

Offices to be filled in the 2018 Primary and General Elections

Office	Term	Signature Requirement	Deadline
U.S. Representative*	2 Years	Democratic - 706 Independent - 2,775 Republican - 1,955 Constitution - 250	File petitions with the Secretary of State by March 27, 2018 . Independent candidates have until April 24, 2018 to file.
Governor*	4 Years	Libertarian - 250 Newly recognized political party - 250	
Legislators*	2 Years	Signature requirements vary per legislative district - See page 4	
Water Development District Directors	4 Years	25 Signatures	
Heartland Consumer Power District Directors	6 Years	50 Signatures	
County Commissioner*	4 Years	Signature requirements vary per county. See page 5 or contact your county auditor.	File petitions with the County Auditor by March 27, 2018 . Independent candidates have until April 24, 2018 to file.
County Auditor*	4 Years		
County Sheriff*	4 Years		
County Register of Deeds*	4 Years		
Conservation District Supervisor	4 Years	25 Signatures	File petitions by July 1, 2018 with the County Auditor if the District covers one county. If the District covers multiple counties, then file the petition with the Secretary of State.
Retention Election - South Dakota Supreme Court Justice	8 Years	File a request, by August 7, 2018 , with the Secretary of State to be placed on the retention ballot	
The following will be nominated at the 2018 state conventions of each political party			
Lieutenant Governor	4 Years	If Independent then Certified with Governor candidate	
Public Utilities Commissioner	6 Years	Independent - 2,775 signatures	Recognized political party candidates are nominated at convention. Independent candidates file with the Secretary of State by April 24, 2018 .
Attorney General	4 Years		
Secretary of State	4 Years		
State Auditor	4 Years		
State Treasurer	4 Years		
Commissioner of School and Public Lands	4 Years		
The following nominations are made in the Primary election			
Delegates to State Party Conventions	2 Years	Only if designated to be elected at a Primary Election in the party's bylaws	
Precinct Committeeman and Committeewoman	2 Years		
*Only voters registered within your same political party may sign your petition.			
*Independent candidates may collect from any registered voter.			

*Page numbers referenced in this document can be found in the
2018 How to Circulate Nominating Petitions for State, Legislative and County Candidates.