



Candidate Filing Information County Offices August 4, 2026 Primary Election

Scott County, Missouri

When to File:

Filing begins on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Filing ends on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Where to File:

Scott County Clerk's Office

Scott County Courthouse

131 S. Winchester

Benton, MO 63736

Filing will take place for the following County Offices:

- Associate Circuit Judge – Division 4
- Associate Circuit Judge – Division 5
- Presiding Commissioner
- County Clerk
- Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Recorder of Deeds
- County Treasurer
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Collector of Revenue

Ballot Placement:

First day filers will select a number by random drawing to determine placement on the primary ballot. After the first day, candidates are placed on the ballot in the order of their filing.

How to File:

To appear as a candidate for nomination on the primary ballot, candidates must do the following at the Scott County Clerk's office during the filing period:

- Show identification;
- Submit a \$100.00 filing fee (cash or check) payable to the County Committee for the Political Party in which they are filing;
- File a Declaration of Candidacy;
- Complete the Form 5120 Candidate's Affidavit of Tax Payments for the Department of Revenue; and
- Complete the Notice to Candidate for the Missouri Ethics Commission.

****These forms are provided by the County Clerk's Office*

Independent Candidates:

Individuals interested in filing as an independent candidate for Scott County Elected Offices must do so by filing a petition with the Scott County Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on July 27, 2026. The

petition shall be signed by the number of registered voters in the district or county which is equal to at least two percent of the total number of voters who voted at the last election for candidates for the office being sought or is equal to ten thousand voters, whichever is less. The name of each person who files a valid petition for nomination as an independent candidate will be placed on the ballot at the November 3, 2026 General Election as an independent candidate (115.321, 115.329, RSMo).

Elected Officials Qualifications

General Qualifications Applicable to All of the Following Offices:

Article VII, § 8, Constitution of Missouri

- Citizen of the United States
- Resident of the state 1 year next preceding election

§ 115.306, RSMo.

- Is not delinquent in the payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence as stated on the declaration of candidacy
- Is not a past or present corporate officer of any fee office that owes any taxes to the state
- Has not been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony under the federal laws of the United States of America
- Has not been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony under the laws of this state or an offense committed in another state that would be considered a felony in this state

§ 130.071.2, RSMo.

- In addition to any other penalties provided by law, no person may file for any office in a subsequent election until he or the treasurer of his existing candidate committee has filed all required campaign disclosure reports for all prior elections.

Specific Qualifications for Offices:

Associate Circuit Judge – Article V, Sec. 21 Constitution of Missouri and § 478.320, RSMo.

- Resident of the county for at least 1 year prior to the election
- At least 25 years of age
- Qualified Missouri voter
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri

Presiding Commissioner - § 49.020, RSMo.

- Resident of the county

County Clerk - § 51.050, RSMo.

- Resident of the county 1 year next preceding election
- Over 21 years of age

Clerk of the Circuit Court - § 483.010, RSMo.

- Resident of the county 3 months next preceding election
- Over 21 years of age

Recorder of Deeds – § 59.021, RSMo.

- Resident of the county one year prior to the date of the general election
- At least 21 years of age
- Registered voter
- Must provide a copy of a signed affidavit from a surety company indicating that the candidate meets the bond requirements of \$5,000 (this amount is set by the County Commission and can change)

County Treasurer - § 54.040, RSMo.

- At least 21 years of age
- Resident of the county one year prior to the date of the general election
- Registered voter
- Current on the payment of all personal and real estate taxes
- Must provide a copy of a signed affidavit from a surety company indicating that the candidate meets the bond requirements of \$3,000,000 (this amount is set by the County Commission and can change)

Prosecuting Attorney - § 56.010, RSMo.

- Resident of the county 1 year next preceding the date of the general election
- At least 21 years of age
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri

Collector of Revenue - § 52.010, RSMo.

- Resident of the county at least 1 year prior to filing
- At least 21 years of age
- Registered voter
- Current in the payment of all state incomes taxes and personal and real property taxes
- Must provide a copy of a signed affidavit from a surety company indicating that the candidate meets the bond requirements of \$750,000 (this amount is set by the county commission and can change)

Questions

Questions regarding the August 4, 2026 Primary Election and Candidate Filing
may be directed to the Office of the County Clerk

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