



# South Dakota Secretary of State

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## SECRETARY OF STATE REMINDS CANDIDATES OF FILING DEADLINES

**(Pierre, S.D.)** – Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson would like to remind candidates of upcoming filing deadlines for this year’s elections.

All nominating petitions must be filed by March 31st at 5:00 PM local time for those seeking to participate in the June 2nd Primary Election. Independent candidates looking to participate in the November 3rd General Election must file nominating petitions by April 28th at 5:00 PM local time.

Secretary Johnson would also like to remind candidates that they must file a [Statement of Organization](#) (SOO) within fifteen days of becoming a candidate and a [Financial Interest Statement](#) (FIS) within fifteen days of filing their nominating petition.

There are a variety of offices up for election in 2026, including U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Governor, State Legislator, and County Commissioner. A full list of the offices that are up for election can be found [here](#).

Signature requirements for those seeking to participate in the June 2nd Primary election are established by SDCL § [12-6-7](#), while signature requirements for independent candidates are established in SDCL § [12-7-1](#). More information on signature requirements can be found [here](#).

A list of candidates who have already filed their nominating petitions can be found on the Secretary of State’s website at: <https://vip.sdsos.gov/candidatelist.aspx?eid=773>.

Please consult the [2026 Candidate Calendar](#) and [Nominating Petition Pamphlet](#) for more information, and don’t hesitate to contact the Secretary of State’s office if you have any questions.

“I would like to thank all of the candidates who are currently circulating their nominating petitions, as well as those who have already filed their petitions with my office,” stated Secretary Johnson. “Your efforts are integral to the success of our republican form of government, and I look forward to seeing you all participate in our upcoming elections.”