## 2025 Spring Election filing period starts Dec. 1

Beginning Dec. 1, candidates seeking ballot access for the April 1, 2025, Spring Election may begin circulating nomination papers.

### Candidate Checklist

The **Ballot Access Checklists** for both state and local offices are available here: [**Candidates**](https://elections.wi.gov/candidates?utm_campaign=XVIII&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter)

The checklists assist candidates in qualifying for ballot placement. They may be reproduced and given to your candidates, along with the proper ballot access forms:

* [**CF-1: Campaign Finance Registration Statement**](https://ethics.wi.gov/Resources/CF-1%20Registration%20Statement%20Fillable.pdf?utm_campaign=XVIII&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter)
* [**EL-162: Declaration of Candidacy**](https://elections.wi.gov/wec-form/declaration-candidacy-el-162-162sd?utm_campaign=XVIII&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter)

We also recommend that you direct your candidates’ attention to WEC’s [**Getting on the Ballot page.**](https://elections.wi.gov/candidates/getting-ballot?utm_campaign=XVIII&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter) It is a good resource for both candidates and filing officers to prevent errors on nomination papers and avoid challenges.

**Non-Candidacy Notification** - For the 2025 Spring Election, any incumbent officeholder for state office who does not intend to seek re-election should file a Notification of Noncandidacy Form (EL-163) no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27, 2024.

The [**EL-163**](https://elections.wi.gov/wec-form/notification-noncandidacy-el-163?utm_campaign=XVIII&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter) is available from the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

### Type A Notice

The Wisconsin Elections Commission recently sent county clerks the [**Type A Notice for the 2025 Spring Election**](https://elections.wi.gov/memo/type-notice-april-1-2025-spring-election-and-other-important-information?utm_campaign=XVIII&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter), which contains all state level and judicial offices to be elected throughout the state.

**Note**: If a Circuit Court judge resigns on or before Dec. 1, 2024, that office will be up for election at the 2025 Spring Election. If a judicial vacancy occurs during this period, we will contact the affected county clerks with an amended Type A Notice.