

### **43.14 Form of nomination papers.**

1. Nomination papers shall include a petition and an affidavit of candidacy. All nomination petitions shall be eight and one-half by eleven inches in size and in substantially the form prescribed by the state commissioner of elections. They shall include or provide spaces for the following information:

- a.* A statement identifying the signers of the petition as eligible electors of the appropriate county or legislative district and of the state.
- b.* The name of the candidate nominated by the petition.
- c.* For nomination petitions for candidates for the general assembly, a statement that the residence of the candidate is within the appropriate legislative district, or if that is not true, that the candidate will reside there within sixty days before the election. For other offices, a statement of the name of the county where the candidate resides.
- d.* The political party with which the candidate is a registered voter.
- e.* The office sought by the candidate, including the district number, if any.
- f.* The date of the primary election for which the candidate is nominated.

Signatures on a petition page shall be counted only if the required information is written or printed at the top of the page. Nomination papers on behalf of candidates for seats in the general assembly need only designate the number of the senatorial or representative district, as appropriate, and not the county or counties, in which the candidate and the petitioners reside. A signature line shall not be counted if the line lacks the signature of the eligible elector and the signer's address and city. The person examining the petition shall mark any deficiencies on the petition and affidavit.

2. Signed nomination petitions and the signed and notarized affidavit of candidacy shall not be altered to correct deficiencies noted during examination. If the nomination petition lacks a sufficient number of acceptable signatures, the nomination petition shall be rejected and shall be returned to the candidate.

The nomination papers shall be rejected if the affidavit lacks any of the following:

- a.* The candidate's name.
- b.* The name of the office sought, including the district, if any.
- c.* The political party name.
- d.* The signature of the candidate.
- e.* The signature of a notary public or other officer empowered to witness oaths.

The candidate may replace a deficient affidavit with a corrected affidavit only if the replacement affidavit is filed before the filing deadline. The candidate may resubmit a nomination petition that has been rejected by adding a sufficient number of pages or signatures to correct the deficiency. A nomination petition and affidavit filed to replace rejected nomination papers shall be filed together before the deadline for filing.

[S13, § 1087-a10; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 540; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 43.14]

91 Acts, ch 129, §1; 94 Acts, ch 1180, §3; 2002 Acts, ch 1134, §5, 115

## **Footnotes**

Oaths; see chapter 63A