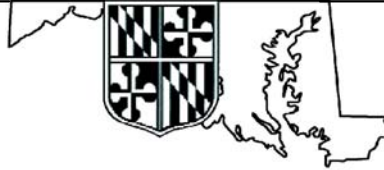


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**DEADLINE TO FILE AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE
2014 GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

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Annapolis, Maryland (February 18, 2014) – **Tuesday, February 25, 2014**, at 9:00 pm is the deadline for an individual to file as a candidate for the upcoming 2014 Primary Election. Under State law, an individual must file a *Certificate of Candidacy* by 9:00 pm on the last Tuesday in February in the year in which the primary election will be held. The filing location depends on the office sought. All federal and State candidates file a *Certificate of Candidacy* at the State Board of Elections (SBE), located at 151 West Street, Annapolis, MD. Local candidates file at the local board of elections.

Besides filing the *Certificate of Candidacy*, all candidates must pay a filing fee at the appropriate board of election. State and local candidates must also provide evidence that the candidate has filed a financial disclosure statement and established a candidate committee at SBE. Failure to meet any of the requirements prior to the deadline will invalidate the *Certificate of Candidacy* and remove the individual from the ballot.

The 2014 Gubernatorial Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, and the 2014 Gubernatorial General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Additional election-related dates and forms are available at www.elections.maryland.gov. For more information, contact a local board of elections or the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) or www.elections.maryland.gov.

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