

# 2012 Ohio Candidate Requirement Guide

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## SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

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**Coroner:**

Must be licensed to practice as a physician in Ohio for at least two years immediately preceding election or appointment as coroner ([R.C. 313.02](#))

**County Engineer:**

Must be a registered professional engineer and registered surveyor, licensed to practice in Ohio ([R.C. 315.02](#))

**Prosecuting Attorney:**

Must be an attorney-at-law, licensed to practice in Ohio ([R.C. 309.02](#))

**Sheriff:**

Please see [R.C. 311.01](#) for additional qualifications and requirements.

## Judicial Candidates

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### SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

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**Term: Six years** ([OH Const Art. IV, §6](#), [R.C. 2503.02](#), [2503.03](#))

**Qualifications****Maximum Age:**

70 years ([OH Const Art. IV, §6](#))

**Residency Requirement:**

Must be a qualified elector residing in Ohio ([R.C. 2701.04](#), [OH Const Art. XV, §4](#))

**Other:**

Must be admitted to practice as an attorney in this state and have, for a total of at least six years preceding the commencement of the term, been engaged in the practice of law in Ohio or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the U.S., or both. ([R.C. 2503.01](#))

**Filing Deadline:**

By 4 p.m. on December 7, 2011 (90 days before the primary election) for party candidates; or by 4 p.m. on March 5, 2012 (one day before the primary election) for independent candidates ([R.C. 3513.05](#), [3513.257](#))

**Filing Fee:**

\$150 ([R.C. 3513.10\(A\) and \(B\)](#))

**Petition Form Numbers:**

- [#2-D](#) for party candidates
- [#3-E](#) for independent candidates

**Filed With:**

Ohio Secretary of State ([R.C. 3513.05](#), [3513.08](#), [3513.257](#), [3513.261](#))

**Signature Requirements** ([R.C. 3513.05](#), [3513.257](#)):

1. Major party candidates: 1,000 signatures
2. Minor party candidates: 500 signatures
3. Independent candidates: 5,000 signatures

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## COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

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**Term: Six years** ([R.C. 2501.02](#))

**Qualifications**

**Maximum Age:**

70 years ([OH Const Art. IV, §6](#))

**Residency Requirement:**

Must be a qualified elector residing in the district ([R.C. 2701.04](#), [OH Const Art. XV, §4](#))

**Other:**

Must be admitted to practice as an attorney in this state and have, for a total of at least six years preceding the commencement of the term, been engaged in the practice of law in Ohio or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the U.S., or both ([R.C. 2501.02](#))

**Filing Deadline:**

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**Filing Fee:**

\$80 ([R.C. 3513.10\(A\) and \(B\)](#))

**Petition Form Numbers:**

- [#2-FJ](#) for party candidates
- [#3-G](#) for independent candidates

**Filed With:**

Board of elections of the most populous county within the district  
([R.C. 3513.05](#), [3513.08](#), [3513.257](#), [3513.261](#))

**Signature Requirements** ([R.C. 3513.05](#), [3513.257](#)):

1. Major party candidates: 50 signatures of qualified electors who are members of the same political party as the candidate
2. Minor party candidates: 25 signatures
3. Independent candidates: [Based on the number of votes cast in the district in the last general election for governor:](#)

**Number of votes cast:**

Fewer than 5,000

5,000 or more

**Number of Signatures:**

25, or a number equal to 5 percent of the vote  
(whichever is less)

1 percent of vote

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## COURT OF COMMON PLEAS JUDGE

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**Term: Six years** ([R.C. 2301.01](#))

**Qualifications**

**Maximum Age:**

70 years ([OH Const Art. IV, §6](#))

**Residency Requirement:**

Must be a qualified elector residing in the county

([R.C. 2301.01](#), [2701.04](#), [OH Const, Art. XV, §4](#))

**Other:**

Must be admitted to practice as an attorney in this state and have, for a total of at least six years preceding the commencement of the term, been engaged in the practice of law in Ohio or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the U.S., or both

([R.C. 2301.01](#))

**Filing Deadline:**

By 4 p.m. on December 7, 2011 (90 days before the primary election) for party candidates; or by 4 p.m. on March 5, 2012 (one day before the primary election) for independent candidates ([R.C. 3513.05](#), [3513.257](#))

**Filing Fee:**

\$80 ([R.C. 3513.10\(A\)](#) and [\(B\)](#))

**Petition Form Numbers:**

- [#2-GJ](#) for party candidates
- [#3-H](#) for independent candidates

**Filed With:**

County board of elections ([R.C. 3513.05](#), [3513.08](#), [3513.257](#), [3513.261](#))

**Signature Requirements** ([R.C. 3513.05](#), [3513.257](#)):

1. Major party candidates: 50 signatures of qualified electors who are members of the same political party as the candidate
2. Minor party candidates: 25 signatures
3. Independent candidates: Based on the number of votes cast in the county in the last general election for governor:

**Number of votes cast:**

Fewer than 5,000

5,000 or more

**Number of signatures:**

25, or a number equal to 5 percent of the vote (whichever is less)

1 percent of vote

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## COUNTY COURT JUDGE

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**Term: Six years** ([R.C. 1907.13](#))

**Qualifications**

**Residency Requirement:**

Must be a qualified elector residing in the county court district ([R.C. 1907.13](#), [OH Const Art. XV, §4](#))

**Other:**

Must be admitted to practice as an attorney in this state and have, for a total of six years, been engaged in the practice of law in any jurisdiction in the United States, except that the six-year practice requirement does not apply to a county court judge who is holding office on July 2, 2010, and who subsequently is a candidate for that office. At least two of the years of practice that qualify a judge shall have been in this state. ([R.C. 1907.13](#))

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