



## How to Run for the United States House of Representatives

The following procedures apply to the special qualifying period established by Senate Bill No. 7001 and House Bill No. 7001 passed during the Second Extraordinary Session of the 114<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

### Qualifications

To hold the office of United States Representative, you must:

- Be at least **25 years old**, and
- Have been a **United States citizen for at least 7 years**

### Filing Period

For all candidates (August primary candidates and independent candidates on the November ballot):

- The deadline to file is **12:00 NOON on Friday, May 15, 2026**.
- No candidates may withdraw after the qualifying deadline.

### Getting a Petition

- Get a petition from the **Coordinator of Elections** or your **county election office**.
- Only original petitions are valid. Don't make copies—ask for more pages if needed.

### Getting Signatures

- You must collect **at least 25 signatures** from voters who are registered in a county that is part of the House district.
- You must sign the petition yourself, but your signature does not count toward the 25 needed.
- Each voter signing must include their full address as it appears on their voter registration.
- Best practice is to collect 50 or more signatures in case some signatures are not counted as valid.

### Where to File

#### All candidates:

File an **original petition** at the following address by the deadline:

**Coordinator of Elections**  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
William Snodgrass Tower  
Nashville, TN 37243

For campaign finance requirements, contact:

**Federal Election Commission**  
1050 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20463  
(800) 424-9530 | [fec.gov](https://www.fec.gov)

#### Primary candidates only:

File a **certified duplicate** (a copy labeled "This is a true copy of the original" with the copier's signature, title, and date) with your party by the deadline:

**Tennessee Republican Party**  
95 White Bridge Road, Suite 414  
Nashville, TN 37205  
(615) 269-4260 | [tngop.org](https://www.tngop.org)

**Tennessee Democratic Party**  
4900 Centennial Blvd., Suite 300  
Nashville, TN 37209  
(615) 327-9779 | [tndp.org](https://www.tndp.org)

**Note:** There are no government filing fees.  
Contact your party about party-specific fees.

Questions? Contact the Division of Elections: (615) 741-7956 or [GoVoteTN.gov](https://www.GoVoteTN.gov)