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PETITION FILING INSTRUCTION SHEET
2010 PRIMARY SPECIAL ELECTION
NEW JERSEY STATE SENATE

The New Jersey Division of Elections accepts petitions on behalf of the Secretary of State, who serves as the Chief Election Official of the State of New Jersey. Set forth below are qualifications for candidacy along with an overview of the statutory requirements for submitting petitions, pursuant to Title 19, the Election Laws of New Jersey.

I. Candidate Qualifications

According to N.J. Const. art. IV, §1, ¶2, candidate for the office of New Jersey State Senate must:

- ✓ be 30 years old by the day he/she is sworn into office
- ✓ be a citizen and resident of the State for four years by the day of election
- ✓ be a resident of the legislative district for at least one year by the day of the election
- ✓ be a legal voter by the day the petition is filed

II. Petitions

Each candidate should read and follow petition instructions carefully in order to ensure that the petition is accepted for filing for the office of New Jersey State Senate.

A. Requirements

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:23-5 et seq., petitions must contain the following requirements:

1. a minimum of 100 signatures of voters in the applicable legislative district. (N.J.S.A. 19:23-8)
2. the number of the legislative district must be indicated thereon. (N.J.S.A. 19:23-7)
3. the name of the applicable political party must be indicated. (N.J.S.A. 19:23-7)
4. candidate's name and address on each petition booklet. (N.J.S.A. 19:23-7)
5. candidate's signature on the "certificate of acceptance" and "oath of allegiance." (N.J.S.A. 19:23-15)

B. Options:

1. a designation/slogan which must not exceed six words. In addition, "...No such designation or slogan shall include or refer to the name of any person or any incorporated association of this State unless the written consent of such person or incorporated association of this State has been filed with the petition of nomination of such candidate or group of candidates." (N.J.S.A. 19:23-17)
2. designation of a Committee on Vacancies. (N.J.S.A. 19:23-12)

Candidate petitions may be filed in person or mailed, but must be received by the deadline date, on or before 4:00 pm on Monday, April 12, 2010. (N.J.S.A. 19:23-14)

III. Filing Deadline

Candidate petitions may be filed in person or mailed, but must be received by the deadline date, on or before 4:00 pm on Monday, April 12, 2010. (N.J.S.A. 19:23-14).

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The person submitting the petition will be asked to provide the day and evening telephone numbers of the candidate. This is in the event that someone file a challenge to the candidate petition. The daytime phone number will also be used for public information purposes, i.e., press/citizen inquiry.

This information sheet is not meant to encompass all of the statutory and constitutional requirements for filing petitions, but is to be used only as a guide. If you have any questions, please contact the New Jersey Division of Elections at (609) 292-3760.

Completed candidate petitions must be delivered to:

New Jersey Division of Elections

Office Location:

225 West State Street, 3rd Floor
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

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