

## PARTISAN TOWNSHIP CANDIDATES

<b>Filing Location:</b>	Office of the Township Clerk
<b>Candidate Qualifications:</b>	State law requires the candidate to be a registered and qualified elector of the township by the filing deadline [MCL 168.342]
<b>Filing Requirements:</b>	- Affidavit of Identity - Petitions containing sufficient signatures [MCL 168.349]
<b>Petition Signature Requirements:</b>	<p>Petition signature requirements are based on the population of the district and must be of registered electors of the district. [MCL 168.544f]</p> <p><b>Minimum:</b> <u>50</u> <b>Maximum:</b> <u>100</u></p> <p>Voters may sign only the number of petitions equal to the number of offices being filled.</p>
<b>Filing Deadline:</b>	<p>Filings must be made by <b>4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, <u>May 15, 2012.</u></b></p> <p>Candidates are urged to file early; if petition signatures are not acceptable, and the approved number falls below the minimum required, we will contact you to advise you of the shortfall. If, however, a shortfall in the number of signatures required is discovered after the filing deadline, you will not be permitted an extension, and your name will not appear on the ballot.</p>
<b>Withdrawal:</b>	Candidates wishing to withdraw must submit in writing no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 18, 2012.
<b>Campaign Finance:</b>	<p>All candidates are required to have or create a Candidate Committee. Non-incumbent candidates must complete the Statement of Organization and file with the County Clerk within 20 days after becoming a candidate. It is your responsibility to contact the County Clerk (632-7650) to determine what requirements you may be subject to regarding campaign finance.</p> <p>You should do this prior to expending funds, advertising, or placing signs in support of your campaign, to avoid improper activities.</p>