 115.329.1, RSMo.) Please contact the Elections Division for more information at 573-751-2301 or email at [elections@sos.mo.gov](mailto:elections@sos.mo.gov).

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