

# INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS



State of New Jersey  
Department of State



**NJ Division  
of Elections**

## Independent Candidates

(General Elections)

Candidates must meet the age, residence & petition signature requirements listed below as set forth in the United States Constitution, New Jersey Constitution and N.J.S.A. 19:13-5

<b>Office</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Citizenship Natural Born</b>	<b>Number of Signatures</b>	<b>Office Filed</b>
Electors of President and Vice President	25	Resident.	7 yrs.	800	NJ Div. of Elections
U.S. Senate	30	Resident	9 yrs.	800	NJ Div. of Elections
House of Representatives	25	Resident	7yrs.	100	NJ Div. of Elections
Governor	30	7 yrs.	20 yrs.	800	NJ Div. of Elections
N.J. Senate	30	Resident N.J. 4 yrs.	Citizen	100	NJ Div. of Elections
N.J. General Assembly	21	Resident N.J. 2 yrs.	Citizen	100	NJ Div. of Elections
County Office	18	Resident	Citizen	*	County Clerk
All other Offices	18	Resident 1 yr.	Citizen	*	County or Municipal Clerk

\***Note:** The required number of signatures may vary. Candidates for the primary election should contact the Municipal Clerk's office for an exact number. (N.J.S.A. 19:13-5).

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