

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE  
PRIMARY ELECTION AND FOR FILING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITIONS**

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for the primary election is March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it shall be considered filed.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run as an independent candidate in the general election is April 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by April 26, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it is considered filed.

For the offices of County Commissioner District #1, County Commissioner #3, County Commissioner District #5, County Auditor, County Register of Deeds and County Sheriff, nominating petitions must be filed in the office of the Douglas County Auditor.

The nominating petitions for the offices of United States Senator, United States Representative, Governor/Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Commissioner of School and Public Lands, Public Utilities Commissioner State Senate-District 21, State Representative District 21 must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, Pierre, SD 57501.

Nominating petitions for the offices of County Commissioners, County Auditor, County Sheriff, County Register of Deeds, Delegates to the Republican Party, Precinct Committeeman and Precinct Committeewoman for the Republican Party shall be filed in the office of the Douglas County Auditor during regular business hours. Nominating petitions for the offices of United States Senate, United States Representative, Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Commissioner of School & Public Lands, Public Utilities Commissioner, State Senate-District 21, State Representatives-District 21, 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court Judge, South Central Water Development District 5 & & and Heartland Consumer Power District Director must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, Pierre, SD 57501, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central time.

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