

**46.20 Declaration of candidacy.**

At least one hundred four days before the judicial election preceding expiration of the initial or regular term of office, a judge of the supreme court, court of appeals, or district court including district associate judges, full-time associate juvenile judges, or full-time associate probate judges, or a clerk of the district court who is required to stand for retention under [section 602.1216](#) may file a declaration of candidacy with the state commissioner of elections to stand for retention or rejection at that election. If a judge or clerk fails to file the declaration, the office shall be vacant at the end of the term. District associate judges, full-time associate juvenile judges, and full-time associate probate judges filing the declaration shall stand for retention in the judicial election district of their residence.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §46.20]

[83 Acts, ch 186, §10023, 10201](#); [89 Acts, ch 136, §29](#); [99 Acts, ch 93, §2](#)

Referred to in [§602.1216](#), [602.6305](#), [602.7103C](#), [633.20C](#)