

**INSTRUCTIONS/GUIDELINES for PRIMARY CANDIDATE(S)
Running for SUSSEX COUNTY OFFICE**

1. **COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION ON THE FACE OF THE PETITION PRIOR TO CIRCULATION.**
2. This petition is to be used by candidates for **Sheriff, County Clerk, Surrogate, Freeholder, State Committee**, and Delegates to National Conventions when nominated or elected in all or part of Sussex County.
3. This petition may be circulated as a **joint** petition **for the office of freeholder** when the terms of said office are the same **and for State Committee**; in filing jointly the two candidates must share the same slogan. Their two names then will be drawn as a *single unit* for ballot position. The order in which their names appear on the jointly filed petition determines the order of their names within the unit.
4. If the candidate(s) want to use a slogan that includes the name of an individual other than the candidate or incorporated association of this State, written consent must be attached. Candidates wanting to use an official "county party slogan" must gain prior written approval from the party's chair. Candidates who want to align with bracketed freeholders must gain prior written approval from the bracketed candidates' campaign manager.
5. Candidate(s) must provide a **functioning campaign email address** on their petition. **This email address will be made public.**
6. Petition must contain in total a **minimum of 100 legal voters' signatures** who are residents of Sussex County and members of the same political party as the candidate; more than the 100 required signatures may be obtained and candidate may file more than one petition book/set.
7. Each petitioner must sign in his/her own handwriting and print his/her name next to their signature, and provide their residence and post office address in the presence of the circulator of the petition book/set.
8. The circulator of the petition book/set **MUST** sign on page 15 of the petition and make the affidavit required before some officer authorized by law to take affidavits.
9. The candidate(s) **MUST** take the Oath of Allegiance (page 16 of the petition) before a notary or other officer authorized to take oaths), and **MUST** sign the Certificate of Acceptance, stating that (s)he is qualified for the office and is a member of the political party named in the petition. The **Oath** and **Certificate of Acceptance** need only be taken and signed **once** and annexed to the first petition book, if multiple books are filed.
10. This petition must be filed with the Sussex County Clerk not later than 4:00 p.m. on the **64th** day preceding the Primary Election.

All candidates are required by law to comply with the provisions of the "New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act." For further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission at 609-292-8700 or toll-free within New Jersey at 1-888-313-ELEC (3532).

All candidates must provide a functioning email address according to P.L. 2018, c. 66, **which will be made public.**

RESIDENCY and REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS of CANDIDATE(S) for FREEHOLDER
(See Chapter 94 Laws of 1980)

Applicable only to candidates for the **Board of Chosen Freeholders**: Commencing in 1981, no person shall be eligible to be a candidate unless said person is: (1) a Registered Voter in Sussex County and (2) a Resident of Sussex County for **one year** prior to the date of the General Election.

RESIDENCY and REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS of CANDIDATE(S) for SHERIFF
(See NJSA 40A:9-94)

Applicable only to candidates for **Sheriff**: No person shall be eligible for the office of Sheriff of any county unless he shall have been a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county for at least three years next preceding his election.

(COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE PRIOR TO CIRCULATION)

PRIMARY PETITION NOMINATING CANDIDATE(S) FOR SUSSEX COUNTY OFFICE

Petition for: _____ (100 Signatures Required, see N.J.S.A.19:23-8)
Title of Office

Term of Office: 5-year term 4-year term 3-year term ___ -year unexpired term

TO: Sussex County Clerk

Each signer of this petition certifies that the following statements are true:

1. I reside in the County of Sussex, in the State of New Jersey;
2. I am a qualified voter therein;
3. I am a member of the _____ Party;
4. I intend to affiliate with the said party at the ensuing election;
5. I endorse the person(s) hereinafter mentioned as candidate(s) for the nomination for the office of:

6. I request that you cause to be printed upon the official primary ballot of the said party the name(s) of said person(s) as the candidate(s) for such nomination.

Please clearly print or type this section: **(Only candidates running for Freeholder or State Committee may file jointly.)**

Name(s) of Candidate(s)	Street Residence and Post Office Address	City	Zip Code
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

CANDIDATE(S) REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION ON THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT

The candidate(s) herein, having been endorsed for the office mentioned in this petition, do hereby request that there be printed opposite their name(s) on said primary ballot, the following designation:

(Must not exceed six words)

CANDIDATE(S) EMAIL ADDRESS (will be public): _____

COMMITTEE ON VACANCY

The names and mailing addresses of the three members named as a committee on vacancies are as follows:

Name	Number and Street Name	City
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

ALL SIGNERS MUST SIGN AND PRINT NAMES IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.R.S. 19:23-7 eff. 01-01-95

SIGNATURE SHEET

Signature and residence address of registered voter:

1.	_____ Signature	_____ Print Name
	_____ Residence Address (Number & Street)	_____ (City)
2.	_____ Signature	_____ Print Name
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AFFIDAVIT OF PERSON WHO CIRCULATES THIS PETITION AND WITNESSES SIGNATURES

*The witness taking the affidavit below must be the person who obtained the names on this set (book) of signatures. The witness must take the affidavit for each set he/she solicits and sign in the presence of a person authorized to administer affidavits (e.g., notary public), but may sign only **one** signature page endorsing the candidate. Note: A candidate may sign and circulate his/her own petition. The circulator is not required to sign as a petitioner, but may do so as long as he/she is a registered voter of the jurisdiction in which the candidate for whom the petition is being circulated is running for office.*

State of New Jersey }
County of Sussex } SS.

I, _____, being duly sworn upon my oath, depose that I circulated this petition set/book
(print name of circulator/witness)
and saw all the signatures made hereto and that each of the signers signed in his/her own proper handwriting; that each of such signers is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a legal voter of the County of Sussex in the State of New Jersey, and belongs to the political party named in said petition; and that such petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the person herein named in order to secure his or her nomination as candidate for the office as stated in this petition. I further depose that I am a registered voter of the State of New Jersey and am affiliated with the political party of the candidate for whom I circulated this petition.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at

_____, N.J.,

this _____ day of _____, 20____ A.D.

(Signature of Circulator/Witness)

(Street Address of Circulator/Witness)

(City or Town) (Zip Code)

(Notary, Attorney, or Officer taking Oath)

TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THIS PETITION BOOK: _____
TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON ALL PETITION BOOKS: _____

NOTE TO CANDIDATE(S): If multiple petition "books" are circulated, candidate(s) need to sign the following **Oath of Allegiance** and **Certificate of Acceptance** page only once. Adhere the signed Oath & Certificate page to first petition book when multiple books are filed with petition.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE (R.S. 41:1-1 & 2)

State of New Jersey }
County of Sussex } SS.

I, _____ / _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this

_____ day of _____ 20 _____.

Signature of Candidate

Signature of Candidate

(Notary, Attorney, or Officer taking Oath)

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

To Be Signed by Candidate(s)

I (or we), the undersigned, hereby certify that I am (or we are) members of the political party named in the foregoing petition; that I am (or we are) qualified for the office mentioned in this petition set forth; that I (or we) consent to stand at the ensuing Primary Election as candidate(s) for the nomination(s); and that if nominated, I (or we) agree to accept the nomination(s). I (or we) do further certify that I am (or we are) resident(s) of and legal voter(s) in the County of Sussex.

Signature of Candidate

Signature of Candidate

Type or Print Name of Candidate

Type or Print Name of Candidate

Residence / Street Address

Residence / Street Address

City or Town

Zip Code

City or Town

Zip Code

NOTICE

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